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Dear Mr Gibson

**Ballina High School Redevelopment (SSD 7742)
Notice of Exhibition**

Thank you for your letter dated 12 December 2016 requesting Transport for NSW provide comments on the above referenced Development Application.

The Traffic Impact Assessment (TIA) in section 5.5 (page 27) 'School Buses' states that under existing conditions an 8 bay bus zone is located in Swift Street, with additional 2 spare bays in Martin Street. It should be noted that under existing conditions, the High School has 476 students. However, with the redevelopment proposal it envisages accommodation of over 1,000 students. Within section 5.5, the TIA states that it is the proposal's intention to reconfigure the existing bus bay space in Swift Street to only four bay bus zone, which is not supported by TfNSW on the following grounds:

- The proposal intends to increase student numbers from 476 to over 1,000, which will likely result in an increase of school buses to service to needs of the proposal;
- The Swift Street bus zone operates as a transfer point for students for other schools (such as St. Francis Xavier School), which has been acknowledged in the TIA (page 30), and;
- The proposal has not given any indication as to why any 'reconfiguration' needs to occur.

The safe alighting and boarding of school students from bus services is paramount. TfNSW recommends the Department of Planning and Environment condition the approval of SSD 7742 to require the existing 8 bay bus zone be retained as part of the redevelopment of the Ballina High School on safety and operational grounds.

Should you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Robert Rutledge, Principal Land Use and Transport Planner on 8202 2203 or Robert.rutledge@transport.nsw.gov.au.

Please note for future reference; when sending proposals to TfNSW via email, could you kindly use the following email address: development@transport.nsw.gov.au

Yours sincerely



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