FOREWORD

The Northern Rivers of NSW is without question one of the most culturally and environmentally diverse areas in Australia.

These qualities have encouraged growth in both residential and industrial development. Local Government bodies are given the responsibility of managing future growth and development today, hence the goal of this manual "Setting tomorrows standards today".

Both the community and the development industry should now have clear instruction for development infrastructure requirements throughout the Northern Rivers area.

The industry is encouraged to embrace these guidelines before planning begins, enabling faster and more effective processing of applications through Council.

This Development and Design Manual, initiated by a joint effort between State Wide Roads and the Institute of Municipal Engineers Australia as a more uniform standard throughout the country has been modified to suit the specific needs of our region.

The following Local government bodies have accepted the challenge of creating a better living, working and recreational environment for our region.

Ballina Council
Byron Shire Council
Clarence Valley Council
Kyogle Council
Lismore City Council
Richmond Valley Council

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