

Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure

Reference: SSI-7666-PA-329

Transport for NSW
C/O: Scott Lawrence
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29/5/2026

Sent via the Major Projects Portal only

Subject: COFFS HARBOUR BYPASS – INDEPENDENT AUDIT MAY 2026

Dear Mr Lawrence

Reference is made to the Independent Audit Report for the Coffs Harbour Bypass (the **Project**), dated 19 May 2026 (the **IA Report**) and Response to Audit Recommendations (the **RAR**). The IA Report and the RAR were submitted as required by Schedule 2, Part A, Conditions A34, A36 and A37 of CSSI-7666 (the **Approval**), to the Department of Planning and Environment (the **Department**) on 26 May 2026.

The Department considers the IA Report to generally satisfy the reporting requirements of the Approval and the Department's *Independent Audit Post Approval Requirements* (2020) (the **IAPAR**). As required by Schedule 2, Part A, Condition A36 of the Approval, please make publicly available a copy of the IA Report on the Project website.

The Department notes that the IA Report identified five non-compliance matters. Four of these have already been reported to the Department and/or the EPA and have either been resolved through investigation or remain under active investigation. One additional matter, relating to three out-of-hours events, has not previously been reported to the Department and may be investigated following the IA Report assessment.

Please note:

- The Department's acceptance of this IA Report is not an endorsement of the compliance status of the Project.
- A status update for all actions provided in the RAR is to be reported in the next IA Report, until all actions are completed.
- Following submission of the IA Report you are required to review, and if necessary, revise the strategies, plans, and programs required under this Approval, in accordance with Schedule 2, Part A, Condition A36(c) of the Approval.

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Should you wish to discuss the matter further, please contact Phillip Rose, (Senior Compliance Officer) on 02 6670 8657 or email compliance@planning.nsw.gov.au.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in grey ink, appearing to read "Astrid Christensen".

Astrid Christensen
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As nominee of the Planning Secretary