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Attn: Rose-Anne Hawkeswood

Dear Mr Young,

**Re: Port Kembla Gas Terminal, Berth 101, Port Kembla**

Thank you for providing NSW Ports with the opportunity to comment on the exhibition of the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the proposed Port Kembla Gas Terminal (PKGT). NSW Ports is responsible for managing Port Botany and Port Kembla, the Cooks River Intermodal Terminal, and the Enfield Intermodal Logistics Centre.

Port Kembla is NSW's port of growth. Port Kembla is a key infrastructure asset for NSW and an economic driver in the Illawarra region. Port Kembla currently accommodates a range of dry bulk, bulk liquid and general cargoes. It is home to NSW's largest motor vehicle import hub and grain export terminal, and is the second largest coal export port in NSW. Port Kembla will be the next container port to service NSW. The diversification and strengthening of trade at Port Kembla is of vital importance and benefit to the people of NSW and the Illawarra.

Port Kembla is ideally suited for the PKGT proposal. It has a deep-water shipping channel and berths that require minimal maintenance dredging and the short shipping channel minimises vessel transit time and contributes to port efficiency. Further, the proposal meets our strategic objectives of growing port capacity to meet wider market demands and optimising the utilisation and productivity of our existing land and infrastructure, as identified in *Navigating the Future: NSW Ports' 30 Year Master Plan*.

NSW Ports has worked with the proponent in developing the best location for the proposed facility. It is located in an area that will minimise potential impacts to the community and other port users, will allow for the continued functioning of the port in catering for the trade needs of NSW, and is in close proximity to the NSW Eastern Gas Pipeline.

NSW Ports strongly supports the PKGT proposal.

If you wish to discuss this submission further, please do not hesitate to contact Greg Walls, Planning Manager, on 9316 1131 or at [greg.walls@nswports.com.au](mailto:greg.walls@nswports.com.au).

Yours sincerely,



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