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Department of Planning and Environment
Via Major Projects Portal

Attention: Hugh Clark

Dear Mr Clark

Hexham Train Facility Mod 2 - Depot Relocation and Wagon Stowage (SSI-6090-Mod-2)

I am writing in response to your request for comment on the above planning matter received by the Environment Protection Authority (EPA) on 20 May 2022.

The EPA advised the proponent in a letter dated 23 December 2021 (DOC21/1049828) that it had no comment to provide on the project as it will not require an Environment Protection Licence under the *Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997* (POEO Act) if consent is granted. In this regard Newcastle City Council should be consulted on the project as they will be the appropriate regulatory authority in relation to environmental matters regulated under the POEO Act.

The EPA does not require any follow-up consultation nor further engagement on this proposal unless land contamination is identified at the site that requires a duty to notify the EPA under the *Contaminated Land Management Act* (1997).

Should you require any further information, please contact Mr Paul Wearne (02) 4224 4100 or email environmentprotection.planning@epa.nsw.gov.au.

Yours sincerely

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