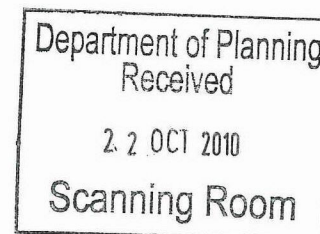


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Attention: Ms Lisa Pemberton

EXHIBITION OF ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT FOR PROPOSED MIXED USE DEVELOPMENT, 147 SOLDIERS POINT ROAD, SOLDIERS POINT (MP06_0183)

Dear Ms Pemberton

I refer to your letter dated 29 September 2010 (Your reference MP06_0183) regarding the public exhibition of the Environmental Assessment for the subject development, which was forwarded to the Roads and Traffic Authority (RTA) for consideration under the requirements of Infrastructure State Environmental Planning Policy (2007).

RTA Responsibilities and Obligations

The RTA's primary interests are in the road network, traffic and broader transport issues, particularly in relation to 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*, the RTA has powers in relation to road works, traffic control facilities, connections to roads and other works on the classified road network. Soldiers Point Road is an unclassified local road. Council is the roads authority for Soldiers Point Road and all other public roads in the area.

RTA Response and Requirements

The subject project application meets the requirements for referral to the Hunter Regional Development Committee (HRDC). However, as acting Chairperson and delegate for the HRDC, I have reviewed the information provided and consider that the proposed development will not significantly impact the classified road network. Any impacts on the local road network can be addressed by Council. Therefore the proposed development application is not required to be referred to the HRDC in this instance.

The RTA has reviewed the information provided and has no objections to or requirements for the proposed development as it is unlikely to have any significant impact on the classified road network.

Port Stephens Council should also be consulted regarding the proposed development.

Roads and Traffic Authority

On the Minister's determination of this project, it would be appreciated if a copy of the development consent is forwarded to the RTA for record purposes.

Please contact me on (02) 4924 0240 if you require further advice.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'B. Konetschnik', written in a cursive style.

Ben Konetschnik
A/Manager, Land Use Development
Hunter Infrastructure Services

19 October 2010

Cc General Manager
 Port Stephens Council