



File No: NTH07/00915/13

Your Ref: MP 07_0036

Resource Assessments Planning Services
Department of Planning and Environment
GPO Box 39
SYDNEY NSW 2001

Attention: Tim Stuckey – Planning Officer

Dear Sir / Madam,

Gwydir Highway [HW12]: Modification 4 of MP 07_0036 Glen Innes Wind Farm – Gwydir Highway, Glen Innes

I refer to your email of 7 August 2017 requesting comment from Roads and Maritime Services in relation to the abovementioned planning proposal.

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.

Gwydir Highway is a classified (State) road under the *Roads Act 1993* (Roads Act). Glen Innes 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 referred information and provides the following comments to assist the consent authority in making a determination;

1. The Construction Traffic Management Plan (CTMP) needs to be updated to reflect the proposed increase in loads that will be transported to the site for the larger wind turbines.
2. Roads and Maritime reiterates our attached comments of 7 November 2016 regarding management of construction impacts on the Gwydir Highway. Roads and Maritime is awaiting the execution of a Works Authorisation Deed (WAD) for the agreed improvements to the Gwydir Highway.
3. It is recommended that any update to the project CTMP take into consideration of the transport operations for the Wattle Vale Quarry, which has approval to share the temporary and permanent access to the Wind Farm Project.

All works on the classified (State) road will need to be designed and constructed in accordance with the current Austroads Guidelines, Australian Standards, Roads and Maritime Supplements and traffic control undertaken in accordance with the current version of the *Traffic Control at Worksites Manual*.

Advice to the Consent Authority

Upon determination of the application it would be appreciated if the 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 Bill Butler, A/Manager Land Use Assessment on (02) 6640 1362 or via email at: development.northern@rms.nsw.gov.au

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "W.R. Butler". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

For Liz Smith
A/Network & Safety Manager, Northern Region
24/08/2017