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**Attention:        Natasha Homsey**

Dear Sir / Madam,

**Oxley Highway [HW11] and Kamilaroi Highway [HW29]. Gunnedah Solar Farm.  
Development Application – 765 Orange Grove Road, Gunnedah.**

I refer to your email of 20 April 2018 requesting comment from Roads and Maritime Services in relation to the abovementioned State Significant Development.

**Roles and Responsibilities**

The key interests for Roads and Maritime are the safety and efficiency of the road network, traffic management, the integrity of infrastructure and the integration of land use and transport.

The Oxley Highway and Kamilaroi Highways are classified (State) roads under the *Roads Act 1993* (Roads Act). Gunnedah Shire Council is the roads authority for all public roads (other than freeways or Crown roads) in the local government area pursuant to Section 7 of the Roads Act. Roads and Maritime is the roads authority for freeways and can exercise roads authority functions for classified roads in accordance with the Roads Act. Any proposed works on a classified (State) road will require the consent of Roads and Maritime. Consent is provided under the terms of a Works Authorisation Deed (WAD).

**Roads and Maritime Response**

Roads and Maritime has reviewed the Traffic Impact Assessment (TIA) and provides the following comments to assist the consent authority in making a determination;

1. A Traffic Management Plan (TMP) should be prepared for the construction, operation and decommission stages of the development, to the satisfaction of Roads and Maritime and Gunnedah Shire Council.

The TMP may include relevant Traffic Control Plans (TCPs) designed and approved by qualified person/s in accordance with the RTA Traffic Control at Work Sites Manual. Implementation of TCPs on classified (State) roads (Oxley or Kamilaroi highway) would require a Road Occupancy Licence from Roads and Maritime.

The TMP should include a Driver's Code of Conduct which may include, but not be limited to, the following;

- A map of the primary access routes highlighting critical locations.
- Safety initiatives for transport through residential areas, school zones and along school bus routes.
- Consideration for coordination of construction traffic with seasonal agricultural haulage.
- An induction process for vehicle operators and regular toolbox meetings.
- A complaint resolution and disciplinary procedure.
- Any community consultation measures for the peak construction period.

2. Should over mass, over dimension (OMOD) vehicles be required at any stage of the development then a Permit from Roads and Maritime would be required.
3. Access to the development is proposed from a Local road. The access should be designed and constructed in accordance with Austroads Guidelines and Australian Standards, to the satisfaction of Gunnedah Shire Council. It is recommended that swept path analysis be undertaken to ensure the largest design vehicle can safely enter and exit the site in a forward manner.
4. It is the land owner's responsibility to maintain any access driveways to the development to improve safety and efficiency of access and to minimise the generation of dust and/or tracking of material onto the public road.

#### **Advice to the Consent Authority**

Upon determination of the application it would be appreciated if a copy of the approval could be forwarded to Roads and Maritime for our records. If you have any further enquiries regarding the above comments please do not hesitate to contact Liz Smith, Manager Land Use Assessment on (02) 6640 1362 or via email at: [development.northern@rms.nsw.gov.au](mailto:development.northern@rms.nsw.gov.au)

Yours faithfully



for Monica Sirol  
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