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Dear Sue

RE: TWEED VALLEY HOSPITAL EIS RESPONSE TO DPE REGARDING TWEED COAST ROAD /
CUDGEN ROAD INTERSECTION

The original Traffic Impact Assessment (TIA) was prepared in accordance with RMS's Guide to Traffic Generating Developments and includes assessment of both background and 'project case' scenarios. This process identified various short-term upgrades to improve operational performance of the Tweed Coast Road / Cudgen Road intersection during peak periods under both background and 'project case' scenarios.

The works associated with upgrades at Tweed Coast Road / Cudgen Road signalised intersection are expected to include updates to both road infrastructure as well as the signal phase sequencing. Both Tweed Shire Council (TSC) and Roads and Maritime (RMS) have reviewed the assessment and were consulted through the assessment process. This consultation will continue through the Stage 2 application process.

At the time of the original assessment, TSC were in the process of reviewing the design of Tweed Coast Road duplication. These works are however only related to extending through lanes on Tweed Coast Road approaches to Cudgen Road. Council has no plans to increase turn movement capacity at this intersection. Rather, Council's plans relate to 4-laning Tweed Coast Road through the intersection as well as implement two (2) additional east-west road links north of Cudgen Road to improve connectivity to Kingscliff and reduce the reliance on Cudgen Road.

The existing intersection form was demonstrated to operate over capacity irrespective of the project (under base conditions) by 2023. Table 3.6 of the original TIA identified a base case operation at 2023 of LOS D, with many turn lanes operating at LOS F.

In regard to the operational performance of the proposed intersection upgrade, the original TIA submission within the EIS was undertaken prior to further consultation with Tweed Shire Council officers on the upgrade of Tweed Coast Road. Based on discussions with Tweed Shire Council officers post lodgement of the original TIA and considering the future planning for the road network connecting to Tweed Coast Road to the north, it was not considered appropriate to provide significant additional turning capacity to and from Cudgen Road over and above that required for the project. In addition, the detailed review of proposed upgrades identified restrictions in available roads reserve and services in proximity to the intersection. On this basis, the upgrades to cater for Project design traffic at the intersection were identified as follows:

- addition of a 100m southbound left-turn lane on Tweed Coast Road;

- phase sequence change to allow the southbound left-turn to overlap with the westbound right-turn (i.e. possible with the provision of a dedicated southbound left-turn lane);
- lane discipline change for the two approach lanes on the south-eastern approach:
 - Change of the left through lane to a through and right lane;
 - Change of the right through and right lane to a right only lane;
- extension of the northbound departure lane from approximately 85m to approximately 200m; and
- conversion of the north-western leg departure to a single lane (no physical changes. i.e. through provision of chevron line marking). With the lane discipline changes on the south-eastern approach, there is only one lane travelling through to the north-western departure lane.

Civil design concept plans were prepared and submitted as part of the Response to Submission (RtS) (See Attachment 1). The proposed infrastructure works at the Tweed Coast Road / Cudgen Road intersection are commensurate with TCS's future planning for Tweed Coast Road. Please note that, these plans are concept only and subject to further detailed assessment and consultation.

Table 1 below details the intersection movement summaries for the proposed upgrade in 2023 peak periods.

Table 1: Tweed Coast Road / Cudgen Road Intersection Performance - Proposed Works - Design Case

Approach	Year 2023 AM Peak - MVT					Year 2023 PM Peak - EVT				Year 2023 PM Peak - PVT			
	OD Movement	DOS	Ave Delay (s)	LOS	95%ile Queue (m)	DOS	Ave Delay (s)	LOS	95%ile Queue (m)	DOS	Ave Delay (s)	LOS	95%ile Queue (m)
South: Tweed Coast Road (S)	L1	0.319	26.6	LOS B	50	0.277	35.6	LOS C	35.8	0.277	35.6	LOS C	35.8
	T1	0.58	23.9	LOS B	102.7	0.504	32.5	LOS C	69.9	0.504	32.5	LOS C	69.9
	R3	0.866	52.4	LOS D	121.8	0.87	62.2	LOS E	62.3	0.841	58.4	LOS E	68.9
	Approach	0.866	33.9	LOS C	121.8	0.87	41.3	LOS C	69.9	0.841	40.9	LOS C	69.9
SouthEast: Cudgen Road (SE)	L3	0.099	7.9	LOS A	7	0.224	11.7	LOS A	38.8	0.204	11.4	LOS A	27.4
	T1	0.517	33.8	LOS C	60.6	0.526	28.9	LOS C	85	0.528	30.4	LOS C	81.4
	R1	0.868	47.5	LOS D	127.4	0.883	44.4	LOS D	194.9	0.888	46.2	LOS D	185.1
	Approach	0.868	37.7	LOS C	127.4	0.883	35.2	LOS C	194.9	0.888	36.3	LOS C	185.1
North: Tweed Coast Road (N)	L1	0.854	27	LOS B	20.9	0.515	11.5	LOS A	63.9	0.646	13	LOS A	91.9
	T1	0.458	35.2	LOS C	6.5	0.885	42.4	LOS C	148.4	0.885	42.4	LOS C	148.4
	R3	0.298	53.3	LOS D	1.4	0.317	50.2	LOS D	18.7	0.268	47.7	LOS D	18.1
	Approach	0.854	30	LOS C	20.9	0.885	29.1	LOS B	148.4	0.885	28.2	LOS B	148.4
NorthWest: Cudgen Road (NW)	L3	0.07	14.6	LOS B	7	0.059	16.8	LOS B	6.6	0.051	14.5	LOS B	5.8
	T1	0.596	42.6	LOS D	39.8	0.871	54.3	LOS D	40.1	0.53	44.9	LOS D	35.1
	R1	0.596	47.7	LOS D	39.8	0.871	62.1	LOS E	40.1	0.53	50	LOS D	35.1
	Approach	0.596	36.5	LOS C	39.8	0.871	47.1	LOS D	40.1	0.53	38.9	LOS C	35.1
All Vehicles		0.868	33.8	LOS C	120.8	0.885	34.5	LOS C	194.9	0.888	33.8	LOS C	185.1

It is noted that the operational performance of the current proposal for intersection differs slightly from the original TIA and reduces the intersection performance from LOS B to LOS C. The differences in intersection performance between the original assessment and the current design iteration primarily relate to select intersection movements and available turn pocket extensions. As previously mentioned, the existing intersection form was demonstrated to operate over capacity irrespective of the project (under base conditions) by 2023. Table 3.6 of the original TIA identified a base case operation at 2023 of LOS D, with many turn lanes operating at LOS F. Council has no plans to increase turn movement capacity at this intersection. Rather, Council's plans relate to 4-laning Tweed Coast Road through the intersection as well as implement two (2) additional east-west road links north of Cudgen Road to improve connectivity to Kingscliff and reduce the reliance on Cudgen Road.

The proposed upgrades considerably improve the performance of the intersection beyond base case (background) conditions and within acceptable performance limits for a signalised intersection in terms of LOS and DOS. Therefore, the project is seeking to address existing deficiencies whilst mitigating against its impacts.

Further consultation with Tweed Shire Council (TSC) and Roads and Maritime Service (RMS) will be undertaken including design, scope and timing as part of the Stage 2 application. For this reason, we are of the view that conditions relating to the current application should acknowledge the plan for traffic infrastructure works at Tweed Coast Road / Cudgen Road intersection but should not explicitly condition specific works at this stage.

It is also noted that RMS has identified within their response to the TIA that the proposed traffic assessment and recommended works are feasible and advised that works associated with the traffic signals shall require a Works Agreement Deed (WAD). As part of the WAD process, the detailed design including specific phase sequences updates will be resolved in consultation with RMS.

I trust that the above information is sufficient to respond to the questions received by DPE and will allow for reasonable and relevant conditions of approval to be prepared.

Yours faithfully



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ATTACHMENT 1

TWEED COAST ROAD / CUDGEN ROAD CONCEPT PLAN

LEGEND:

- SITE BOUNDARY
- ROAD PAVEMENT
- 100 YR FLOODING
- PMF FLOODING
- EXTENT OF WETLAND

2 LANES NORTHBOUND
TO END OF RAISED
MEDIAN THEN 120m
LONG TAPER

NEW LEFT LANE
ROAD PAVEMENT EXTENSION

PORTION OF EXISTING
MEDIAN TO BE REMOVED AND
INFILLED WITH ROAD
PAVEMENT (EXTENSION)

NEW LEFT LANE
ROAD PAVEMENT EXTENSION

NEW LEFT LANE
ROAD PAVEMENT EXTENSION

NEW KERB LINE 2.64m
OFFSET FROM BOUNDARY

3.50m
TURN LANE
NEW KERB LINE 2.50m
OFFSET FROM BOUNDARY

PEDESTRIAN CROSSING TO BE
ADJUSTED AND MEDIAN SHORTENED

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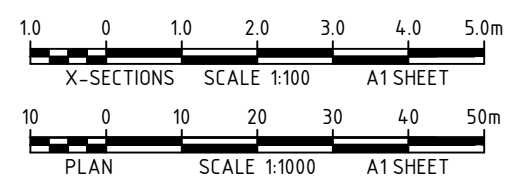
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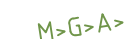
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CUDGEN AND TWEED COAST
ROAD INTERSECTION WORKS**

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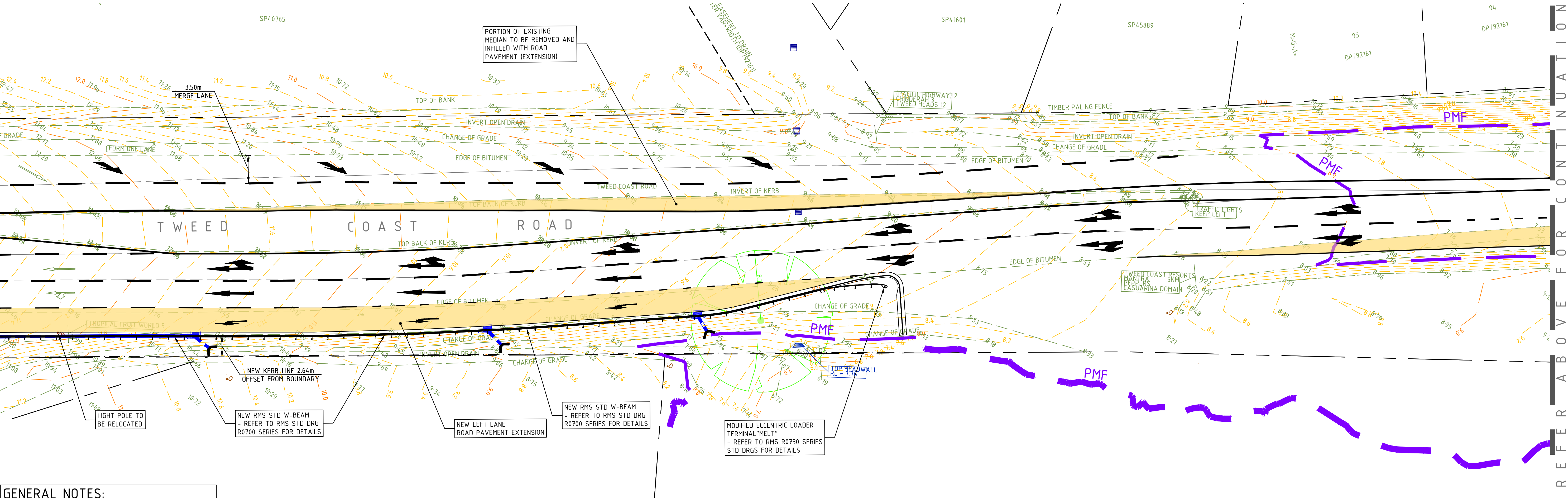
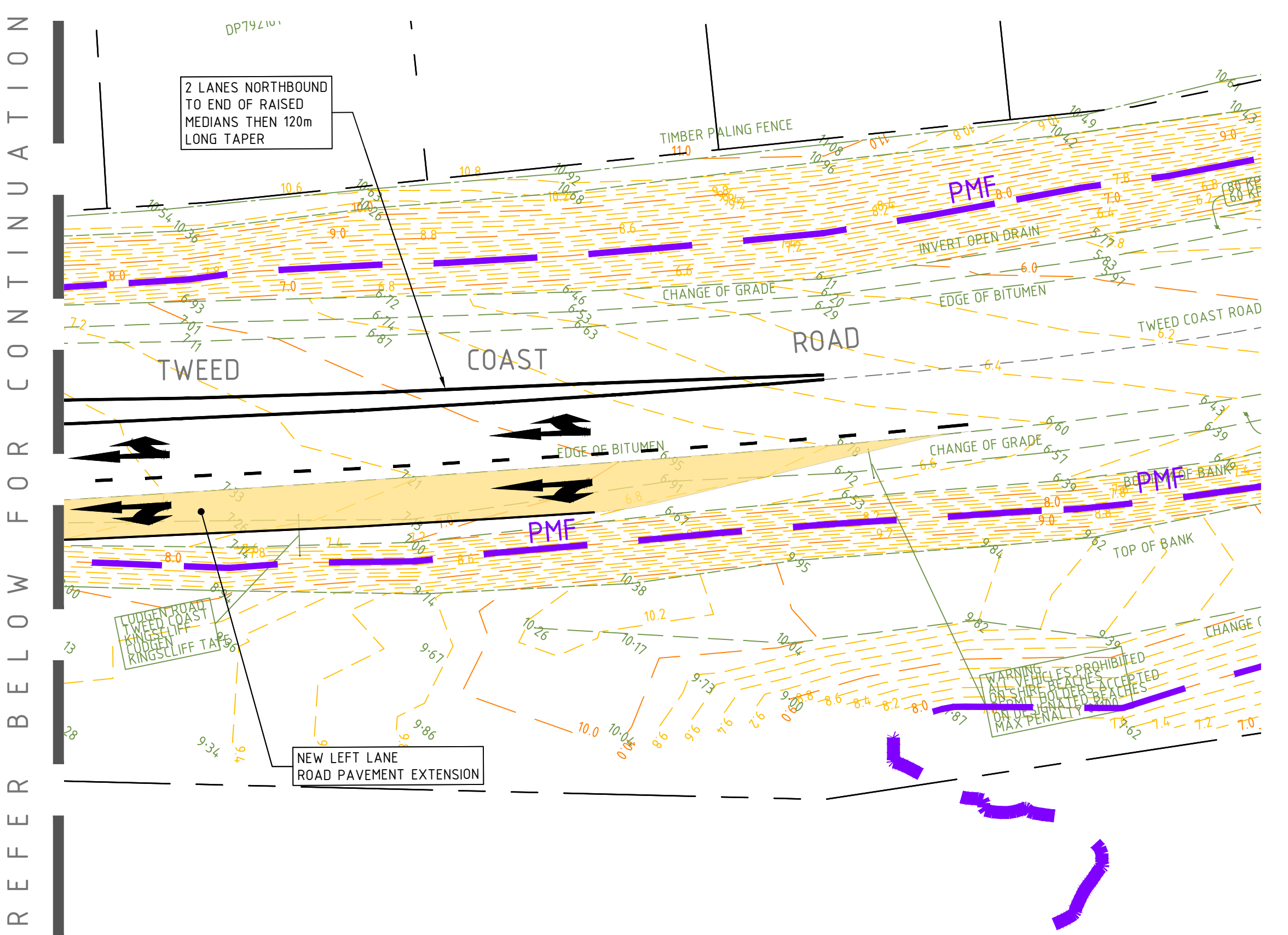
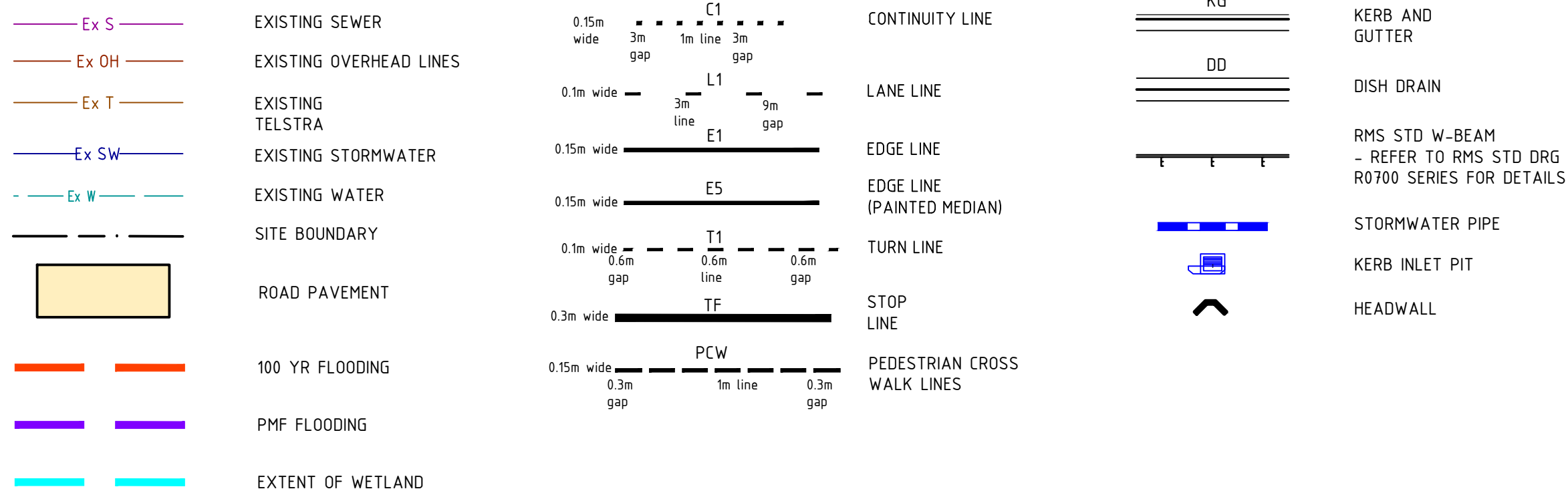
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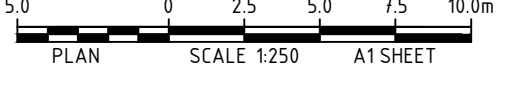
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