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Dear Rose-Anne,

We refer to your request for information dated 2 December 2021 for further information in relation to the Bulli Seam Operations (MP08_0150) Modification 3 Application:

It would be appreciated if you could confirm (with justification) that there would be a safe distance between Menangle Road users and the rotor blades of any helicopters using the proposed helipad, and outline any approvals that would be necessary to operate helicopters in the area.

The operation of helicopters is not proposed as part of the Project. The construction of the Helicopter Landing Site (HLS) is proposed to provide a location for the safe landing and take-off of helicopters operated by emergency service providers in the event of an emergency (e.g. helicopters being operated by NSW Ambulance). Establishing a HLS would provide a location for the safe and swift extraction of any injured personnel by emergency services.

The concept size and location of the HLS (Figure 1-2 of the Modification Report) was designed in accordance with the Civil Aviation Safety Authority (CASA) *Guidelines for the establishment and operation of onshore Helicopter Landing Sites* (CAAP 92-2) (2014). The design aircraft used was the aircraft that is generally used to service the southern NSW region by NSW Ambulance (Agusta Westland AW139 helicopter).

In accordance with CAAP 92-2 (2014), appropriate dimensions will be applied to the Take Off and Landing Area (TLOF) to provide appropriate safety areas around the TLOF. As the HLS is designed for the aircraft to be centered on the footprint, the concept design presented in Modification Report provides greater than 30m of horizontal clearance between the proposed aircraft footprint and the Menangle Road corridor.

Further refinement of the HLS will occur during detailed design, and the final location and size will be consistent with the relevant guidelines.

If you have any queries or require further information please contact the undersigned.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'G. Brassington', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Gary Brassington
Manager Approvals