

Mr Lindsay Nash Project Director, North Transport for NSW PO Box 546 Grafton NSW 2460

Attention: Simon Wilson

10/11/2021

Dear Mr Nash

Pacific Highway - Woolgoolga to Ballina - SSI-4963 Koala Revegetation Annual Report, Yr 4, 20/21

I refer to the Koala Revegetation Annual Report, Yr 4, 20/21 which was submitted in accordance with the Koala Management Plan for the Pacific Highway - Woolgoolga to Ballina – Upgrade Project (SSI-4963).

The Department has carefully reviewed the document and is satisfied that it addresses the requirements of the Koala Management Plan.

Accordingly, I acknowledge receipt of the Koala Revegetation Annual Report, Yr 4, 20/21

I note that a recommendation has been made for continuous slashing and row mowing to occur to avoid the long grass competing with planted trees and reduce access and fire risk.

Many of the trees have grown to 5-8 metres in height and exclusion fencing has been mostly removed. The Department seeks advice on koala use of the revegetation areas and whether monitoring of the revegetation areas for koalas will be carried out. The advice is requested by 3 December 2021..

If you wish to discuss the matter further, please contact Michael Lahoud on (02) 8289 6870.

Yours sincerely

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