

Mr James Roncon General Manager Armidale Regional Council PO Box 75A Armidale NSW 2350

Re: Regional Road Transfer and Road Classification Review - Kempsey- 5 September 2022 Armidale Road

Dear Mr Roncon

The Regional Road Transfer and Road Classification Review implementation program (the Program) is underway for the recommendations arising from the Priority round of the review, announced on 21 September 2021. This letter serves to provide you with an update on the Kempsey-Armidale Road transfer project.

Transport for NSW (TfNSW) understand that there is currently extensive Disaster Recovery work on the Kempsey-Armidale Road (the road) which will take until at least mid-2025 to complete.

So as not to interfere with this vital recovery work, TfNSW will not begin the process of transferring the road until the completion of that work.

TfNSW understands that this Disaster Recovery work is of the utmost importance to bring the road back to working order for the users who rely on Kempsey-Armidale Road. TfNSW understands the scale and difficulties involved in the recovery works being undertaken on the road.

It is understood that the Disaster Recovery work will be the primary focus on this road until the recovery work is finished in 2025. TfNSW will hold on facilitating the transfer of Kempsey-Armidale Road Until those Disaster Recovery works are nearing completion.

Be assured that TfNSW intends to complete the transfer of this road at the earliest possible time following the completion of the Disaster Recovery works.

TfNSW will continue to monitor the recovery work and will seek updates through Mr Michael Papadopoulos of North Region. As the Disaster Recovery work nears completion, we will form up a project team consisting of representatives from TfNSW as well as Armidale Regional Council and Kempsey Shire Council.

Should you require any additional information, or if there are changes to councils plans for the road, please contact Michael Papadopoulos, Community and Place, on 0438 640 685.

Sincerely,

Anna Zycki

Region Director, North

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