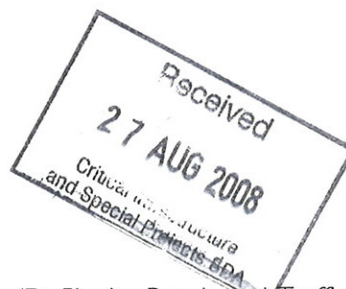




Director-General  
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Attention: Kylie Seretis



Dear Kylie

Following the meeting between the Department of Planning (DoP), the Roads and Traffic Authority (RTA) and the Ballina Bypass Alliance (BBA) on February 4 on a range of matters, including the matter below, I am writing to inform the DoP of the proposed changes to the design of Ballina Bypass Project (the Project).

The attached design drawings show the approved Project and the proposed changes to the design between the Bruxner Highway Interchange and the Teven Road Interchange. The proposed changes to the design will be constructed over two stages. The RTA is also making an application for a proposed earthworks site located at the northern extent of the Project.

Following design development in the costing stage of the Project, the RTA has identified that the following are inconsistent to the existing Approval:

- Four of the proposed changes to design during Stage One of the Refined Design between Bruxner Highway Interchange and the Teven Road Interchange;
- All of the Stage Two changes between the Bruxner Highway Interchange and the Teven Road Interchange; and
- The proposed earthworks site at the northern end of the project

The RTA and BBA propose to submit to the DoP two Modification Environmental Assessments (Refined Design Modification Report and the Ross Lane Northern Earthworks Modification Report) for the proposed changes during August 2008 for consideration. These Modification Environmental Assessments will also be on public display during August/September 2008.

It is requested that the Director-General consider revising the MCoA to reflect the changes proposed in the attached table. We are happy to discuss the issues further with DoP. If any further information or clarification is required please contact Mr Shane Higgins (on 0419 415 280 or [shane.higgins@ballina.incite.com.au](mailto:shane.higgins@ballina.incite.com.au)) at your convenience.

Yours sincerely

  
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