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Subject: Eden Breakwater Extension Modification Request (SSI 7734 MOD 1) - Weecoon Street, Eden.

Hi Heather

Bega Valley Shire Council (Council) appreciates the opportunity to provide a submission on the proposed modification of the approval for the Eden Breakwater Extension. Council notes the presentation of these proposed modifications of consent to the Community Consultative Committee (CCC) and the Department of Planning and Environment over the past six months and is supportive of these engagement activities that help inform the proposed modifications.

Council Submission

Conditions E17(a), E17(b), E18 Noise and Vibration

The proposed modifications to the consent to remove announcement restrictions in *transit, upgrade generators/engines/exhausts* and amended *complaints handling process* and actions is appropriate to help support the practical functioning of the wharf extension and associated cruise shipping into the future. As such Council has no objections to these modifications.

However, Council stresses that genuine follow up and attention must be given to noise complaints if they eventuate. Council is often the first receiver of complaints in this regards and a timely, efficient and proactive response to complaints must be followed through by the responsible authority. Council expects that the Noise Management OEMP Sub-plan be fully implemented during the operation of the port.

Conditions E20(a) (b) E22 Air Quality

It is noted that the current condition requires 0.1% sulphur fuel to be used by cruise ships in the harbour once the wharf breakwater extension project is complete. Industry related information suggests that this fuel type is only required for Sydney Harbour and that all other ports have a higher sulphur content allowance. Requiring this type of fuel to be used at Eden is either impractical for all ships or cost prohibitive for many which may ultimately affect the viability of the emerging cruise industry in Eden. It is also noted that there will be a world industry standard in place by 2020 of 0.5% sulphur content fuel.

In order not to place onerous costs ships visiting an emerging port, Council supports the modifications proposed and move to the world 0.5% sulphur content fuel by 2020. This approach will help the port maintain and attract ships in order to grow to a sustainable working base.

In the interim period Council supports and expects that the Air Quality Management OEMP Sub-plan is developed and fully implemented to ensure appropriate air quality monitoring and responses are delivered. Again, proactive, timely and genuine monitoring and complaints handling processes must be adhered to.

Regards

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