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Pacific Highway Upgrade, Warrell Creek to Urunga (MP 07_0112): Stage 1 Nambucca Heads to Urunga – MCoA B7 & B10 - Threatened Flora and Ecological Monitoring Reports

Dear Shelley,

I refer to the Planning Approval MP 07_0112 dated 19 July 2011 for the Pacific Highway Upgrade, Warrell Creek to Urunga. This correspondence is in relation to the reporting on flora & fauna monitoring (MCoA B7 & B10) in accordance with the requirements of the approval for Stage 1.

Ministers Condition of Approval B7 – Threatened Flora in-situ and translocation.

Transport for NSW (TfNSW) developed a Threatened Flora Management Plan, which was approved by the Director General on the 31 May 2013.

In accordance with MCoA B7, TfNSW submits the year 3 operational phase (2019) Threatened flora monitoring report for the NH2U project to both the Secretary of the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment and the Environment Protection Agency (Attachment 1).

As seen in Table 14 of the report, the author (botanist) has recommended a cessation of monitoring of all in-situ plants. The author considers that after six years of monitoring, it is considered that all extant in situ plants are highly likely to survive into the future. The EPA have reviewed the report and recommendation, and have endorsed the proposed change regarding cessation of monitoring of all in-situ plants.

Accordingly, TfNSW is seeking approval from the Secretary for this change to in-situ threatened flora monitoring.

Ministers Condition of Approval B10 – Ecological Monitoring Program.

TfNSW developed an Ecological Monitoring Program, which was approved by the Director General on the 30 May 2013.

In accordance with MCoA B10, TfNSW submits the year 3 operational phase (2019) ecological monitoring report for the NH2U project to both the Secretary of the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment and the Environment Protection Agency (Attachment 2).

Should you require any further information, please contact Shayne Walker on 66401092.

Yours sincerely



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