## INQUIRY INTO KOALA POPULATIONS AND HABITAT IN NEW SOUTH WALES

Name:Ms Cheryl EganDate Received:2 August 2019

Dear Committee,

Please accept this letter as my submission to the Inquiry into koala populations and habitat in New South Wales. I consent to the committee making this submission and my name public.

Hi Cheryl

Thank you for your email regarding the Appin Road upgrade project.

South west Sydney is home to a significant population of koalas. We understand that vehicle strikes is considered one of the major factors contributing to the decline of koala populations across NSW. This has been considered throughout the design of the Appin Road upgrade project.

At this stage, fauna crossings are not proposed as part of the project design. However, in response to feedback received from the community, recommendations made by the Office of Environment and Heritage and independent expert reports, additional fauna fencing has now been proposed for both the eastern and western side of Appin Road at Noorumba Reserve. For more information, please see our website <u>https://www.rms.nsw.gov.au/projects/sydney-west/appin-road/index.html</u>

Kind regards

Appin Road upgrade project team

Yours Sincerely,

Cheryl Egan