

Mr Scott Lawrence
Environmental Manager
Transport for NSW – Northern Project Office
Grafton NSW 2460

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Dear Mr Lawrence

**Coffs Harbour Bypass (SSI-7666)
Nomination of Acoustic Advisor and alternate Acoustic Advisor**

I refer to your nomination on 27 August 2021 of Mr John Hutchinson for the role of Acoustic Advisor (AA) and Mr Scott Hughes for the position of alternate AA under Condition A28 of the Coffs Harbour Bypass (SSI 7666) project approval.

I note you have provided evidence to demonstrate that both Mr Hutchinson and Mr Hughes:

- are suitably qualified and experienced;
- hold current memberships to professional bodies;
- were not involved in the preparation of documents listed in Condition A1;
- are independent of the design and construction of the project; and
- meet the requirements set out in the guide for, *Seeking approval from the Department for the appointment of independent experts (DPIE, 2020)*.

As nominee of the Planning Secretary, I approve Mr Hutchinson as AA and Mr Hughes as alternate AA for the Coffs Harbour Bypass project, pursuant to Condition A28 of SSI 7666.

Please ensure you provide Mr Hutchison and Mr Hughes with all the relevant information required to undertake the role and that you respond to their requests for information in a timely and complete manner.

I remind you, Mr Hutchison and Mr Hughes, that the Monthly Noise and Vibration Report required under condition A30 must be submitted via the Major Projects portal within seven days following the end of each month for the duration of the AA's engagement.

Yours sincerely



Jake Shackleton
Director – Infrastructure Management

As nominee of the Planning Secretary