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Lee McCourt  
Acting Director- Infrastructure Management  
Department of Planning Industry and Environment  
4 Parramatta Square, 12 Darcy Street  
PARRAMATTA NSW 2150

**RE: SSI:7666 Coffs Harbour Bypass: MCoA A28 Acoustic Advisor**

Dear Lee,

In accordance with the Minister's Condition of Approval (MCoA) of Project Application No: SSI-7666, a suitably qualified person must be nominated for the role of Acoustic Advisor (AA) for the Pacific Highway Coffs Harbour Bypass.

Further to this MCoA A28 requires that the AA is to be independent of the project and that this person must be approved by the Secretary of the Department of Planning Industry and Environment (DPIE).

Transport for NSW (TfNSW) is progressing with early works for the project, following Project Approval in December 2020. To enable these early works to proceed in a timely manner we have identified a candidate who would be a suitable Acoustic Advisor (AA) while procurement processes are undertaken for a longer term AA contract. Accordingly, we nominate Mr John Hutchison of Hutchison Weller Pty Ltd to fulfill the role of Interim AA for the Pacific Highway Coffs Harbour Bypass.

TfNSW considers Mr John Hutchison as a strong candidate for the AA role and has the relevant demonstrated experience suitable for fulling the AA role on large linear infrastructure projects.

Please find attached for your information a curriculum vitae detailing Mr Hutchison's experience and qualifications as well as Mr Hutchison's declaration confirming his independence in that he has not had any direct or indirect role in the preparation of the EIS/Amendment Report, Submissions Report and the construction design and delivery of the project.

In the coming months TfNSW will be undertaking an open-tender process to secure a longer-term contract AA role for the Coffs Harbour Bypass.

I confirm that:

- 1) Mr John Hutchison is independent of both the design and construction personnel from the Coffs Harbour Bypass and those in the delivery of this project;
- 2) Mr John Hutchison does not have a close relationship with the proponent/contactor, including that of employer/employee, a business partnership, sharing a common employer, a contractual arrangement (outside the task in question), or that of a spouse, partner, sibling, parent, or child;
- 3) Mr John Hutchison does not have an actual or perceived conflict of interest. John Hutchison has not been contracted to provide any specialist services for the Coffs Harbour Bypass;
- 4) Mr John Hutchison does not have any pecuniary interest in the project, proponent or related entities, including any known pecuniary interests of family or friends;
- 5) Mr John Hutchison has not accepted any inducement or benefit from TfNSW, their employees or any interested party, nor knowingly allows colleagues to do so (apart from the payment for services undertaken to conduct the specific task or role in question);
- 6) Mr John Hutchison will exercise his own independent, professional judgement in relation to the task and undertake the task in an objective and professional manner at all times.
- 7) Confirm that Mr John Hutchison will be available to attend, as requested, any site inspections or meetings or to provide reports to the Department of Planning Industry and Environment as required;
- 8) Confirm that Mr John Hutchison will undertake the duties required of an AA as per MCoA A29 and A30 and this will be reviewed in response to incidents, works activities and the project's environmental performance;
- 9) Mr John Hutchison will provide summary details of inspection he has undertaken in the AA Monthly Noise and Vibration Report submitted to DPIE.

Signed:



John Hutchison  
Hutchison Weller Pty Ltd

Signed:



Jason Sheehan  
Acting Environment Manager  
Northern Project Office

Should you have further questions regarding this matter, please contact Tim Gooley on 0418 641 383.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Rochelle Hicks', written in a cursive style.

Rochelle Hicks  
Senior Project Manager  
Coffs Harbour Bypass

## **Appendix A – John Hutchison Curriculum Vitae**

## John Hutchison



### Qualifications

Master of Environmental Engineering Science, UNSW 2009  
Grad Dip Occ. Hyg., Deakin University, 2005  
Bachelor of Environmental Engineering (Hons.) 2000  
Bachelor of Science 2000

### Current Position

Director, Environmental Engineer

### Professional memberships and affiliations

Member Australian Acoustical Society  
Chartered Professional Engineer  
Registered Professional Engineer Queensland  
Certified Environmental Management Systems Auditor  
Rail Industry Worker  
NSW Drivers Licence **Expertise**

Noise and vibration monitoring, modelling, assessment and management  
Environmental Management System development  
Occupational hygiene assessment and management

### Senior Acoustic Engineer Career summary

John is an environmental engineer and director of Hutchison Weller. With a focus on assessment and management of noise and vibration, he has been consulting since 2001, building strong relationships with his clients based on the best service and delivery.

John has worked closely with clients in range of industries providing valued noise and vibration advice from project concept to delivery. He continuously looks for ways to improve his service and innovate for better outcomes.

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## Project experience

John has assessed and managed the impacts of noise and vibration in planning, construction and operational capacities in a variety of sectors, including water, infrastructure (construction), mining, manufacturing and power. Recent examples include the following.

### WestConnex Acoustic Advisor – M4-M5 Link Project (Acciona Samsung Bouygues JV) & Rozelle Interchange Project (John Holland CPB JV) (2018 – current)

Acoustic Advisor to a state significant infrastructure project, John provides independent oversight on acoustic matters to facilitate delivery and compliance. John reviews consultant reports, provides strategic advice, undertakes inspections and audits.

### Kooragang Island Water Scheme Upgrade – SUEZ (2020)

Assessment of noise impacts of proposed upgrade to water water treatment plant

### Western Sydney Airport Bulk Earthworks and Airside Civil, Lend Lease CPB JV (2019 – current)

Acoustic Consultant to the WSA BEAC project, developing the CNVMP as well as KNOWnoise and assisting with acoustic advice and monitoring.

### Batemans Bay Bridge Replacement Project, John Holland (2018 – current)

Acoustic Consultant to the BBB project, developing the CNVMP as well as KNOWnoise, monitoring and assessing impacts on the community and providing acoustic advice.

### New Intercity Fleet Maintenance Facility. John Holland (2018 – 2020)

Acoustic Consultant to the NIF MF project, developing the CNVMP as well as KNOWnoise, monitoring and assessing impacts on the community and providing acoustic advice.

### Inland Rail – Inlink (2019 – 2020)

Noise and vibration assessment and monitoring for this major rail project in country NSW.

### Blue Mountains Route Clearance Project, Continuum Alliance (2019 – 2020)

Acoustic Consultant to the construction Alliance providing noise & vibration impact assessment, monitoring and advice to the Project team, with a focus on the heritage aspects of the tunnels and stations

### **NorthConnex, Lend Lease Bouygues JV (2015 – 2020)**

Acoustic Consultant to NorthConnex, John provide a range of services to the project including development of acoustic tools (eg KNOWnoise) completing noise and vibration impact statements, assisting in the configuration of controls such as noise walls, monitoring and liaison with Government agencies.

### Northern Beaches Hospital Road Upgrade, Ferrovial York JV (2015 – 2020)

Acoustic Consultant to the project, services included obtaining project approvals and licence variations, development of acoustic tools (KNOWnoise) completing noise and vibration impact statements and assisting in the

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configuration of controls such as noise walls.

#### Sydney Harbour Bridge Southern Precinct Upgrade, Ventia Boral Amey JV (2017 – 2019)

Acoustic Consultant to the project, providing continuous unattended as well as attended noise and vibration monitoring throughout construction and providing acoustic advice to assist mitigate impacts on the community and heritage items adjacent to the project.

#### Orora paper mill upgrades, Orora (2015 – current)

Acoustic Consultant to the facility, providing acoustic advice to the facility to manage noise impacts on the nearby community. Tasks include ongoing compliance monitoring, predictive modelling of facility modifications, and management of noise impacts during plant upgrades.

#### Kingsford Smith Drive Upgrade, Lend Lease (2016 – current)

Acoustic Consultant to critical infrastructure project in Brisbane, providing advice, impact assessment and monitoring services in a busy urban environment. John assessed residential dwellings and recommended appropriate noise mitigation treatments.

#### Stewardship Maintenance Contract, Downer Mouchel (2014 – current)

Acoustic Consultant for the Sydney West zone for this project with Roads and Maritime, providing services including management plans, Minor Works REFs, Noise and Vibration Impact Statements, noise and vibration monitoring

#### The Northern Road / Bringelly Road Upgrade, Lend Lease (2017 – current)

Acoustic Consultant to Lend Lease for this large road construction project in Sydney including preparation of CNVIS, development of a noise prediction tool (KNOWnoise™) and providing noise and vibration advice.

#### M5 West Widening, Lend Lease (2013)

John prepared the CNVMP for the 22 km motorway upgrade, including setting noise goals, innovative predictive noise and vibration modelling, and providing mitigation advice.

#### Epping to Thornleigh Third Track, ETTT Alliance (2012 – 2015)

Acoustic Consultant for the Alliance (Transport for NSW, Leightons and LendLease), providing impact statements and management of impacts, monitoring of noise and vibration in rail corridors and at sensitive receiver locations.

#### Power Substation Acoustic Benchmarking program - Transgrid (2009 – 2013)

Noise monitoring and acoustic modelling to benchmark existing levels of noise emissions from Transgrid substations across NSW, identify impacts and mitigation options.

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Tugun Seawater Desalination Plant, Gold Coast Desalination Alliance (2007 – 2010)

Design of the facility with regard to construction materials and operational noise goals, impact assessment during delivery, including baseline noise monitoring, design and management recommendations; construction monitoring and noise and vibration management; demonstrating compliance upon commissioning

Hume Highway Duplication Project, Hume Highway Southern Alliance (2007 – 2012)

Lead acoustic Consultant to the Alliance (SKM, Abigroup and Roads and Maritime Services), responsible for operational and construction impact assessment and approvals for road construction projects on the Hume Hwy, including Tabletop to Woomargama, Woomargama Bypass and Holbrook Bypass. Responsibilities included prediction, monitoring, management plans, out-of-hours works approvals, community meetings and auditing.