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Dear Mr Lawrence

**Pacific Highway - Woolgoolga to Ballina (SSI-4963)
Threatened Frog Monitoring Annual Report 2019/20**

I refer to the above monitoring annual report which was submitted in accordance with Condition D8 of Schedule 2 of the approval for the Pacific Highway - Woolgoolga to Ballina Project (SSI-4963).

The Department has carefully reviewed the report and notes the results of the latest round of Giant Barred Frog, Green thighed Frog and Wallum Sedge Frog monitoring.

Based on the monitoring results the report makes a number of recommendations for each frog species and Transport for NSW (TfNSW) response. The Department has reviewed TfNSW response to the recommendations and makes the following comment on Recommendation No.1 for Giant Barred Frog population monitoring.

The report recommended a one-off targeted survey at Corindi Creek and Halfway Creek during a flood event to evaluate the risk of installed fencing around stone pitching and bridge abutment areas. TfNSW did not adopt the recommendation and stated it will perform on-ground works to reduce frogs from entering the carriageway during a flood event. TfNSW is requested to provide details of works to reduce frogs from entering the carriageways during a flood event and a timeframe for the implementation of such works by 16 March 2021.

If you wish to discuss the matter further, please contact Bonnie Hale on 8275 1998.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'M Young'.

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