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Dear Geoff,

**Proposed transfer of Crown roads to local Councils
Diagrams "A" & "B" attached**

I refer to your email of 13 January 2009 seeking the Departments views regarding the subject proposal.

Crown roads were established in the original subdivision of the Crown estate to provide corridors of access to parish portions. Known generally as "paper roads" or "road reserves" they provide basic legal access in a natural terrain form. These roads are administered by the Minister for Lands though this Department.

It has been established practice that where local councils identify Crown road(s) as being suitable for upgraded construction to service developments which form part of their local road network, the Department will require roads authority management to be transferred to the local council.

With regard to the subject proposal, the following points are provided for your consideration:-

Crown roads shown by blue edge/red hatch on Diagram "A"- Nords Wharf

1. To avert ad hoc road management, any request from Lake Macquarie City Council to accept transfer of the red hatched sections of Crown road associated with the company's project application should also incorporate a request for transfer of the blue edge sections of Crown road.

Crown road shown by blue edge/red hatch on Diagram "B" – Gwandalan

1. To avert ad hoc road management, any request from Wyong Shire Council to accept transfer of the red hatched sections of Crown road associated with the company's project application should also incorporate a request for transfer of the blue edge sections of Crown road.

Should you require anything further please do not hesitate to contact me on telephone 49379333.

Yours sincerely



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Diagram "A"

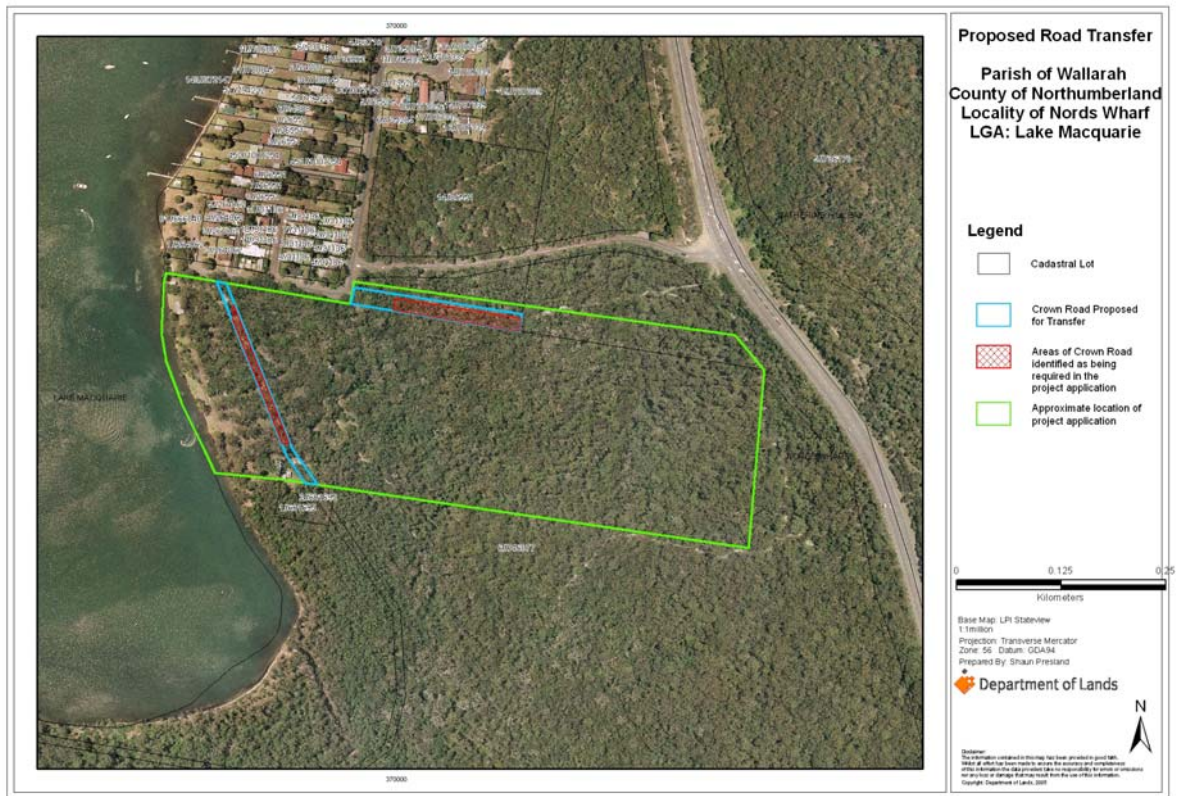


Diagram "B"

