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The Secretary
Department of Planning, Industry and Environment
320 Pitt Street
SYDNEY NSW 2000
Via Email: Michael.Young@planning.nsw.gov.au

Dear Sir,

Coffs Harbour Bypass (SSI-7666)

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comment in relation to the proposed Coffs Harbour Bypass (SSI-7666).

The section of the Pacific Highway located immediately to the west of Kororo Public School is proposed to be upgraded to create a four lane divided highway, which generally follows the existing road alignment

SINSW is generally supportive of the proposal and acknowledges its benefits. However there are several aspects that may potentially impact the school and /or the school community. These include:

- relocation of Kororo Public School bus interchange from the Pacific Highway slip road to James Small Drive, a relatively narrow local road immediately to the east of the School;
- demolition / replacement of Luke Bowen Bridge over the Highway. It is noted that the new bridge is proposed to be located some 250 metres north of its current location, thereby increasing the distance from the School;
- closure of Korora School Road and construction of a new service road, including parking;
- changes to local traffic conditions during the construction phase and associated safety concerns;
- construction noise and associated disruption; and
- Impacts on air quality during the construction phase.

In order to manage these impacts, SINSW supports the relocation of the bus interchange, the Luke Bowen pedestrian bridge and the construction of the



the new service road and associated parking as enabling works, prior to commencement of the main construction.

In addition, to further manage the potential impacts of the proposal, SINSW requires DPIE require the Applicant to engage in ongoing consultation with the Korora Road Public School to ensure:

- (i) the final location of the pedestrian bridge is located as close to the school as possible; and
- (ii) safe and accessible access is provided between the school and the new bus interchange.

If you require any clarification in relation to this submission please contact Helen Mulcahy at Helen.Mulcahy@det.nsw.edu.au.

Yours Sincerely,

25.11.19

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