

Sunday, 26 February 2012

NSW Planning & Infrastructure

RE: Submission to Proposed Cable Manufacturing facility Application # 10\_0039

We wish to SUPPORT the proposed development with conditions based on the issue listed below.

#### ACCESS ROAD CONDITONS

THE CONDITION OF SCHOOL DVE TOMAGO AND ASSOCIATED INTERSECTIONS ARE IN AN EXTREMELY POOR STATE AND REQUIRE RECONSTRUCTION TO ALLOW THE DEVELOPMENT TO GO AHEAD.

Ross Tyre Centre Pty Ltd is situated on LOT83 (17) School Dve Tomago and has been trading here for the past 30 years during that time little maintenance and or improvement has been carried out on School Dve and as such is past the end of its current life.

School Dve is 1km long and runs parallel to Tomago Rd and has 3 intersections with Tomago Rd

Item 3.1.3 in the Traffic Impact assessment attached to the proposal States "School Dve has a sealed two lane carriageway in a fair condition with wide grass shoulders" This is incorrect.

The western 500m is mostly two lanes but in its current state it has lengths that are only 4m wide of sealed surface. See Photo below.



The eastern 500m of School Dve is only 1 lane wide and in many parts only semi sealed surface.



In the Traffic Impact assesment dated December 2011 it is noted that the observations detailed in the report were taken in March 2011, since these observations were taken School Dve has deterioretaed rapidly.

Factors that are contributing to that are:

- \*Increased traffic from new business in School Dve Including a Transport Depot @ 33 School Dve

- \*Increased traffic from the Concrete Batching Plan on the Private RD and uses School Dve to access Tomago Road

- \*As a result of a no Right Hand Turn Instruction from Port Stephens Council into the Scrap Metal yard @ 509 Tomago RD, the trucks including B Doubles must now use School Dve to enable a Left Turn into the scrap yard off Tomago Rd.

- \* Construction of a new substation @ 37 School Dve and associated works destroyed much of the Northern shoulder of School Dve due to underground cabling and the road in front of 37 39 41 School Dve.

- \* Concealed drainage that is a hazard to vehicles parking on the shoulder on the road.

We have included photos of the road of various spots.

The Complete failure of School Dve in front of the new Aus Grid Sub Station @ 37 School Dve due to construction works.



Lack of adequate drainage on the shoulders of the road. And also concealed drains in the shoulder





In 6.2.4 of the report states "The current road network has been indentified to be suitable for proposed trucking operations without the need for major improvements to pavement condition, carriageway alignment and road width"

Clearly as you can see in the photos provided this is not the case at all.

We request a meeting on site with the relevant authorities to assess the condition of the road and work towards a solution to enable safe and serviceable access not only to the proposed development but also to the existing business, land holders and residents.

Please contact me at any time.

Regards

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