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Subject: Coffs Harbour Bypass Community Communication Strategy

Dear Mr Lawrence

I refer to your submission received 23 October 2023, requesting approval of the revised Community Communication Strategy (Version 5.1, October 2023). I also acknowledge your response to the Department's review comments and request for additional information.

I note that revisions have been made to the Community Communication Strategy since it was last approved (Revision 4, November 2022) and that these largely relate to Transport for NSW's (TfNSW) decision to transition the way the project consults with the community as the project is now in the construction phase.

The following key changes have been made to the CCS:

- removal of the Community Consultative Committee (CCC) as a stakeholder from Table 2 due to TfNSW's decision to cease operation of the CCC;
- changes to engagement actions in Table 6 as the project is moving away from community information forums in preference of quarterly community engagement sessions
- removal of focus groups in preference for a bi-annual online community satisfaction survey to be undertaken by the major project contractor.

I note the Community Communication Strategy:

- has been reviewed by TfNSW and no issues have been raised with the Department;
- contains the information required by the conditions of approval.

Accordingly, as nominee of the Planning Secretary, I approve the Coffs Harbour Bypass Community Communication Strategy (Version 5.1, October 2023).

You are reminded that if there are any inconsistencies between the Coffs Harbour Bypass Community Communication Strategy and the conditions of approval, the conditions prevail.

Please ensure you make the document publicly available on the project website at the earliest convenience.

If you wish to discuss the matter further, please contact Rebecca Eddington on (02) 9585 6469.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'D Crinnion'. The signature is written in a cursive style with a large 'D' and a smaller 'C'.

Dominic Crinnion
Director
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As nominee of the Planning Secretary