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Attention: Michael Young

BALLINA BYPASS PROJECT- EXTENSION OF DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT AUDIT REPORT

Dear Michael,

I refer to the Department's letter dated 21 October 2011 in relation to the timing of the operational noise monitoring and submission of the Environmental Impact Audit Report (EIAR). In that letter, the Department advised that in order for the timeframe for submission of the EIAR to be varied, from that specified in MCoA 17 that condition would need to be modified under section 75W of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act, 1979. As such, a modification request form is attached.

A key reason for requesting an extension to the EIAR submission deadline is to allow incorporation of the operational noise monitoring results. As proposed in the RMS letter dated 22 September 2011, and accepted and endorsed in the Department's response dated 21 October 2011, operational noise monitoring will be conducted by June 2012. Allowing time for preparation of the operational noise monitoring report and subsequent preparation of the EIAR, RMS proposes an EIAR submission deadline of the end of 2012. This timeframe will also enable the inclusion of additional data from monitoring (other than that undertaken for noise) and will therefore increase the accuracy and relevance of the EIAR.

Please do not hesitate to contact Mr Steve Tyler (02) 6683 5096 or mobile 0411 025 934 should you require any additional information or require clarification of the above.

Yours sincerely / faithfully


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