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10/11/2020

Attention: Simon Wilson

Dear Mr Webster

Pacific Highway - Woolgoolga to Ballina – Ecological Monitoring Reports (SSI-4963)

I refer to your letter of 14 September 2020 which presented the results of ecological monitoring carried out in Sections 1 and 2 (operational) and Sections 3-11 (construction), and subsequent submission of the reports via the Major Projects Website. The following monitoring reports have been reviewed:

- Invertebrate Monitoring Construction Annual Report 2020
- Sections 1-11, Glider Monitoring Construction Annual Report, 2019
- Sections 1-11, Threatened Frog Monitoring Construction Annual Report, 2018/19
- Sections 1-11, Mammal Monitoring Annual Report, 2018
- Sections 1-11, Mammal Monitoring Annual Report, 2019
- Sections 1 and 2 Mammal Connectivity Monitoring 2018/19
- Coastal Emu Monitoring Construction Annual Report, Year 3, 2019
- Threatened Fish Monitoring Construction Annual Report, Year 3, 2019
- Sections 1-11, Threatened Flora Monitoring Annual Report, 2019
- Section 1-11, Translocation Monitoring, Annual Report, 201
- Threatened Rainforest Monitoring Construction, Annual Report, Year 3, 2019

In its review the Department is satisfied that these reports address the requirements of condition D8 in relation to monitoring of threatened species to date.

The Department notes the recommendations outlined in the monitoring reports and requires Transport for NSW to provide an update on the status of each recommendation, and where they have not yet been implemented, a program and timeframes for their implementation. The information is required by 27 November 2020.

The Department notes that several reports were submitted well after monitoring was undertaken in 2017 and 2018. The Department requires the monitoring reports to be submitted in a timely manner, at least three months after the final survey was undertaken. This would enable issues and trends to be identified, and if required, corrective actions taken.

If you wish to discuss the matter further, please contact Annika Hather, Student Planner, on 02 9995 6662 or at Annika.Hather@planning.nsw.gov.au.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'M Young', with a stylized flourish extending to the right.

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