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Your Ref: SSD 9103

Social Infrastructure Assessments
Planning & Environment
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Attention: David Gibson

Dear Sir / Madam,

New Macksville Hospital, Old Coast Road, North Macksville (SSD 6103) – Notice of Exhibition

I refer to your letter of 16 July 2018 requesting comment from Roads and Maritime Services in relation to the abovementioned development proposal.

Roads and Maritime has consulted with Nambucca Shire Council and can confirm the following issues were discussed in finalising this advice;

- Development consent (DA2018/076) and approved plans for the construction of the private access road and the preparatory earthworks for the proposed hospital.

Roads and Maritime can confirm the following statements of fact relevant to our areas of expertise and regulatory powers.

- The Pacific Highway is a classified (State) road (a freeway). Roads and Maritime Services is the Roads Authority for freeways in accordance with Section 7 of the Roads Act. Any proposed works on a freeway require the consent of Roads and Maritime. Consent is provided under the terms of a Works Authorisation Deed (WAD).
- Letitia Road is an unclassified (local) road under the Roads Act 1993 (Roads Act) and Nambucca Shire Council (Council) is the roads authority for this road. Council is responsible for setting standards and determining priorities. In accordance with Section 138 of the Roads Act 1993 Council's approval is required prior to works being undertaken on this road. Roads and Maritime's concurrence is not required for unclassified roads.

The proposed Major Project is described on the Department's Planning Portal as inclusive of a "possible Emergency Services Precinct". The Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) does not provide information about this use and Roads and Maritime has not assessed this component. It is recommended the Department give consideration to the scope of road infrastructure required to accommodate all proposed future development within the hospital precinct and the equitable apportionment of infrastructure costs.

Roads and Maritime consider that in our technical assessment of the EIS, specifically the Traffic Impact Assessment dated 7 May 2018, that the 'baseline' for impact assessment is reasonable and the predictions of impact are robust (and conservative) with suitable sensitivity testing.

Roads and Maritime has identified the need for a signposting plan showing directional signage to the new hospital which should be prepared in consultation with Nambucca Shire Council and Roads and Maritime. Any changes required to existing signage are to be implemented prior to the opening of the new hospital to ensure drivers anticipate the need to exit the highway at the appropriate interchange.

A Construction Traffic Management Plan is required for the construction phase of the new hospital. This is to be prepared by a suitably qualified person and include traffic control plans designed in accordance with Roads and Maritime Traffic Control at Worksites Manual.

Roads and Maritime has identified the following areas of project design could be improved to achieve better outcomes considering the environmental, social and economic impacts.

- It is understood that emergency access vehicles may at times need to obtain access to the hospital via the existing emergency vehicle cross over facility located 500m north of the ramp on the Pacific Highway. It is understood that all emergency service vehicle operators are suitably trained in the use of these facilities. The EIS has not quantified the number of turn movements likely to be generated at the cross over facility by the introduction of the new hospital.
- The consent authority should consider the likelihood of private/unauthorised vehicles using the emergency vehicle crossover facility to access the new hospital. It is advisable that the consent authority consider a condition requiring an annual review of the use of this cross over facility.
- Consideration should be given to connectivity for pedestrians and cyclists between the new hospital and Giinagay Way. Nambucca Shire Council's bike plan identifies on-road treatments in the area around the interchange (at that point proposed for construction). Any works should be consistent with Council's BikePlan accessible at:
http://www.nambucca.nsw.gov.au/cp_content/resources/Cycleway_Plan_Review_-_May_2010.pdf

Upon determination of the application it would be appreciated if Department of Planning and Environment could forward a copy of the approval for our records. If you have any further enquiries regarding the above comments please do not hesitate to contact John Perkins, A/Manager Land Use Assessment on (02) 6640 1362 or via email at: development.northern@rms.nsw.gov.au.

Yours faithfully



for Monica Sirol
Network & Safety Manager, Northern Region

Date: 21 August 2018