



25 September 2024

The Department of Planning, Housing and  
Infrastructure  
Attention: Mandana Mazaheri

Contact: Julia Ryl  
Our Ref: 52 2024 6 1  
Your Ref: SSI-12590060-Mod 3

Dear Mandana,

**Request for Comment – State Significant Infrastructure  
Description of Development – Modification 3 – Hunter Power Project (Kurri Kurri Power  
Station) (SSI-12590060) – Diesel Fuel Operation in Year 1**

I refer to notice received by Cessnock City Council (Council) in respect to the above State Significant Infrastructure, requesting Council's comments for Modification 3 to Development Consent SSI-12590060 at Hunter Power Project (Kurri Kurri Power Station).

Council understands the modification is sought to enable the temporary operation of the gas-fired power station using diesel fuel to fire the gas turbines, allowing each gas turbine to operate for up to 1,100 cumulative hours on diesel fuel in calendar year 2025. The proposed modification does not propose any changes to any aspect of the operation of the Kurri Kurri Power Station from 2026 onwards.

Based on the information provided, Council does not raise any specific concern with the proposal. However, due to the intensification of vehicle movements, request the following matter be considered during the assessment of the modification application.

- Ensure adequate physical and legal access is provided within the easement for access as identified on DP1286098 to serve the power station at the commencement of operation. An adequate vehicular crossover at the intersection of Hart Road and Dickson Road to the property boundary should be constructed to serve the power station. Internal access should be constructed having consideration of the largest vehicle to serve the power station with a suitable pavement, drainage and turning paths to facilitate access for the intended vehicle frequency.

These comments are based on Council's review of the Modification Report: Use of diesel fuel during first year of operation prepared by Jacobs Group (Australia) Pty Limited, dated 5 September 2024. It is anticipated that the Department, and relevant external agencies will provide comment on additional matters contained within.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments on the modification. Should you have any further enquiries please contact me directly on telephone (02) 4993 4218 or via email [julia.ryl@cessnock.nsw.gov.au](mailto:julia.ryl@cessnock.nsw.gov.au)

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Julia Ryl', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Julia Ryl  
Senior Planning Assessment Officer