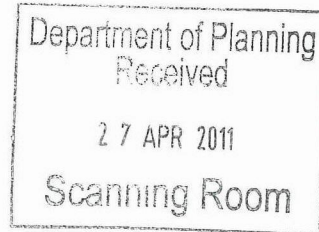


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Attention: Ms Karen Rae

**NEW ENGLAND HIGHWAY (HW 9): NUNDAH BANK THIRD TRACK, SINGLETON
(MP 10_0094) – EXHIBITION OF ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT**

Dear Ms Rae,

I refer to your letter dated 28 March 2011 (Your reference: MP 10_0094), received on 31 March 2011, regarding the subject project application forwarded to the Roads and Traffic Authority (RTA) for consideration.

RTA Responsibilities and Obligations

The RTA's 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*, the RTA has powers in relation to road works, traffic control facilities, connections to roads and other works on the classified road network. The New England Highway (HW9) is a classified (State) Road and part of the National Land Transport Network. RTA concurrence is required for connections to the road with Council consent, under Section 138 of the Act. RTA consent is required for traffic control signals and facilities under Section 87 of the Act. Council is the roads authority for this road and all other public roads in the area.

RTA Response and Requirements

The RTA has reviewed the information provided and would have no objections to the proposed development provided the following matters are addressed and included in the Minister's conditions of approval:

- A Construction Traffic Management Plan (CTMP) shall be prepared which details the management of light and heavy vehicle movements associated with the project during construction. The CTMP shall specifically address the movement of oversize loads to and from the site, the management of construction traffic, any restrictions to the hours of heavy vehicle movements to avoid road use conflicts and the transport of construction waste materials. The

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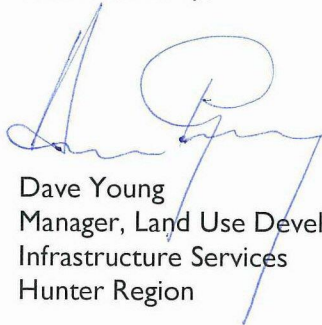
CTMP shall be submitted to the RTA and Council for acceptance prior to commencement of any works.

- The RTA reserves the right to review the CTMP at any stage and make changes in the interests of maintaining road safety and network efficiency on the classified roads.
- All works shall be undertaken at full cost to the developer and at no cost to the RTA or Council.

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

Should you require any further advice, please contact me on 4924 0240.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Dave Young', is written over the typed name and title.

Dave Young
Manager, Land Use Development
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19 April 2011

CC General Manager
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