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Re: Alstonville Bypass Operational Environmental Management Plan
Request to modify a major project

Dear Michael

The Roads and Maritime Services (RMS) is requesting to modify Section 16 of the Department of Planning Conditions of Approval.

I refer to Section 16, Environmental Impact Audit Report of the Conditions of Approval below:

An Environmental Impact Audit Report shall be submitted to the Director-General and the EPA and upon request by the Director-General to any other government authority 12 months and 5 years after commissioning of the project. An independent person at the Proponent's expense shall prepare the Report. The Report shall assess the key impact predictions made in the EIS and any supplementary studies and detail the extent to which actual impacts reflect the predictions. In particular, the Report shall provide details on actual versus predicted impacts for all key issues identified in the EIS. The suitability of implemented mitigation measures and safeguards shall also be assessed. The Report shall also assess compliance with the OEMP.

The Report shall discuss results of consultation with the local community in terms of feedback/complaints on the construction and operation phases of the project and any issues of concerns rose. The Proponent shall comply with all requirements of the Director-General, EPA and other relevant authorities with respect to any reasonable measure arising from, or recommendations in, the Report.

The Roads and Maritime Services (RMS), is requesting to modify this condition by changing the 12 monthly audit report due date from May 2012 to May 2013.

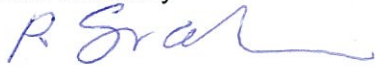
There have been various delays in the management of the bypass due to changes in staffing and other project management procedures since becoming operational and many of the requirements have not been fulfilled at this stage.

The following contingency measures are in place to ensure that the environmental impacts are addressed in the interim period - The Ballina Shire Council maintenance contract is currently in the process of being established. This contract includes various environmental monitoring requirements as outlined in the OEMP and as required under the general council contract. Environmental monitoring/management are included in Ballina Shire Councils Environmental Management Plan (EMP).

Could you please consider the Request to modify as per the attached form and if you consider this acceptable could you please provide approval for the CoA 16 12 monthly audit to be undertaken in May 2013 instead of May 2012.

If you require any further information please contact Pauline Graham on 02 6609 4334 or by email Pauline.Graham@rms.nsw.gov.au

Yours sincerely



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