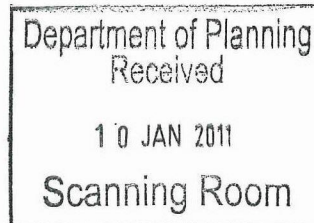




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Attention: Dorna Darab

Dear Ms Johnston,

**COAL AND ALLIED SOUTHERN ESTATES – MIDDLE CAMP, NORDS
WHARF AND GWANDALAN**

I refer to your letters dated 16 November 2010 seeking advice on the State Significant Site (SSS) Study for the Nords Bay, Middle Camp and Gwandalan residential subdivisions. Transport NSW (TNSW) appreciates the opportunity to provide input to these applications.

TNSW has reviewed the State Significant Site studies and accompanying Traffic and Transport reports and acknowledges that the subject sites are located on land identified in the Lower Hunter Regional Strategy for future urban development.

TNSW supports the proponent's commitment to integrating the site's with existing bus networks and providing bus stops. TNSW also supports the proponent's commitment to providing pedestrian and cycle networks throughout each proposed subdivision. TNSW requests that dedicated footpaths be provided on both sides of each road to encourage walking within the proposed subdivisions.

At present, work is underway on the preparation of a Regional Transport Strategy for the Hunter Region and this includes the Gwandalan and Catherine Hill Bay areas. Actions included within the strategy are aimed at establishing local and regional viability through creating an accessible and connected region. Transport is important for economic activity, access to services, and maintaining social connections in a dispersed region.

In addition to this, the Department of Planning in close collaboration with Transport NSW has released the draft Central Coast Regional Transport Strategy. Both agencies have also collaborated on the preparation of the draft North Wyong Structure Plan, which is currently on exhibition.

Finally, TNSW notes that a number of applications for residential subdivisions in the area have been submitted and a process for considering the cumulative impact of small scale subdivisions warrants further consideration. TNSW would be pleased to participate in this discussion.

I trust that these comments are of assistance. Should you wish to discuss this matter further, please contact Ben Colmer on 9268 2259 or email ben.colmer@transport.nsw.gov.au.

Yours sincerely

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