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22 August 2002

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Dear Mr Ellaway

Thank you for your letter of 22 July 2002 requesting comment from Council regarding issues which should be covered in the additional environmental assessment work for the route modifications.

Firstly, Council apologises for not responding earlier but the politics of the proposed highway upgrade made it imperative that these matters were considered before responding.

In this regard the matter was referred to a recent meeting of Council. Council resolved to respond and advise that the following key issues should be considered in the revised environmental assessment for modified sections 2, 4 and 5.

- The RTA's intentions regarding compensatory habitat;
- Impacts on flooding;
- Consideration of non information/reports on environmental and cultural, heritage and archaeological issues. (This relates to recently purposed environmental and heritage reports);
- Impact on traffic during the construction period; and
- Crossing point of the Brunswick River.

These areas are the main issues of concern to Council. The majority of the concept changes represent improvements/simplifications which reduce environmental impacts.

It is understood the interchange changes have been developed in close consultation with the local communities they affect and therefore all social issues should have been considered during their development.

The flood issue is of major concern to the South Golden Beach, New Brighton, Ocean Shores communities and needs to be fully assessed.

The matter of traffic control and safety during construction of the Brunswick River Crossing is a concern to the local residents. A section on how this is to be achieved and impacts on residents should be included in the EIS.

Council is also concerned and in fact is not in favour of the introduction of B-Doubles on the section of highway through the Shire. There is a recent resolution of Council that the RTA be formally advised of this. This issue needs to be covered.

ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO BE ADDRESSED TO THE GENERAL MANAGER

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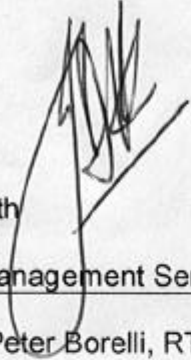
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Please contact me on 6626 7103 should you need further clarification of any of the above issues.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Jeff Smith', written over a large, light-colored oval shape.

Jeff Smith  
Director  
Asset Management Services

cc Peter Borelli, RTA Grafton

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**Northern Rivers  
Catchment Management Board**

Sustaining our natural resources

Mr Peter Borelli  
Roads and Traffic Authority  
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Dear Mr Borelli.

**Re: Pacific Highway Upgrade, Brunswick Heads to Yelgun - Modified Route  
Option request for comments.**

I refer to your letter dated 15 August 2002 concerning the above.

On behalf of the Northern Rivers Catchment Management Board I would like to make the following comments:

I understand that modifications to the original route and bridge design have been undertaken following community and agency consultation. The modifications appear to lead to a reduction in the road footprint and the introduction of some environmental trade off packages. We would certainly endorse this process and any desirable outcomes that lessen the impact of the project on the environment, both in the construction and post construction phase.

It is understood that necessary actions would be undertaken to:- minimise erosion and sediment control; address the risk of acid sulfate soil disturbance; and, ensure any land clearing activities will have minimal impact on the environment, especially endangered native species. Areas of Aboriginal cultural significance have also been identified and the Board understands that the local Aboriginal community have been consulted, with inclusion of actions necessary to protect such areas.

To be more specific we endorse actions that would see steps taken to reduce impact on seagrass beds, saltmarshes and related mangroves, and to cause minimal disturbance to the riverbank and associated habitat. It is noted that the project area includes a designated SEPP 14 wetland, which contains high biodiversity of native plants and animals. It is understood that the proposed wetland compensation package may change as a result of the modifications to the original design. The Board would expect that such changes would result in enhancement of the environment, in accordance with community concerns.

Additionally I understand that the purchase of private lands within the Marshalls Creek corridor will be undertaken for inclusion in the Marshalls Creek Nature Reserve and that these lands will then come under the control of NPWS. The Board would expect some community input into the on-going management of this reserve.

It is my understanding that the community will be kept fully briefed of the project's progress and the necessary government agencies will be monitoring and assessing the impacts of the project on the environment.

In summary, the primary concern to the Board is that the proposed modifications to the Plan, especially the impact on the SEPP 14 wetland, will be addressed and that the proposed compensation package will more than adequately cover habitat loss and the reinstatement of a healthy ecosystem.

I have enclosed a copy of the NRCMB Blueprint. I hope that you and your Department will find this a useful reference to understanding the role and priorities of the Board in meeting the environmental, social and economic needs of the Northern Rivers region.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

*W. J. Smith*

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Mr Ellaway,

I refer to your letter of 20 June seeking comments on the environmental assessment for design modifications to the Approved Route of the Pacific Highway Upgrade, Brunswick Heads to Yelgun.

I wish to advise that we have no comments at this time.

Steve Alchin  
Executive Director, Masterplanning and Infrastructure  
Transport NSW

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