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Dear Mr Silverthorne

Hume Highway Duplication – Out of Hours Works for Paving and Concrete Saw Cutting - Albury Wodonga National Highway and Woomargama to Mullengandra (MP 06_0249)

I refer to your correspondence, undated, and documentation titled 'Out Of Hours Application For Paving And Concrete Saw Cutting', dated 10 July 2008, requesting an extension to the construction hours specified in the Minister's approvals for Hume Highway duplication works between Woomargama and Table Top, to enable out of hours paving and concrete saw cutting to be undertaken for the subject projects.

The Department has considered your request and pursuant to condition 28A of the Albury Wodonga National Highway project approval and condition 2.14 of the Woomargama to Mullengandra project approval, the Director-General approves the following activities, which may only be carried out, outside of approved construction hours as follows:

- Concrete paving activities on 'hot days' (with a forecast maximum ambient temperature in excess of 36°C) may be carried out from 2:30am to 7:00am, Monday to Saturday. However, should a noise criteria exceedance be predicted at a sensitive receiver (as identified in the *Hume Highway Duplication Project Southern Alliance – Woomargama to Table Top, Out of Hours Application for Paving and Concrete Saw Cutting – 10 July 2008*), then paving activities may not be carried out on Monday mornings prior to 7:00am,
- Concrete cutting may be carried out from 7:00pm to 7:00am Monday to Friday, and 12:00am to 7:00am and 4:00pm to 10:00pm Saturdays, and
- No Work is to be carried out on Sundays or Public Holidays.

This approval is subject to the following requirements:

1. out of hours concrete paving activities may only be carried out for a maximum of 45 days over any 12 month period,
2. the Hume Highway Southern Alliance must investigate and trial reasonable and feasible onsite noise mitigation measures to minimise noise impacts on sensitive receivers (particularly in relation to saw cutting). The results of this investigation and trial (including a commitment for the continued application of trialled mitigation measures, where considered practical) must be forwarded to the Department of Planning within one month of the commencement of out of hours paving and concrete saw cutting works,
3. the Community Consultation Strategy as identified in Section 4 of the *Hume Highway Duplication Project Southern Alliance – Woomargama to Table Top, Out of Hours Application for Paving and Concrete Saw Cutting – 10 July 2008*, being implemented,

4. the Control Measures and Safeguards as identified in Table 5-1 of the *Hume Highway Duplication Project Southern Alliance – Woomargama to Table Top, Out of Hours Application for Paving and Concrete Saw Cutting – 10 July 2008*, being implemented,
5. the Construction Manager and/or Stakeholder and Community Manager must be available for the duration of the out of hour works, where out of hours paving and cutting works are predicted to have a high risk of disturbance to sensitive receivers (as described and identified in Section 3.5 of the *Hume Highway Duplication Project Southern Alliance – Woomargama to Table Top, Out of Hours Application for Paving and Concrete Saw Cutting – 10 July 2008*). The relevant officer shall have the authority to implement and investigate measures to remove/reduce noise sources and offer alternative accommodation to affected residents,
6. sensitive receivers predicted to experience L_{A10} cumulative noise levels in excess of 20dBA above background noise levels during works undertaken between 10.00pm and 7.00am, must be offered alternative accommodation for the duration of the exceedance, at least 24 hours (preferably 48 hours) prior to paving and cutting works commencing.
7. for works undertaken between 10.00pm and 7.00am, noise monitoring will be undertaken at sensitive receivers within 200m of paving and cutting works for two days prior to and two days after works at their minimum distance from that receiver. Where applicable, monitoring may be carried out at a representative location and time. Where monitoring identifies potential or actual noise levels of 20dBA above background noise levels at sensitive receivers, alternative accommodation must be offered to affected receivers.
8. the Department of Planning, the Department of Environmental and Climate Change, the Environmental Management Representative (Environmental Representative) and potentially affected sensitive receivers being notified no less than 24 hours (preferably 48 hours) in advance of out of hours works commencing at each location. Notification of potentially affected receivers would include an explanation of the scope and timeframe of works, the predicted noise impacts and how these are likely to affect the receiver. This requirement may be waived in respect of sensitive receivers who have requested no further consultation, except those expected to have noise levels greater than 20dBA above background noise levels. All potentially affected residents must also be provided with direct contact details (mobile number) for the project foreman, Construction Manager and/or Stakeholder and Community Manager (as relevant) during the works.
9. providing the opportunity for a complainant (if requested) to discuss their complaint and the Hume Highway Southern Alliance response with the Environmental Management Representative (Environmental Representative).


The Department notes that the proposed request extends over a 12 month period and is concerned that the extended approval may discourage the Alliance to regularly review and improve upon the environmental performance of the out-of-hours activity. Consequently, in addition to the above requirements, the Department requires the Alliance to regularly report on the environmental performance of the paving and saw cutting activities in the six-monthly compliance reports prepared for the Project. This shall include:


- the results of the regular monitoring undertaken during the preceding six month period;
- a review/audit of the noise mitigation measures implemented during the out-of-hours activity, and where relevant, the additional mitigation measures implemented; and
- details of noise complaint(s) received during the extended working hours, and where relevant, the corrective action implemented by the Alliance in response to the complaint(s).

The Director-General reserves the right to revoke or restrict these hours should a number of justifiable complaints be lodged concerning construction hours and noise impacts associated with these activities.

Should you require any additional information or clarification, please do not hesitate to contact Lisa Chan on 9228 6226 or via email lisa.chan@planning.nsw.gov.au.

Yours sincerely


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