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Your Ref: MP09\_0093 MOD1

The Director  
Resource Assessments  
Department of Planning and Environment  
GPO Box 39  
SYDNEY NSW 2001

Attention: Phillipa Duncan – Senior Planner

Dear Sir / Madam,

**Modification of Sapphire Wind Project (MP 09\_0093 MOD 1), Waterloo Road, Swan Vale**

I refer to your email of 7 March 2016 requesting comment from Roads and Maritime Services in relation to the proposed modification of the abovementioned major project approval.

**Roles and Responsibilities**

The key interests for Roads and Maritime are the safety and efficiency of the road network, traffic management, the integrity of infrastructure assets and the integration of land use and transport.

The Gwydir Highway is a classified (state) road. Glen Innes Severn Council and Inverell Shire Council are the Roads Authorities for all public roads in the subject area in accordance with Section 7 of the *Roads Act 1993*. Roads and Maritime has responsibilities in relation to classified roads in accordance with the Act.

**Roads and Maritime Response**

Roads and Maritime has reviewed the referred information and provides the following comments to assist the Consent Authority in making a determination;

1. The supporting Traffic Impact Assessment (TIA) has proposed works on the Gwydir Highway to accommodate additional vehicle movements generated by the major project. The TIA has not identified the scope of works required at the Waterloo Road and Gwydir Highway intersection or the access to the proposed substation off the Gwydir Highway.
2. All works on the Gwydir Highway are to be designed and constructed in accordance with the current Austroads Guidelines, Australian Standards and RMS Supplements.
3. For all works on the Gwydir Highway the Developer will be required to enter into a Works Authorisation Deed (WAD) with Roads and Maritime prior to commencement of the project construction phase. The developer is to obtain written confirmation from Roads and Maritime prior to the commencement of any works on the classified road.

All works under the WAD are to be completed to the satisfaction of Roads and Maritime in accordance with the WAD. The Developer will be responsible for all costs associated with the works and administration of the WAD process.

It is recommended that developers familiarise themselves with the requirements of the WAD process and contact our office to obtain further advice where necessary. Further information on undertaking private developments adjacent to classified roads can be accessed at:

<http://www.rms.nsw.gov.au/projects/planning-principles/index.html>

4. The supporting TIA has not addressed the cumulative road safety and traffic efficiency impacts of other major project approvals in the subject locality that could be constructed concurrently. The consent authority should consider the timing of approved major projects and the potential for any cumulative impacts on the safety and efficiency of the classified road network. Any Transport Management Plan (TMP) should be responsive to such impacts and include ongoing consultation the relevant local council and Roads and Maritime Services.

#### **Advice to the Consent Authority**

It is highlighted that the environmental impacts of any ancillary road works which form part of the proposal and/or are deemed necessary to include as conditions of development consent, are a matter for consideration under the major project application. The consent authority should consider the level of environmental assessment undertaken to date and nature of any works required on public roads.

It would be appreciated if you could advise Roads and Maritime of the outcome of this application for our records. If you have any further enquiries regarding the above comments please do not hesitate to contact Liz Smith, Manager Land Use Assessment on (02) 6640 1362 or via email at: [development.northern@rms.nsw.gov.au](mailto:development.northern@rms.nsw.gov.au)

Yours faithfully



for Monica Sirol  
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