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**Attention: Ms Sophie Butcher**

**PACIFIC HIGHWAY (HW10): PROPOSED KARUAH EAST QUARRY PROJECT – EXHIBITION OF ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT, LOTS 12 AND 13 DP 1024564, PACIFIC HIGHWAY, KARUAH (MP 09-0175)**

Dear Ms Butcher

I refer to your email correspondence dated 11 March 2013 (your reference MP09-0175) requesting comment from Roads and Maritime Services (RMS) regarding the exhibition of an Environmental Assessment for the subject application. I apologise for the delay in responding.

#### **RMS Responsibilities and Obligations**

RMS primary interests are in the road network, traffic and broader transport issues, particularly in relation to the efficiency and safety of the classified road network, the security of property assets and the integration of land use and transport.

In accordance with the *Roads Act 1993*, RMS has powers in relation to road works, traffic control facilities, connections to roads and other works on the classified road network. The Pacific Highway (HW10) is a classified (State) road. RMS concurrence is required for connections to the road under Section 138 of the Act. Council is the roads authority for the Pacific Highway and all public roads in the area. Should road works be required on the classified (State) road, RMS would exercise the functions of roads authority under Sections 64 and 71 of the Act.

#### **RMS Response and Requirements**

RMS has reviewed the information provided including the Traffic Impact Assessment (TIA) prepared by TPK and Associates dated June 2011. RMS has no objections to the proposed development as it is considered the traffic generated by the development will have no significant impact on the classified (State) road network as vehicular access to the network will be via the Pacific Highway / Branch Lane grade separated interchange.

**Roads & Maritime Services**

Notwithstanding the above, RMS has already agreed in principle with the extension of the service road within the current road reserve on the basis that this road may be extended to the north beyond access to Lot 12 in the future to provide access to the properties which currently have direct access to The Pacific Highway and with adjusting the road boundaries as required to accommodate the road.

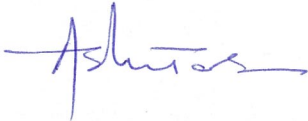
If for some reason the proponent cannot build the service road to access the subject property wholly within the road reserve, the proponent will be required to acquire / dedicate the land required to accommodate the road as public road reserve in favour of Council at no cost to the RMS.

RMS understands that Great Lakes Council has accepted responsibility to supervise the construction and dedication of service road as public road subject to review and acceptance of concept and detail design for the proposed service road works by RMS and Council.

On the Minister's determination of this matter, it would be appreciated if a copy of the Project Approval is forwarded to RMS for record and / or action purposes.

Please contact me on 4924 0688 if you require further advice.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Ash Tamhane', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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