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**Re: M1 Pacific Motorway extension to Raymond Terrace (SSI 7319) E34 –
consultation with affected landowners on likely impacts above quantitative
design limits from flooding**

27 May 2025

Dear Dominic,

Transport for NSW (Transport) received approval from the NSW Minister for Planning for the M1 Pacific Motorway extension to Raymond Terrace project (the project) on 8 November 2022.

Condition of Approval E34 requires consultation with affected landowners where updated flood modelling shows likely impacts above quantitative design limits (QDLs) from the project.

An extension of time was most recently approved on 31 January 2025 for consultation with affected landowners to begin by 30 May 2025. This extension was intended to allow further work to remedy an error in modelling relating to the presentation of flooding within the model extent under existing conditions ie without the project.

Since then, we have corrected this modelling error, updated the Flood Design Report (FDR) previously accepted by the Department, and had the updated FDR reviewed and endorsed by the suitably qualified and experienced hydrologist. We have also progressed detailed reviews of all letters to be distributed to likely affected landowners in accordance with condition of approval E34.

As you may be aware, the broader Hunter Region and Mid-North Coast are experiencing a substantial flood event. Transport, councils, other government agencies and emergency services are actively supporting community alerts and warnings, and emergency response. We expect these efforts to transition into clean up and recovery in the coming days and weeks.

To allow Transport, the community, councils, and other landowners to focus on flood response and recovery we are writing to you to request an alternate timeframe to commence consultation, with a proposed date of 31 July 2025.

Commencing consultation by 31 July 2025 would account for completion of NSW winter school holidays and allow sufficient time for Transport, the community, councils and other landowners to have progressed flood recovery actions, and be better placed to engage in consultation on potential future flood impacts.

In accordance with CoA A7 Transport is proposing to nominate 31 July 2025 for the commencement of consultation for potential operational flood impacts under CoA E34.

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We look forward to hearing from you soon. In the meantime, please contact Lincoln Carter on 0408 070 354 or by email Lincoln.carter@transport.nsw.gov.au if you require further information.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'B. Ritchie', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Belinda Ritchie
Project Director
M1 Pacific Motorway extension to Raymond Terrace

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