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Attention: Tom FitzGerald

Dear Ms Warton,

**ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT EXHIBITION OF MAJOR PROJECT 09_0166-
ALTITUDE ASPIRE AT FRASER DRIVE, TERRANORA**

I refer to your letter dated 23 February 2011 requesting comment on the Environmental Assessment Exhibition of Major Project 09_0166; Altitude Aspire, at Fraser Drive, Terranora.

Transport NSW (TNSW) is the lead transport agency in NSW bringing together the delivery of transport services, policy, planning, coordination, information and engagement with the community. TNSW oversees the development and maintenance of transport networks, infrastructure and assets, allowing for an integrated approach to planning and delivery of safe and reliable transport throughout NSW.

In keeping with the objectives of the State Plan, TNSW encourages land use and transport measures that will facilitate greater mode shift away from car usage to public transport, together with walking and cycling. TNSW supports the location of housing close to shops and public transport as outlined in the strategy and TNSW acknowledges that these measures have been addressed in the Environmental Assessment and in Annexure 24 Part A and Part B.

The preparation of Environmental Assessments provides a fundamental opportunity to take advantage of the significant investment by the State Government into NSW's transport networks as well as to implement State transport policy including:

- The State Plan (www.nsw.gov.au/stateplan/), including objectives for public transport, walking, cycling, roads and location of jobs and population; and
- The State Infrastructure Strategy (www.treasury.nsw.gov.au/);

Detailed comments on the Environmental Assessment Exhibition of 'Altitude Aspire at Fraser Drive, Terranora' are attached for the Department's consideration.

I trust that these comments are of assistance. Should you wish to discuss this matter further, please contact Lauren O'Connor on (02) 8202 2292 or email lauren.o'connor@transport.nsw.gov.au.

Yours sincerely



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DETAILED COMMENTS

Environmental Assessment: Altitude Aspire at Fraser Drive, Terranora

- The proposal has limited direct access to Fraser Drive for pedestrians and cyclists. It is requested that a shared mid block access point be considered for pedestrians and cyclists.
- TNSW is satisfied with the level of bike parking that has been allocated to the proposed community facility. This bicycle parking should be located in areas close to entrances in well lit and secure locations. Bicycle racks should allow cyclists to lock up the frame and at least one wheel of their bicycles, in accordance with the *NSW Bicycle Guidelines*. TNSW acknowledges the developer is supplying 'end of journey' facilities for cyclists. These facilities should include appropriate showering and changing amenities. The following documents may be of further assistance to Council in this regard:
 - NSW Bike Plan, NSW Government, 2010;
 - Healthy Urban Development Checklist, NSW Health, 2010.
- More information on active infrastructure development related to specific housing types, and how to integrate active transport into planning, is available in:
 - Development and Active Living: Designing Projects for Active Living, NSW Premier's Council for Active Living, 2010.
- TNSW encourages the developer to take advantage of the BikePlan's programs for improvement to local cycle networks and promotion of bicycle tourism, which include opportunities for joint funding with the Roads and Traffic Authority (RTA). As part of the BikePlan, the NSW Government will double the existing matched funding program for local cycleway networks in regional NSW. For more information about matched funding for cycling programs, please contact you area RTA representative.
- TNSW advises that our contract with Surfside buses requires the provision of services in accordance with Schedule 10 "Service planning Guidelines". Bus services in new residential developments are to be designed and operational as soon as practicable. Where a new development falls within or adjacent to a country town, or the urban centre or locality of a country town is expanded or there is demand for non school services outside the country town, then the country town of the country town operator will be extended to cover the additional Urban Region.
- TNSW also suggests the development of a Transport Access Guide for residents of the Altitude Aspire development. A Transport Access Guide provides customised travel information for people travelling to and from a particular site or venue using sustainable forms of transport – walking, cycling and public transport. More information on producing a guide is available on the RTA website:
 - <http://www.rta.nsw.gov.au/usingroads/traveldemandmanagement/transportaccessguides/index.html>