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Dear Gavin

Consultation regarding proposed Pacific Highway / Harrington Road Interchange Upgrade

I refer to your correspondence seeking commentary from MidCoast Council regarding the proposed upgrade to the Pacific Highway / Harrington Road Interchange Upgrade.


MidCoast Council is supportive of the interchange works and the safety benefits it will provide to the Harrington and Coopernook localities.

Areas that Council is seeking to be considered / addressed through the design and execution of the works is as follows:

- Consideration of school bus routes and stop locations within the scope of the works
- Recognition of the community use of the gravel carpark areas where the roundabouts are proposed
- Provide integrated active transport paths within the scope of the project
- Undertake / review flood modelling and mitigate local flood / stormwater impacts on the adjoining landowners and the community for the proposed works
- Consider entry signage for Coopernook and Harrington within the scope of the project
- Consider impacts of major land releases such as the Brimbin development and ensure the design is appropriate for future demand
- Ensure consultation is undertaken with the local community and integrate messages with Council's communication / engagement team to ensure the community, elected representatives and Council staff are informed
- Undertake appropriate environmental assessments relating to the proposed works
- Ensure staging of the works to minimise disruption to road users
- Provide a clearly defined and agreed asset ownership / transfer process

If you require any further clarification of this information, please contact me on the details below.

Yours sincerely



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Dear Gavin,

Notification under section 2.13 of the State Environmental Planning Policy (Transport and Infrastructure) 2021 in relation to the proposed works for the Pacific Highway Harrington Road Interchange Upgrade.

Thank you for the notification under section 2.13 of the *State Environmental Planning Policy (Transport and Infrastructure) 2021* in relation to the proposal to build a grade separated crossing at the Harrington Road and Coopernook Road intersections with the Pacific Highway (HW10), in Mid-Coast LGA. It is understood that the proposed works include:

- A 100 m long bridge over the Pacific Highway, utilising the existing preloaded fill embankments
- A link road with a single lane in each direction connecting Coopernook Road and Harrington Road.
- Connection with Coopernook Road via a single lane roundabout
- Connection with Harrington Road via a single lane roundabout
- Adjustments to the Pacific Highway median to remove turning lanes and install wire rope
- Adjustments to the existing Coopernook Road and Harrington Road at-grade intersections with the Pacific Highway

The NSW State Emergency Service (NSW SES) is the agency responsible for dealing with floods, storms and tsunamis in NSW. This role includes, planning for, responding to, and coordinating the initial recovery from floods. As such, the NSW SES has an interest in the public safety aspects of the development of flood prone land, particularly the potential for changes to land use to either exacerbate existing flood risk or create new flood risk for communities in NSW.

The NSW SES has reviewed the proposed upgrade and the flood risk information (e.g. Greater Taree Local Flood Plan (2014), Manning River Floodplain Risk Management Study and Plan 2020) available to the NSW SES. In extreme flood events the Pacific Highway may be overtopped, and significant volumes of flood water may flow from the Manning River across

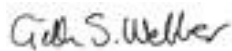
the highway and onto the eastern and southern floodplains at 2.87m on the Croki gauge. In particular, the highway between the Harrington Road turnoff south to the Coopernook River Bridge (observed in June 2011). The proposed works may impact the NSW SES response operations, as this intersection is an evacuation route for Harrington starting at a 20% AEP flood event. Any improvements that can make to reduce any flood risk will benefit the current and future community. Based on this review, the NSW SES provides the following advice:

- consider the impact of flooding on the infrastructure up to and including the PMF.
- pursue, if relevant, site design and stormwater management that minimises any risk to the community.
- ensure workers and people using the site during and after the upgrades are aware of the flood risk, for example by using signage.

In addition, if the construction phase of the upgrades causes disruption to the operation of local roads, this may impact the ability for emergency vehicles to use these routes. The NSW SES requests that notification be provided where there are likely to be significant delays in the operation of the roads affected by the upgrades.

Please feel free to contact me via email at rra@ses.nsw.gov.au should you wish to discuss any of the matters raised in this correspondence. The NSW SES would also be interested in receiving future correspondence regarding the outcome of this referral via this email address.

Yours sincerely



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