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Attention: Simon Wilson

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Subject: Threatened Mammal Underpass Monitoring Program, sections 3-11 – 2nd Annual Monitoring Report 2022

Dear Mr Nash,

I refer to the Woolgoolga to Ballina Pacific Highway Upgrade Threatened mammal underpass monitoring program, sections 3-11, year 2 operation phase report and submission of the report via the Major Projects Website in accordance with Condition D8 of the Woolgoolga to Ballina approval.

The Department has carefully reviewed the Woolgoolga to Ballina Highway Upgrade Sections 3-11 – Threatened Mammal Underpass Monitoring Program – 2nd Annual Monitoring Report 2022.

The Department notes that several performance thresholds for koalas and one performance threshold for long-nosed potoroos are not being achieved, however, corrective actions will be considered in the next (year 3) operational monitoring report. We consider that further monitoring of koalas and threatened mammals is required.

It is noted that access to several underpass structures has been impeded by the presence of dense grass, including pigeon grass. It is recommended that Transport for NSW undertake slashing/removal of dense grasses to improve accessibility/visibility of crossing structures for threatened mammal species.

If you wish to discuss the matter further, please contact Daniel Neely on 02 9407 2134.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Michael Young".

Michael Young

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