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Dear Ms McNally 

The NSW and Australian Governments have provided funding to complete the duplication of the Pacific Highway by 2020. As part of the next phase of the program, Roads and Maritime Services is identifying projects such as an extension of the M1 Pacific Motorway to Raymond Terrace, bypassing Hexham and Heatherbrae, and the Coffs Harbour Bypass to further improve road safety and travel times.

In 2006, the Minister for Planning determined the M1 extension to Raymond Terrace and the Coffs Harbour Bypass to be critical infrastructure projects. An Environmental Impact Statement for the M1 Motorway extension to Raymond Terrace (SSI 15_7319) is currently underway and I am now pleased to submit to you the Coffs Harbour Bypass State Significant Infrastructure (SSI) report.

Roads and Maritime has determined the Coffs Harbour Bypass is a project to which Part 5.1 of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979* applies (EP&A Act). The project is currently declared to be critical SSI under section 115V of the EP&A Act, as it is considered to be essential to the State for economic, environmental or social reasons.

Pursuant to section 115X of the EP&A Act, Roads and Maritime is seeking approval from the Minister for Planning for the Coffs Harbour Bypass.

An application, including an SSI application report, has been submitted via the Department of Planning and Environment website. The SSI application report includes site details, a project description, permissibility and strategic planning details, a preliminary environmental assessment, justification for the proposal and consultation information.

This information has been provided to assist in the formulation of environmental assessment requirements for the project.

Roads and Maritime would be pleased to provide further information on the Coffs Harbour Bypass project as required. In this regard, Adam Cameron may be contacted on 02 6640 1054. Your assistance in progressing the assessment of this important proposal is greatly appreciated.

Yours sincerely



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Peter Duncan AM
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