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Minister for Planning and Public Spaces Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure 4 Parramatta Square 12 Darcy Street Parramatta NSW 2150

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Attention: Mr Nick Hearfield

Dear Nick,

RE: SSI-56980459 THRUMSTER WASTEWATER SCHEME

We refer to the Thrumster Wastewater Scheme State Significant Infrastructure application which is currently on public exhibition. Thank you for the opportunity to provide a submission with respect to the application.

At the August 2024 Council meeting, Council adopted its Local Housing Strategy – Housing For Our Future (the Strategy), comprising the Living and Place Strategy, the Local Housing Delivery Plan and the Affordable Housing Plan. The Strategy identifies that over 16,000 dwellings will be required to support the anticipated increase in population in the Port Macquarie Hastings Local Government Area to 2046. This increase in population is anticipated to occur through a combination of higher density in-fill developments and new urban release areas, the majority of which will rely on the establishment of the Thrumster Wastewater Scheme. As such, the Thrumster Wastewater Scheme has been identified as an essential piece of catalyst infrastructure required to facilitate the delivery of this housing and other supporting development.

We have reviewed the Environmental Impact Statement which accompanies the application and provide the following comments:

- We agree that the proposed wastewater scheme is justified as it: responds to a critical need which is consistent with several state, regional and local plans; improves the reliability, redundancy and resilience of the wastewater infrastructure required to support the existing and future population; is reported to not result in significant adverse environmental, social and economic impacts; and is reported to be consistent with the principles of ecologically sustainable development;
- We agree that the proposed scheme is considered superior to the do-nothing option and the other options identified in the documentation;
- The application appears to appropriately address key issues such as: water quality; aboriginal heritage; non-aboriginal heritage; social impacts; terrestrial and aquatic biodiversity; air quality; soils and contamination; waste and chemicals; noise and vibration; landscape character; hazard and risk; aviation; bushfire; and health impacts.

On this basis we support the approval of the Thrumster Wastewater Scheme as proposed.

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Thank you for the opportunity to provide a submission with respect to this application. If you have any questions in relation to this submission, please do not hesitate to contact the writer.

Yours sincerely King & Campbell Pty Ltd

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