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The Director
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Department of Planning & Infrastructure
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Attn: Mr David Mooney – Senior Planner

Dear Mr Mooney

**Environmental Assessment for Modification to Biaida 'Oakburn Chicken Processing Facility
DA53/97: Replace Rendering Plant – Lot 100 DP 1097471, Oxley Highway, Tamworth**

I refer to your email correspondence of 4 December 2013 regarding the abovementioned Environmental Assessment (EA) forwarded to Roads and Maritime Services for consideration and apologise for the delay in responding to this matter.

Roles & Responsibilities

In accordance with the *Roads Act 1993*, Roads and Maritime has interests in relation to road safety, traffic control facilities, connections to roads and other works on the classified road network. The Oxley Highway (HW11) is a classified (state) road and Tamworth Regional Council is the 'Roads Authority' for this road and all other public roads in the subject area. Roads and Maritime concurrence is required under Section 138 of the Act for works on this road with Council's consent.

In accordance with Clause 101 of the *State Environmental Planning Policy (Infrastructure) 2007* (ISEPP) the Consent Authority is to have consideration for the safety, efficiency and ongoing operation of the classified road as the development has frontage to a classified road.

Roads and Maritime Response

Roads and Maritime have undertaken a review of the referred information and provided the following comments to assist your department in its determination of this application;

1. The EA has stated that no additional vehicle movements will be associated with the proposed replacement plant. The consent authority should ensure that the identified vehicle movements are consistent with the original approval.

It should be noted that Biaida recently obtained approval for their Tamworth Processing Facility to increase output from 90,000 birds/day to 120,000 birds/day. The applicant should clarify whether this recent approval will result in additional vehicle movements to the subject site. Where additional vehicle movements are to be accommodated by the proposed plant, the intersection layout is to be consistent with the warrants provided in Figure 4.9 of the current AUSTROADS Guide to Road Design Part 4A.

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2. Should any works be deemed necessary on the Oxley Highway, such works are to be designed and constructed in accordance with the applicable Austroads Guidelines, Roads and Maritime Supplements and Australian Standards.

The developer would need to enter into a Works Authorisation Deed (WAD) with Roads and Maritime for any works and a Pre-Qualified Contractor would be required to complete all road works under the WAD to practical completion, as determined by Roads and Maritime. The developer would be responsible for all costs associated with the works and administration of the WAD. It is recommended that developers familiarise themselves with the requirements of the WAD process and contact our wad.northern@rms.nsw.gov.au to obtain further advice where necessary.

For further information on undertaking Private Developments adjacent to classified roads can be accessed at:

http://www.rms.nsw.gov.au/roadprojects/community_environment/private_developments.html

Upon determination of the application, it would be appreciated if your Department could forward a copy of the Modified Consent for our records. If you have any further enquiries regarding the above comments please do not hesitate to contact Matt Adams on 6640 1362 or email: development.northern@rms.nsw.gov.au

Yours sincerely,



24 December 2013

John Alexander
Regional Manager, Northern Region

CC: Lucy Walker & Warren Faulkner – Tamworth Regional Council