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Manager - Industry
Major Projects Assessment
NSW Department of Planning and Infrastructure
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Attention: Mr Andrew Hartcher

MAITLAND ROAD (HW10) AND INNER CITY BY-PASS (HW23): EXHIBITION OF ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT FOR AMMONIUM NITRATE STORAGE AND DISTRIBUTION FACILITY, LOT 12 DP625053, OLD MAITLAND ROAD, SANDGATE – (SSD-5119)

Dear Mr Hartcher,

I refer to your letter dated 30 January 2013, received on 4 February 2013, requesting comment from Roads and Maritime Services (RMS) regarding the Environmental Impact Statement for the subject application.

RMS Responsibilities

Transport for NSW and RMS primary interests are in the road network, traffic and broader transport issues. In particular, the efficiency and safety of the classified road network, the security of property assets and the integration of land use and transport.

In accordance with the *Roads Act 1993*, RMS has powers in relation to road works, traffic control facilities, connections to roads and other works on the classified road network. The Pacific Highway (HW10) is a classified (State) road. RMS concurrence is required for connections to the road with Council consent, under Section 138 of the Act. Council is the roads authority for this road and all other public roads in the area. Should road works be required on the classified (State) road, RMS would exercise the functions of roads authority under Sections 64 and 71 of the Act.

RMS Response and Requirements

RMS has reviewed the Environmental Impact Statement, including the Traffic Impact Assessment prepared by Better Transport Futures (BTF) dated November 2012. RMS has also considered the supplementary traffic information provided by BTF (letter to ERM dated 14 December 2012). This additional information was requested by RMS at a meeting held with BTF on 11 December 2012.

Roads & Maritime Services

RMS has no objections to or requirements for the subject development as it is considered the development will have no significant impact on the classified (State) road network or the operation of traffic control signals.

Additionally, the developer should consult with Council regarding any appropriate upgrade works on Old Maitland Road between the access road to the site and the Pacific Highway.

On the Minister's determination of this matter, it would be appreciated if a copy of the Project Approval is forwarded to RMS for record and / or action purposes.

Please contact me on 4924 0688 if you require further advice.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Dave Young', with a large circular flourish at the end.

Dave Young
Manager Land Use
Hunter Region

Cc Mr Tim Dewey
Transport for NSW

General Manager
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