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**Attention: Ms. Kylie Seretis**

**HIGHWAY NO 10 – PACIFIC HIGHWAY. BALLINA AND BYRON SHIRE COUNCILS.  
DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION OF PACIFIC HIGHWAY UPGRADE  
TINTENBAR TO EWINGSDALE, 13.63KM – 29.95KM NORTH OF BALLINA.**

**REQUEST FOR MODIFICATION TO MINISTERS CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL 2.14, 2.17 AND  
2.18 – CONSTRUCTION AND BLASTING RESTRICTIONS AND LIMITS AND THE TUNNEL  
CONTROL CENTRE**

Dear Kylie,

I refer to your letter Ref. 09/01380 dated 25 February 2013 seeking advice and a meeting about the consistency of the proposed Tunnel Control Centre with the Project Approval (07\_0051) dated 29 January 2010 and our subsequent meeting on 27 February 2013.

Further to our discussions, Roads and Maritime Services (RMS) would like you to proceed with consideration of the proposed Modification for revised construction and blasting restrictions and limits for the tunnels themselves as a priority, while further discussions occur about the Tunnel Control Centre over the coming weeks.

RMS has decided to submit a modification to the original project Approval (07\_0051) dated 29 January 2010 in so as to address the potential environmental impacts of the Tunnel Control Centre. This modification will be submitted shortly, and separately to the currently requested revised construction and blasting restrictions and limits modification.

As the Department is aware substantial construction commenced on site on 9 September 2012. These works have been undertaken in accordance with the Construction Environmental Management Plan approved by the Department. The approved Flora & Fauna Management Sub-plan includes measures to prevent the spread of weeds, to reduce the levels of weed infestation within the Construction Site and adjoining areas and to improve the quality of habitat in retained vegetation. Weed mapping undertaken prior to construction indicates that the area adjacent to the proposed Tunnel Control Centre on the St Helena ridgeline is identified as a medium and high risk weed area. As a result this area has been subject to clearing and disturbance of non-native vegetation to remove potential weeds, pathogens and affected soil since the start of construction. RMS would like to inform the Department that it proposes to continue this clearing of non-native vegetation and weed removal however will cease any works that are directly related to the substantial construction of the Tunnel Control Centre until the required approvals have been received.

**Roads & Maritime Services**

RMS would like to thank the Department for attending the recent meeting to discuss matters relating to the Tunnel Control Centre. Furthermore, RMS would appreciate if the Department could proceed with consideration of the proposed Modification for revised construction and blasting restrictions and limits for the tunnels themselves could be progressed as a priority as soon as possible while any outstanding issues relating to the Tunnel Control Centre are resolved.

Should you require any further information regarding this or any other project matter, please contact RMS's Senior Project Manager, Strategic Projects Mr Peter Borrelli on 0407 254 363 in the first instance.

Yours faithfully

  
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