

COFFS HARBOUR CITY COUNCIL



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Dear Kylie

Pacific Highway Upgrade - Woolgoolga to Ballina (SSI-4963) - Preferred Infrastructure Report

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comment on the Preferred Infrastructure Report for the Pacific Highway Upgrade - Woolgoolga to Ballina project.

Council has reviewed the relevant documents and assessed the responses to the issues raised in Council's previous submission. The majority of responses refer to the need for continued detail design and consultation with the community and Council. I acknowledge that a project of this scale cannot deliver absolute detail for all issues raised at this stage of the planning process; I would however reiterate the following issues as requiring resolution.

Biodiversity

Council seeks additional detail and commitment from RMS that all vegetation loss within Coffs Harbour LGA associated with the project will be compensated for within the Coffs LGA, including a break down of vegetation types and area to be removed from the Coffs Harbour LGA. Council request detailed discussion with RMS that addresses the specific biodiversity concerns raised by Council and how they will be addressed.

Flooding

Council's concerns in relation to hydrology and flooding impacts at Corindi River, Cassons Creek and Blackadder Creek have not been fully addressed. While Council acknowledges that further consultation and assessment of mitigation options is required during the detail design phase of the project, Council seeks a commitment from RMS that this will occur prior to project commencement.

The design for reconstruction of Eggins Drive and retention of flood free access to the Corindi/Red Rock community in particular should be determined prior to project commencement.

Council seeks condition of consent that requires Roads and Maritime Services to provide flood free access to the Pacific Highway for the Corindi/Red Rock community.

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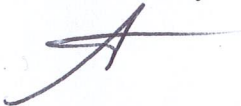
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Cycleway

Roads and Maritime is currently consulting with Council regarding the provision of a shared path along Eggins Drive and interface with the Pacific Highway Sapphire to Woolgoolga project.

Council seeks condition of consent that requires Roads and Maritime Services to provide a shared path along Eggins Drive connecting the proposed Pacific Highway Sapphire to Woolgoolga cycleway infrastructure to Corindi and the provision of a shared user path along the service road for other sections of the project in consultation with Council and Bicycle NSW.

Yours faithfully

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George Stulle
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