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Attn: Mr Andrew Hartcher – Environmental Planner

Dear Mr Hartcher,

Review of Draft Environmental Impact Statement – Bindaree Beef Anaerobic Digester & Rendering Plant Project (SSD 6093)

I refer to your letter of 2 May 2014 regarding the abovementioned Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) forwarded to Roads and Maritime Services for consideration and apologise for the delay in providing a response to this matter.

Roles & Responsibilities

The key interests for Roads and Maritime are the safety and efficiency of the road network, traffic management, the integrity of infrastructure assets and the integration of land use and transport.

The Gwydir Highway (HW12) is a classified (state) road. Inverell Shire Council is the 'Roads Authority' for this road and all other public roads in the subject area.

In accordance with Clause 101 of the *State Environmental Planning Policy (Infrastructure) 2007* (ISEPP) the Consent Authority is to have consideration for the safety, efficiency and ongoing operation of the classified road as the development has frontage to a classified road.

Roads and Maritime Response

Roads and Maritime has undertaken a review of the referred information and provides the following comments to assist the Department in its consideration of the proposed development;

1. Roads and Maritime maintains its previous comments in relation to the Traffic Impact Statement (TIS) undertaken by Better Transport Futures.
2. The addendum to the TIS undertaken by SECA Solutions has recognised that the existing auxiliary right (AUR) turn treatment at the intersection of the access road with the Gwydir Highway does not comply with the current Austroads Guidelines and RMS Supplements. Roads and Maritime supports the addendum's recommendation to provide a CHR(S) channelised right' turn treatment for vehicles approaching from the west, and an AUL auxiliary left turn treatment for vehicles approaching from the east.

3. It should be noted that the design requirements for the identified intersection treatments would vary where access is required for heavy vehicles longer than a standard B-Double configuration. The TIS and supporting Addendum have identified that such vehicles will not require access to the site. It is suggested that the Consent Authority may wish to impose a consent condition to prohibit such vehicles from accessing the site until an appropriate intersection treatment is provided to comply with the relevant Austroads Guidelines, Australian Standards and RMS Supplements.
4. The Consent Authority could request the site operator to develop and implement a Vehicle Transport Management Plan for the site, which identifies the largest design vehicle permitted to access the site and how these vehicles manoeuvre on site.

For all works on the Gwydir Highway the developer will be required to enter into a 'Works Authorisation Deed' (WAD) with Roads and Maritime prior to the commencement of any on-site construction works associated with the development. A Pre-Qualified Contractor will be required to complete all road works under the WAD to practical completion, as determined by Roads and Maritime, prior to the issue of any Occupation Certificate for the development. The developer will be responsible for all the costs associated with the works and the administration of the WAD.

Further information on undertaking Private Developments adjacent to classified roads can be accessed at:

http://www.rms.nsw.gov.au/roadprojects/community_environment/private_developments.html

It is recommended that developers familiarise themselves with the requirements of the WAD process and contact our office to obtain further advice where necessary.

Advice to the Consent Authority

If you have any further enquiries regarding the above comments please do not hesitate to contact Matt Adams on 6640 1362 or email development.northern@rms.nsw.gov.au.

Yours sincerely



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