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Attn: Ms Lisa Mitchell, Manager Water – Infrastructure Assessments

Tamworth – Nundle Road [MR105]: Exhibition of Environmental Assessment for Chaffey Dam Augmentation and Safety Upgrade (SSI_5039), Tamworth-Nundle Road, Tamworth LGA

Dear Ms Mitchell,

I refer to your letter dated 11 December 2012 inviting submissions in relation to the exhibition of the abovementioned Environmental Assessment and forwarded to Roads and Maritime Services (RMS) for consideration.

RMS Roles & Responsibilities

The key interests for RMS are the safety and efficiency of the classified road network. In particular, traffic management, the integrity of infrastructure assets and the integration of land use and transport.

In accordance with the *Roads Act 1993*, RMS 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) and the Tamworth-Nundle Road (MR105) are classified roads. RMS concurrence is required for works on the classified road network with Council consent, under Section 138 of the Act. Tamworth Regional Council is the Roads Authority for MR105 and all other public roads in the area.

RMS Response

RMS has undertaken a review of the information provided and raises no objections to the proposed development. The developer will need to liaise with Tamworth Regional Council, as the Roads Authority for those roads impacted by the development. All road infrastructure upgrades shall be in accordance with the current Austroads Guidelines and relevant Australian Standards.

The nominated haulage route includes the New England Highway, which is a classified (state) road. RMS notes that the submitted Traffic Study has not identified the source of concrete to be used in construction works, but has indicated the potential for 22 heavy vehicle movements per hour over a four day period. Should the source be located remotely from the construction site it would result in a significant impact to the local road network and its connections to the New England Highway.

A 'Construction Traffic Management Plan' (CTMP) will need to be prepared and include a Vehicle Movement Plan and Traffic Control Plan. It shall be prepared with the intention of causing minimal impact to the operation of the road network and road infrastructure assets during the construction process. The CTMP shall be submitted to RMS and Council for approval prior to any construction activities occurring onsite.

RMS notes that the project will require the transport of loads. It is the Operator's responsibility to obtain all necessary permits prior to the transport of materials by Over-size/Over-mass vehicles.

Should you have any further enquiries regarding the above comments please do not hesitate to contact Matt Adams of RMS Development Northern on 6640 1344 or via email at: development.northern@rms.nsw.gov.au

Yours sincerely,



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