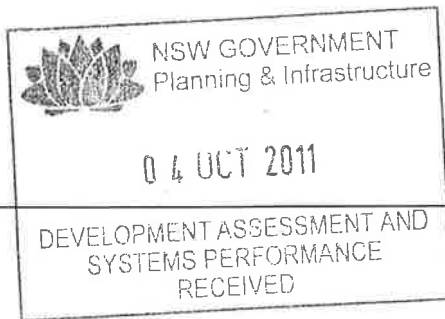




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Mr S Haddad
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Dear Mr Haddad

Environmental Planning and Assessment Act – Part 5.1 application for Windsor Bridge replacement project

The RTA is developing a proposal to replace the existing Hawkesbury River bridge, at Windsor (the Windsor Bridge replacement project). The RTA has formed the opinion that the impact of the project on non-Aboriginal heritage would be significant. Accordingly the project is State significant infrastructure under section 115U of Part 5.1 of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act, 1979* (EP&A Act).

Pursuant to section 155W of the EP&A Act, the RTA is seeking the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure's approval for the Windsor Bridge replacement project.

Accordingly, please find enclosed a completed State significant infrastructure application at Attachment A.

A State significant infrastructure application report is also provided at Attachment B. This report includes a project description, a preliminary environmental assessment and identifies potential key issues for environmental assessment. I trust this information will assist the Department in formulating environmental assessment requirements for the project.

The RTA would be pleased to provide further information on the Windsor Bridge replacement project as required. In this regard please contact Nathan Chehoud, Project Manager on 0434 409 497, Nathan_Chehoud@rta.nsw.gov.au or Michelle Forwood, Senior Environmental Specialist, Planning and Assessment on 8588 5726, Michelle_Forwood@rta.nsw.gov.au.

Your assistance in progressing the assessment and approval process for this important proposal is greatly appreciated.

Yours sincerely

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Chief Executive

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