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Milland and Seawide Properties, Ocean Drive, Lake Cathie

Further to our recent telephone conversation and my site inspection of the above properties in December 2005, I have reviewed your rezoning submission, including the revegetation proposals, and compared it to what I proposed in my flora and fauna report dated May 2002.

I provide the following comments with respect to the recommendations contained in my flora and fauna survey report and how these are encapsulated in your rezoning proposal (illustrated below):

- My flora and fauna report proposed a north south wildlife corridor which included the State Environmental and Planning Policy 26 Littoral Rainforest. This concept has been embraced in the Lake Cathie - Bonny Hills Masterplan (Map 2) and includes the riparian vegetation located in the south-west corner of your site.
- My flora and fauna report proposed the shape of the littoral rainforest be enhanced by decreasing the edge-to-area ratio. This can be facilitated by plantings along the western boundary. Exhibits 4 & 5 of the rezoning proposal provide the conceptual subdivision layout and detailed buffer treatment along the western edge of the rainforest. I note that your proposed minimum buffer treatment is 65 metres including a 25 metre strip containing a perimeter road, public reserve containing pathway/cycleway, open grass and scattered trees and a 2 metre high fence with a

spiky hedge along the landward side. The remaining 40 metre wide buffer area on the seaward side of the fence is proposed to be revegetated in accordance with a revegetation plan. This buffer exceeds that recommended in my flora and fauna report and is supported.

- I further note that your proposal includes weed maintenance and regeneration work on the eastern side of the littoral rainforest. As this work is to be undertaken on Crown Land, it was not included in my flora and fauna report. However, this work is likely to further enrich the biodiversity of the littoral rainforest.
- I previously provided David Tooby of your office a list of suitable littoral rainforest species which could be incorporated into your rainforest revegetation. I note that the trees proposed to be utilised in the revegetation /buffer plantings are consistent with this list and suitable for this purpose.

Should you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact me on phone/facsimile 6685 3148 or email peterp@mullum.com.au.

Yours sincerely,

