

CE15/1391

Ms Carolyn McNally Secretary Department of Planning and Environment GPO Box 39 SYDNEY NSW 2001

Dear Ms. McNally

Roads and Maritime Services has determined the M1 Pacific Motorway extension to Raymond Terrace is a project to which Part 5.1 of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979* applies (EP&A Act).

As a component of the Pacific Highway upgrade, this project is critical State significant infrastructure under section 115V of the EP&A Act, as it is considered to be essential to the State for economic, environmental or social reasons. Roads and Maritime Services is seeking the Minister for Planning's approval for the M1 Pacific Motorway extension to Raymond Terrace.

The application form, including a State significant infrastructure (SSI) application report has been submitted via the Department of Planning and Environment website. The SSI application report includes site details, a project description, permissibility and strategic planning details, a preliminary environmental assessment, justification for the proposal, consultation information and the capital investment value of the project. I trust this information will assist in the formulation of environmental assessment requirements for the project.

Roads and Maritime would be pleased to provide further information on the M1 Motorway extension to Raymond Terrace project as required. In this regard Colin Nunn may be contacted on (02) 4924 0331. Your assistance in progressing the assessment of this important proposal is greatly appreciated.

Yours sincerely

Peter Duncan AM Chief Executive

Roads & Maritime Services