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Dear Cr Wright

Pacific Highway upgrade - Ballina Bypass - Cumbalum Interchange

Thank you for your letter of 21 April 2020 about the Cumbalum interchange. I am sorry for the delay in my response.

With the Pacific Highway upgrade nearing completion, future planning includes investigating growth areas and changes in land use that could affect the performance and effectiveness of older interchanges, including Cumbalum.

South-facing ramps at the Cumbalum interchange were considered during the design and planning phases of the Ballina Bypass upgrade project. After the project was approved in 2003, the question of south-facing ramps was re-visited in 2008, 2012 and 2019.

While we are of the view that there is not currently sufficient demand to justify building a full interchange at Cumbalum, future work will take a closer look at traffic demand, forecast population growth and existing and approved land use patterns in the surrounding area. This will include origin-to-destination scenarios in order to better understand the travel routes most used by traffic passing through the interchange and surrounds.

In response to the specific questions asked in your letter, I can confirm the interchange was designed to allow south-facing ramps to be added in the future. However, the design was to a concept level only and a future project will require full project design processes to occur.

A preliminary strategic estimate was prepared in 2012 and indicated that the cost of the additional ramps was in the order of \$30M in 2012 dollars. In 2020 dollars, and until further work is undertaken to develop a design and estimate to a more detailed stage, Transport for NSW would be suggesting a strategic budget required for the project is likely to be in the range \$40-50M.

I trust this information is of use, and we will continue to work with Ballina Shire Council staff to assist with the ongoing integration of transport planning outcomes.

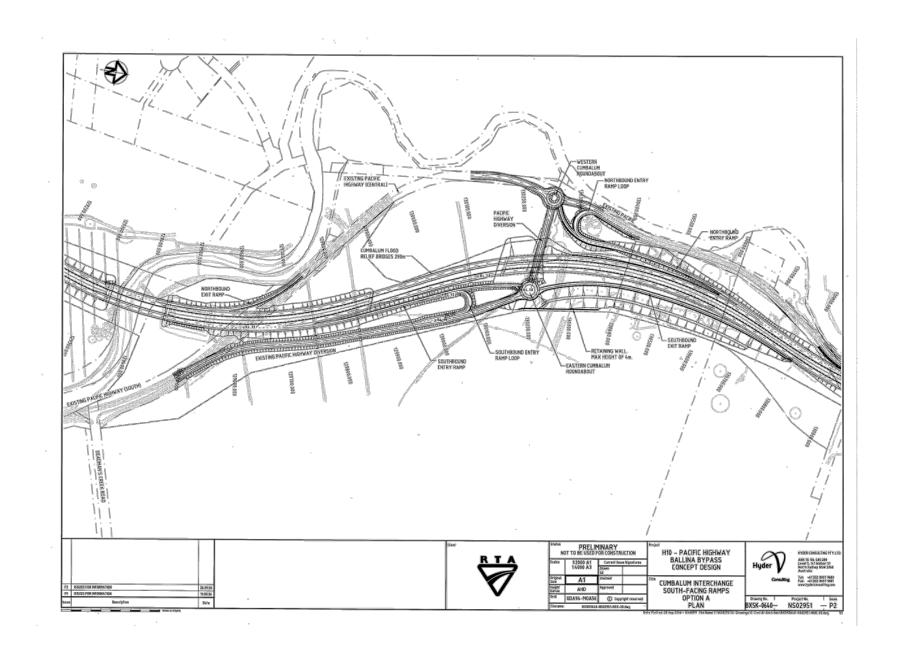
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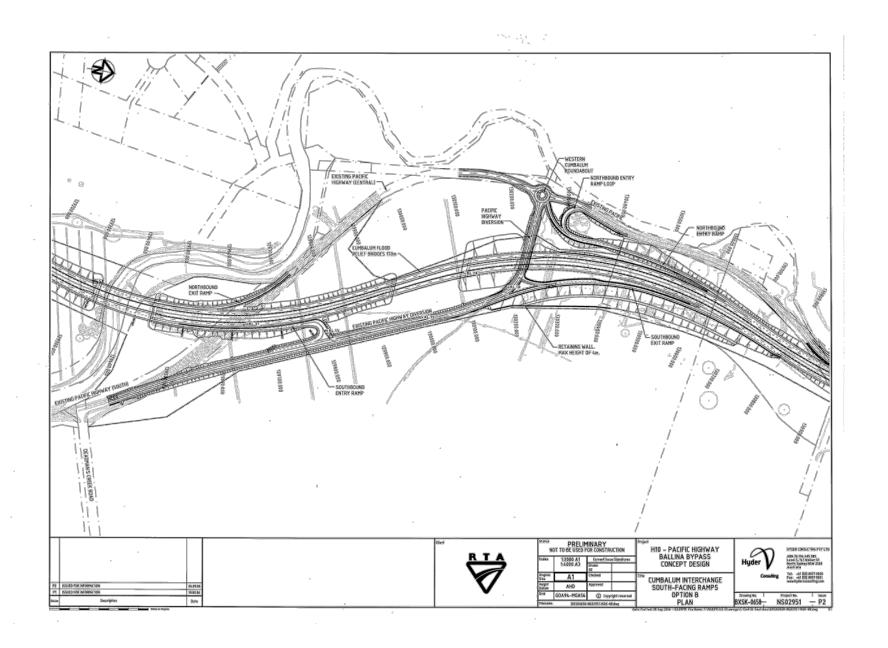
Kind regards

Jennifer Travis
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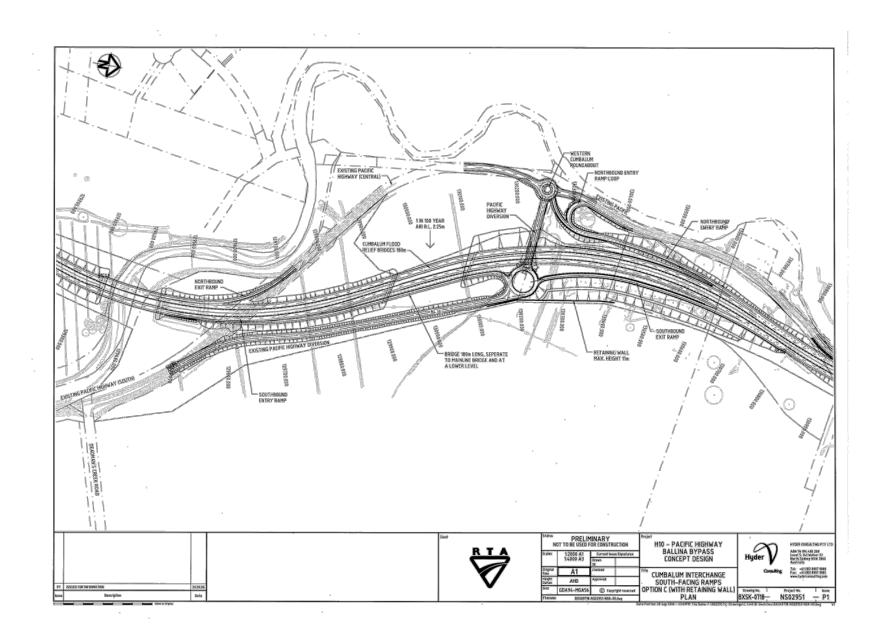
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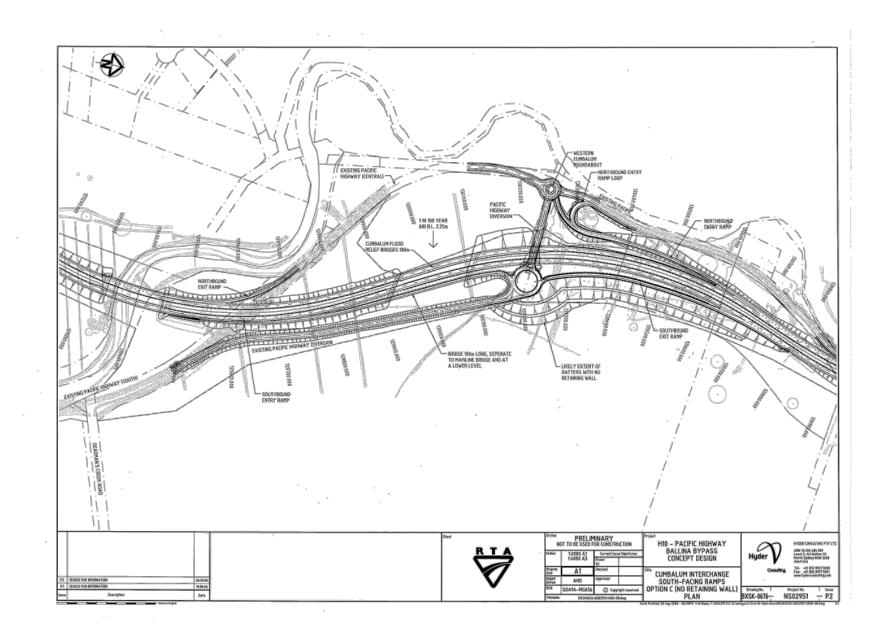
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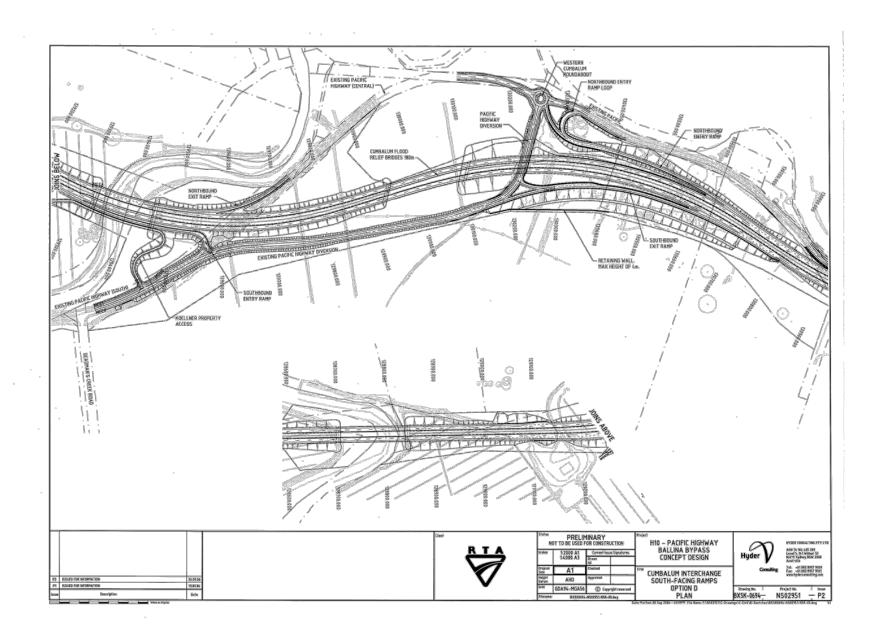


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