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Attention: Andrew Hartcher

WOLLONGONG CITY COUNCIL – 11_0094 – HW1, WHYTES GULLY LANDFILL EXPANSION PROJECT, KEMBLA GRANGE, EXHIBITION OF ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

Dear Sir/Madam

Reference is made to your letter dated 31 July 2012 regarding the Environmental Assessment for the subject project application, forwarded to Roads and Maritime Services (RMS) for consideration.

RMS has reviewed the information submitted and provides the following comments for the Department's consideration:

- It is noted that while population growth is expected to result in an increase in waste received at the landfill site from 120,000 to 165,000 tpa by 2055, and total material from 150,000 to 210,000 tpa by 2055, based on trends over the past 5 years it is likely that this would be offset to some degree due to waste minimisation/recycling initiatives throughout the LGA.
- RMS notes that the modelling in the Traffic Impact Assessment and the conclusion that the surrounding road network and intersections have spare capacity to cater for the additional traffic associated with the expansion of the landfill site (sensitivity analysis of 20% and 40% increase in traffic plus construction traffic) was based on the assumption that the intersection of the Princes Highway and West Dapto Road would be signalised by mid 2012. It should be noted, however, that works have not yet commenced for the upgrade of the intersection. RMS understands that Council is currently preparing to commence construction of these signals.
- Given the above, RMS raises no objection to the project application in principle, subject to the upgrade of the junction of West Dapto Road and the Princes Highway to traffic signals in accordance with Council's Works Authorisation Deed with RMS, prior to the construction and operation of the new landfill cells.

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If you have any questions, please contact Rachel Nicholson on 4221 2769.

Yours faithfully



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