

# Request to modify a major project



NSW GOVERNMENT  
Department of Planning

Date duly made: 21/10/09

Modification No. 06\_0293\_MOD 1

## 1. Before you lodge

This form is required under section 75W of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979* (the Act) in order to request the Minister to modify the Minister's approval to carry out a project or concept plan to which Part 3A of the Act applies.

Before making this request, it is recommended that you first consult with the Department of Planning (the Department) concerning your modification. The Director-General may issue environmental assessment requirements that must be complied with before your request will be considered by the Minister. If the changes proposed by the modification will result in a project that is consistent with the existing approval, the Minister's approval for a modification is not required.

### Disclosure Statement

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Note: For more details about political donations disclosure requirements, including a disclosure form, go to [www.planning.nsw.gov.au/donations](http://www.planning.nsw.gov.au/donations).

### Lodgement

All modification requests must be lodged with the Director-General of the Department of Planning, by courier or mail. An electronic copy should also be e-mailed to the assessment contact officer assigned to the project.

NSW Department of Planning  
Ground floor, 23-33 Bridge Street, SYDNEY NSW 2000  
GPO Box 39 SYDNEY NSW 2001  
Phone 1300 305 695

## 2. Details of the proponent

Company/organisation/agency

ABN

Roads and Traffic Authority

64480155255

☐ Mr ☐ Ms ☐ Mrs ☐ Dr ☐ Other

First name

Family name

Position

### STREET ADDRESS

Unit/street no.

Street name

21

Prince Street

Suburb or town

State

Postcode

Grafton

NSW

2460

POSTAL ADDRESS (or mark 'as above')

PO Box 576

Suburb or town

State

Postcode

Grafton

NSW

2460

Daytime telephone

Fax

Mobile

02 6690 7013

02 6690 7081

0438 710 479

Email

chris\_clark@rta.nsw.gov.au

### 3. Identify the land

STREET ADDRESS (where relevant)

Unit/street no.

Street or property name

Pacific Highway

Suburb, town or locality

Postcode

Sapphire, Moonee Beach and Woolgoolga

Local government area(s)

State Electorate(s)

Coffs Harbour

Coffs Harbour

REAL PROPERTY DESCRIPTION

As per Sapphire to Woolgoolga EA

Note: The real property description is found on a map of the land or on the title documents for the land. If you are unsure of the real property description, you should contact the Department of Lands.

Please ensure that you place a slash (/) to distinguish between the lot, section, DP and strata numbers. If the proposed modification applies to more than one piece of land, please use a comma to distinguish between each real property description.

OR: detailed description of land attached: ☐

MAP: A map of the site and locality should also be submitted with this request.

### 4. Details of the original major project or concept plan

Briefly describe what the original approval allows

The construction and operation of approximately 25 kilometers of four-lane divided carriageway, comprising five interchanges, local road upgrades and associated infrastructure (referred to as the Pacific Highway Upgrade - 'Sapphire to Woolgoolga' Project) between Sapphire and Arrawarra Beach Road to provide a motorway standard upgrade between the northern end of the existing divided carriageway Pacific Highway at Korora and the existing two lane / two way highway north of Arrawarra Beach Road, as outlined in the Environmental Assessment.

What was the original project application no.?

06\_0293

What was the date of the approval?

13 January 2009

What was the original application fee?

Note: Clause 245K of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulation 2000* provides information on calculating the maximum fee for a request for modification.

### 5. Describe the modification you propose to make to the approval

Describe the proposed modification

As per RTA's Letter dated 20 October 2009, our reference: 10/110.1722.

Your modification request may need to be accompanied by an Environmental Assessment, including plans. An electronic and hard copy of this document will be required.

#### ESTIMATED CAPITAL INVESTMENT VALUE

Please indicate the estimated capital investment value (CIV) of the modification to the project approval or concept plan (excluding GST).

\$0

#### FULL TIME EQUIVALENT JOBS

Please indicate the number of jobs created by the proposed modification. This should be expressed as a proportion of full time equivalent (FTE) jobs over a full year.

Construction jobs (FTE)

0

Operational jobs (FTE)

0

#### 6. Landowner's consent (where required)

As the owner(s) of the above property, I/we consent to this request being made by the proponent:

Land

N/A

Signature

Name

Date

Land

Signature

Name

Date

Note: Under Clause 8F of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulation 2000* (the Regulation), certain applications for approval under Part 3A of the Act do not require consent of the landowner, however, the proponent is required to give notice of the application (e.g. linear infrastructure, mining & petroleum projects, and critical infrastructure).

#### 7. Political donation disclosure statement

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Have you attached a disclosure statement to this request?

☒ Yes

☐ No


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#### 8. Proponent's signature

As the proponent(s) of the project and in signing below, I/we hereby:

- provide a description of the modification to the project approval or concept plan and address all matters required by the Director-General pursuant to Section 75W of the Act, and
- declare that all information contained within this form is accurate at the time of signing.

Signature

  
Name ROBERT G. HIGGINS  
20/10/03

In what capacity are you signing if you are not the proponent

General Manager (Pacific Highway)

Mr Robert (Bob) Higgins

Date

20/10/09

Name, if you are not the proponent

R. Higgins

# Political donations disclosure statement



NSW GOVERNMENT  
Department of Planning

Office use only:

Date received: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

Planning application no. \_\_\_\_\_

This form may be used to make a political donations disclosure under section 147(3) of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979* for applications or public submissions to the Minister or the Director-General.

Please read the following information before filling out the Disclosure Statement on pages 3 and 4 of this form. Also refer to the 'Glossary of terms' provided overleaf (for definitions of terms in *italics* below). Once completed, please attach the completed declaration to your planning application or submission.

## Explanatory information

### Making a planning application or a public submission to the Minister or the Director-General

Under section 147(3) of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 ('the Act') a person:

- (a) who makes a *relevant planning application* to the Minister or the Director-General is required to disclose all *reportable political donations* (if any) made within the *relevant period* to anyone by any *person with a financial interest* in the application, or
- (b) who makes a *relevant public submission* to the Minister or the Director-General in relation to the application is required to disclose all *reportable political donations* (if any) made within the *relevant period* to anyone by the person making the submission or any *associate of that person*.

### How and when do you make a disclosure?

The disclosure to the Minister or the Director-General of a *reportable political donation* under section 147 of the Act is to be made:

- (a) in, or in a statement accompanying, the relevant planning application or submission if the donation is made before the application or submission is made, or
- (b) if the donation is made afterwards, in a statement of the person to whom the relevant planning application or submission was made within 7 days after the donation is made.

### What information needs to be included in a disclosure?

The information requirements of a disclosure of reportable political donations are outlined in section 147(9) of the Act.

Pages 3 and 4 of this document include a Disclosure Statement Template which outlines the information requirements for disclosures to the Minister or to the Director-General of the Department of Planning.

Note: A separate Disclosure Statement Template is available for disclosures to councils.

**Warning:** A person is guilty of an offence under section 125 of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979* in connection with the obligations under section 147 only if the person fails to make a disclosure of a political donation or gift in accordance with section 147 that the person knows, or ought reasonably to know, was made and is required to be disclosed under section 147.

The maximum penalty for any such offence is the maximum penalty under Part 6 of the *Election Funding and Disclosures Act 1981* for making a false statement in a declaration of disclosures lodged under that Part.

Note: The maximum penalty is currently 200 penalty units (currently \$22,000) or imprisonment for 12 months, or both.

## Glossary of terms (under section 147 of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979*)

**gift** means a gift within the meaning of Part 6 of the *Election Funding and Disclosures Act 1981*. Note. A gift includes a gift of money or the provision of any other valuable thing or service for no consideration or inadequate consideration.

Note: Under section 84(1) of the *Election Funding and Disclosures Act 1981* gift is defined as follows:

**gift** means any disposition of property made by a person to another person, otherwise than by will, being a disposition made without consideration in money or money's worth or with inadequate consideration, and includes the provision of a service (other than volunteer labour) for no consideration or for inadequate consideration.

**local councillor** means a councillor (including the mayor) of the council of a local government area.

**relevant planning application** means:

- a) a formal request to the Minister, a council or the Director-General to initiate the making of an environmental planning instrument or development control plan in relation to development on a particular site, or
- b) a formal request to the Minister or the Director-General for development on a particular site to be made State significant development or declared a project to which Part 3A applies, or
- c) an application for approval of a concept plan or project under Part 3A (or for the modification of a concept plan or of the approval for a project), or
- d) an application for development consent under Part 4 (or for the modification of a development consent), or
- e) any other application or request under or for the purposes of this Act that is prescribed by the regulations as a relevant planning application, but does not include:
  - f) an application for (or for the modification of) a complying development certificate, or
  - g) an application or request made by a public authority on its own behalf or made on behalf of a public authority, or
  - h) any other application or request that is excluded from this definition by the regulations.

**relevant period** is the period commencing 2 years before the application or submission is made and ending when the application is determined.

**relevant public submission** means a written submission made by a person objecting to or supporting a relevant planning application or any development that would be authorised by the granting of the application.

**reportable political donation** means a reportable political donation within the meaning of Part 6 of the *Election Funding and Disclosures Act 1981* that is required to be disclosed under that Part. Note. Reportable political donations include those of or above \$1,000.

Note: Under section 86 of the *Election Funding and Disclosures Act 1981* reportable political donation is defined as follows:

### 86 Meaning of "reportable political donation"

- (1) For the purposes of this Act, a reportable political donation is:
  - (a) in the case of disclosures under this Part by a party, elected member, group or candidate—a political donation of or exceeding \$1,000 made to or for the benefit of the party, elected member, group or candidate, or
  - (b) in the case of disclosures under this Part by a major political donor—a political donation of or exceeding \$1,000:
    - (i) made by the major political donor to or for the benefit of a party, elected member, group or candidate, or
    - (ii) made to the major political donor.
- (2) A political donation of less than an amount specified in subsection (1) made by an entity or other person is to be treated as a reportable political donation if that and other separate political donations made by that entity or other person to the same party, elected member, group, candidate or person within the same financial year (ending 30 June) would, if aggregated, constitute a reportable political donation under subsection (1).
- (3) A political donation of less than an amount specified in subsection (1) made by an entity or other person to a party is to be treated as a reportable political donation if that and other separate political donations made by that entity or person to an associated party within the same financial year (ending 30 June) would, if aggregated, constitute a reportable political donation under subsection (1). This subsection does not apply in connection with disclosures of political donations by parties.
- (4) For the purposes of subsection (3), parties are associated parties if endorsed candidates of both parties were included in the same group in the last periodic Council election or are to be included in the same group in the next periodic Council election.

**a person has a financial interest** in a relevant planning application if:

- a) the person is the applicant or the person on whose behalf the application is made, or
- b) the person is an owner of the site to which the application relates or has entered into an agreement to acquire the site or any part of it, or
- c) the person is associated with a person referred to in paragraph (a) or (b) and is likely to obtain a financial gain if development that would be authorised by the application is authorised or carried out (other than a gain merely as a shareholder in a company listed on a stock exchange), or
- d) the person has any other interest relating to the application, the site or the owner of the site that is prescribed by the regulations.

**persons are associated with each other** if:

- a) they carry on a business together in connection with the relevant planning application (in the case of the making of any such application) or they carry on a business together that may be affected by the granting of the application (in the case of a relevant planning submission), or
- b) they are related bodies corporate under the *Corporations Act 2001* of the Commonwealth, or
- c) one is a director of a corporation and the other is any such related corporation or a director of any such related corporation, or
- d) they have any other relationship prescribed by the regulations.

# Political Donations Disclosure Statement to Minister or the Director-General

If you are required under section 147(3) of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 to disclose any political donations (see Page 1 for details), please fill in this form and sign below.

Disclosure statement details		Planning application reference (e.g. DA number, planning application title or reference, property address or other description)			
Name of person making this disclosure					
Mr Robert (Bob) Higgins					
Your interest in the planning application (circle relevant option below)					
You are the APPLICANT		YES / NO	OR	You are a PERSON MAKING A SUBMISSION IN RELATION TO AN APPLICATION	
				YES / NO	
Reportable political donations made by person making this declaration or by other relevant persons					
<p>* State below any reportable political donations you have made over the 'relevant period' (see glossary on page 2). If the donation was made by an entity (and not by you as an individual) include the Australian Business Number (ABN).</p> <p>* If you are the applicant of a relevant planning application state below any reportable political donations that you know, or ought reasonably to know, were made by any persons with a financial interest in the planning application, OR</p> <p>* If you are a person making a submission in relation to an application, state below any reportable political donations that you know, or ought reasonably to know, were made by an associate.</p>					
Name of donor (or ABN if an entity)	Donor's residential address or entity's registered address or other official office of the donor	Name of party or person for whose benefit the donation was made	Date donation made	Amount/ value of donation	
N/A - No Donations made to my knowledge 19/04/2010 to 09/05/2010					
Please list all reportable political donations—additional space is provided overleaf if required.					
By signing below, I/we hereby declare that all information contained within this statement is accurate at the time of signing.					
Signature(s) and Date		20/10/09			
Name(s)		Mr Robert (Bob) Higgins			

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