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Your Ref: SSD 7704

The Director
Industry Assessments
Department of Planning and Environment
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SYDNEY NSW 2001

Attention: Sally Munk – Principal Planner

Dear Sir / Madam,

**Notice of Exhibition - Rushes Creek Poultry Production Farm (SSD 7704)
Rushes Creek Road, Rushes Creek.**

I refer to your email of 5 September 2018 requesting comment from Roads and Maritime Services in relation to the abovementioned State Significant Development.

Roads and Maritime has consulted with Tamworth Regional Council's Brendon Moran (TRC) and can confirm:

- TRC have no concerns with the development and are not intending to submit a response.

Roads and Maritime can confirm the following statements of fact relevant to our areas of expertise and regulatory powers.

- The key interests for Roads and Maritime Services are the safety and efficiency of the road network, traffic management, the integrity of infrastructure assets and the integration of land use and transport.
- The Oxley Highway is a classified (State) road (a Highway). Tamworth Regional Council is the Roads Authority for all public roads in the local government area in accordance with Section 7 of the Roads Act 1993. Roads and Maritime is the Roads Authority for freeways and has responsibilities for classified roads in accordance with the Act.
- Rushes Creek Road is an unclassified (Regional) road under the Roads Act 1993 (Roads Act). Council is responsible for setting standards and determining priorities. In accordance with Section 138 of the Roads Act 1993 Council's approval is required prior to works being undertaken on these roads. Roads and Maritime's concurrence is not required for unclassified roads.
- Any works proposed within the road reserve of the classified road (Oxley Highway) will need to be designed and constructed in accordance with the current Austroads Guidelines, Australian Standards and Roads and Maritime Supplements and Specifications.
- The Developer would be required to enter into a 'Works Authorisation Deed' (WAD) with Roads and Maritime for any works deemed necessary on a classified (State) road. The developer would be responsible for all costs associated with the works and administration for the WAD.
- All works must be undertaken in accordance with the RTA Traffic Control at Worksites Manual and a Road Occupancy Licence (ROL) must be obtained from Roads and Maritime prior to the implementation of any traffic control on this road.

Roads and Maritime considers that in our technical assessment of the EIS, specifically the *RoadNet 2018 Traffic Impact Assessment - Volume 2, Appendix D*, that the 'baseline' for impact assessment is reasonable and the predictions of impact are robust (and conservative) with suitable sensitivity testing and the proposal includes all reasonably feasible mitigation options.

- In particular the *Section 2.3.3 (Oxley Highway / Rushes Creek Road Intersection)* on page 17 of the *Traffic Impact Assessment (TIA)* identifies the limited sight distances at the intersection which does not meet the Safe Intersections Sight Distances (SISD) of 248 metres according to the requirements of the *Austroads Guide to Road Design, Part 4A: Unsignalised and Signalised Intersections*. Detailed field investigation or survey is required to identify the need for any vegetation trimming/clearing at the intersection to ensure SISD requirements. A Proposal to undertake vegetation trimming and clearing works shall be submitted to Council in accordance with Section 138 of the *Roads Act 1993* and Council shall refer the application to Roads and Maritime for concurrence.

The assessed impact is considered acceptable within the policy context of Roads and Maritime for the following reasons:

- The TIA demonstrates that the intersection of Oxley Highway and Rushes Creek Road meets the requirements of the Austroads intersection warrants in accordance with *Section 2.3.6 (Warrants for BA, AU and CH Turn Treatments)* of the *Austroads Guide to Traffic Management Part 6 – Intersections, Interchanges and Crossings*.
- In the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) it is noted that all construction and operation heavy vehicle drivers will read and sign a Driver Code of Conduct. The Code of Conduct should include but not limited to:
 - a. A map of the primary transport route/s highlighting critical locations.
 - b. Safety initiatives for transport through residential areas and/or school zones.
 - c. An induction process for vehicle operators and regular toolbox meetings.
 - d. A complaints resolution and disciplinary procedure.
 - e. Any community consultation measures for peak transport periods.
- Roads and Maritime agrees to a review of signage (including but not limited to the proposed advanced signposting in both directions to warn of trucks turning) and line-markings controls at the Oxley Highway / Rushes Creek Road intersection. Subject to Council's approval and endorsement by the Local Traffic Committee the implementation of the review recommendation would be required.

Roads and Maritime has identified there is no need for additional work however the SISD should be investigated further and mitigation measures undertaken prior to the commencement to construction traffic.

Upon determination of the application it would be appreciated if Department of Planning and Environment could forward a copy of the approval for our records. If you have any further enquiries regarding the above comments please do not hesitate to contact John Perkins, A/Manager Land Use Assessment on (02) 6640 1362 or via email at: development.northern@rms.nsw.gov.au

Yours faithfully



for Monica Sirol
Network & Safety Manager, Northern Region

Date: 16 October 2018