



15 May 2018

Mr Dan Champness
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Dear Mr Champness

Byron Rail Precinct Revitalisation

Byron Shire Council welcomes the opportunity to work with Transport for NSW on a collaborative approach to the revitalisation of the Byron Bay Rail Precinct.

This precinct incorporates Railway Park, the Byron Bus Interchange, the Visitor Information Centre and the Byron Rail Corridor – it is the arrival point for visitors and the ‘heart’ of the town centre for the local community.

The revitalisation project will enable the space to be opened up for community use and for a bus interchange to be constructed, making it a project of significant regional economic and community benefit.

The project will:

- Provide critical East-West linkages through the town centre
- Deliver environmental outcomes through the regenerated wetland area
- Encourage community use of the Railway Corridor
- Celebrate the heritage of the rail precinct
- Improve pedestrian and cycle movements through the town centre
- Create an important arrival ‘hub’ for Byron’s 2.2 million visitors annually

Council welcomes the opportunity to work closely with Transport for NSW to ensure the projects within the precinct are approached in an integrated way.

This revitalisation project will enable Council and Transport for NSW to deliver significant local and regional benefits and maximise the precinct’s potential as a community open space.

Yours sincerely

Mark Arnold
Acting General Manager



From: [PANICH, ANDRE](#)
To: [Lunney, John](#); [Bernie LARIVIERE](#); [Jessica ADAMS](#)
Subject: RE: Byron Bay Interchange
Date: Wednesday, 27 March 2019 1:20:42 PM
Attachments: [image001.jpg](#)

Jess

REF for carpark works adjacent to the Interchange is in the link if you wish..

the [link](#)

Cheers

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From: Lunney, John
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Cc: PANICH, ANDRE
Subject: FW: Byron Bay Interchange

Jess,

Link to the TfNSW website for the project: <https://www.transport.nsw.gov.au/projects/current-projects/byron-bay-bus-interchange>

And attached submissions from the public from OEH

Give me a call if you need anything else

Cheers
John

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From: Lunney, John

Sent: Friday, 22 March 2019 5:24 PM

To: Chris Daffin; 'SMITH, ROD'

Subject: Byron Bay Interchange

Hi Chris,

I'll not go too far into the background/history of the project and just address the main concern for all the moment regarding community consultation and feedback.

Since the start it has always been ST's intention to have the project on Public display allowing the community to review all documentation, provide feedback on the display and have the project review and provide a response.

The community relations team within ST E&MD primarily works on the EPL requirements and notifications for works like Possessions. The corporate community relations team looks more at corporate/business type events, charities etc.

Understanding this and the approval pathway the project would be conducting prior to determining the project, we therefore began to work with OEH to provide the public display.

On the 08/11/2018 – ST project team conducted initial meeting with OEH to present the project prior to the s60 submission and our request for the project as a whole to go on public display.

On the 20/11/2018 – ST submitted the s60 application – The submission included all project documentation relating to the interchange including all design drawings, REF, SOHI, reports etc. (The same information that would be provided if a second public display is required).

The project immediately begun working with the media teams to announce the project and on the 10/12/2018 – Ben Franklin MLC Announced both – Bypass and Interchange with the last paragraph of the announcement advising:

“As part of the process, an application has been submitted to the Office of Environment and Heritage for approval and the community will be able to provide feedback when it is placed on public exhibition. The proposal can also be viewed at the Byron Shire Council offices,”

This also attracted NBN local news TV coverage.

While awaiting OEH to initially review the submission, ST had been working closely with BSC to

prepare the display so it can advertise the feedback period on their website with a link to the OEH page which advised the process for feedback.
ST also requested from BSC that a physical display of all the submitted documentation to OEH in the Council offices at Mullumbimby – which was on display during the entire period.

On 17/12/2018 OEH has advised they had reviewed the submission and that:

Deliberations have taken longer than I anticipated. All managers have agreed that there is no requirement for the Heritage Council of NSW to advertise this application on heritage grounds. However, because the Heritage Division values its relationships with other government agencies, it has been agreed to advertise the application to support Sydney Trains on providing a forum for concerned citizens to have a say about the development.

With end of the year approach it was agreed between ST and OEH to have a 4 week period of review but wait until mid-January ensuring Christmas holidays didn't unfairly exclude members of the public.

On the 17 Jan 2019 the Project was officially put on public display by OEH advertising in the Byron Shire Newspaper; in parallel ST installing public notice signs along the existing chain fence around the site; in parallel BSC advertising the public display on their website. The notice had:

Applicant: Andre Panich, Sydney Trains.

Proposal: Construction of a transport interchange including: amenities block; kiss and ride facilities; shelter and bus stop; taxi stand; bicycle facilities, within a landscaped precinct.

*The Heritage Council invites written submissions regarding the proposal. Submissions are to be forwarded to the Heritage Council's postal address, to be received by **close of business 14 February 2019**. Note that if a submission is made by a way of objection, the reasons for objection must be specified in the submission. **Unless you state otherwise, copies may also be provided to the applicant** or other interested parties in some circumstances.*

All project documentation was available either in hard copies at Parramatta or Byron Shire Council or electronically via request by email to OEH. This included all design drawings and reports, REF, SOHI etc.

Two weeks into the display period there was an article by the Byron Echo which complained about the community consultation process – this was brought to our attention by TfNSW. ST then working with TfNSW Community Engagement team organised a letter box drop to the residents on the Butler St side covering approximately a 500m radius.

Submission to OEH closed on the 14/02/2019, ST received them from OEH on 01/03/2019 – currently ST and TfNSW Community Engagement team has established the Byron Bay Interchange website where the documentation is available.

Now that the project has reviewed all the community feedback submissions the project team is compiling a response/report that would form part of the determination report. We have also discussed completing a letter box drop of the response/report to the local area as well as it being available on the website.

We are yet to receive the OEH S60 approval with conditions which is part of our planning approval to commence works – this approval is anticipated to be received next week.

This is the status to date and based on this I believe the project team is at the stage of provide response to the community feedback.

This should be read in conjunction with the email that Rod will send shortly.

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