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Advice on Modification Report – State Significant Development

Proposal: Kurnell Refinery Conversion MOD 7 Infrastructure Consolidation & Remediation

Major Project reference: SSD-5544-MOD7

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Dear Ms Morales,

Thank you for seeking advice from the Heritage Council of NSW regarding the proposed modification to the above State Significant Development. In preparing this advice Heritage NSW has reviewed the following documents:

- Relevant sections of *Kurnell Terminal SSD-5544 MOD-7 Modification Report* – prepared by AECOM, dated 12 May 2025.
- *Kurnell Terminal SSD-5544 MOD-7 Heritage Impact Assessment (HIA)* – prepared by AECOM, dated 12 May 2025.

The proposed works do not appear to be located within any heritage items listed on the State Heritage Register (SHR), however are in close proximity to the SHR curtilage of *Kamay Botany Bay National Park and Towra Point Reserve* (SHR no. 01918), as well as the National Heritage List (NHL) curtilages for the *Kurnell Peninsula Headland* (NHL 105812) and *Kamay Botany Bay: botanical collection sites* (NHL 106162).

Following the review of the above documents, it is recommended that the Department requests additional information to inform advice from Heritage NSW on the adequacy of the assessment. Additional information is requested from the proponent in relation to the matters outlined in Attachment A.

As the site contains a local heritage item, and other local items are in the vicinity, advice should be sought from the relevant local council.

If you have any questions about this correspondence, please contact James Cole, Senior Assessments Officer at Heritage NSW on (02) 9873 8500 or heritagemailbox@environment.nsw.gov.au

Yours sincerely,

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As Delegate of the Heritage Council of NSW
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Attachment A – Heritage NSW comments on the Modification Report

Heritage Impact Assessment

1. Noting the proximity of the project area to a number of State and Nationally listed heritage items, please update the HIA to include an assessment of potential indirect impacts to the *Kamay Botany Bay National Park and Towra Point Reserve* (SHR no. 01918), *Kurnell Peninsula Headland* (NHL 105812) and *Kamay Botany Bay: botanical collection sites* (NHL 106162).
2. Section 3.4.1 of the HIS states that the Australian Oil Refinery is locally listed as an archaeological site, and that the subsurface remains of former buildings and infrastructure contribute to the archaeological resources of the item. Please update the HIS to include an assessment of the archaeological potential of the site. The archaeological assessment should be developed in accordance with the guidelines *Archaeological Assessments* (Heritage Office and DUAP 1996) and *Assessing Significance for Historical Archaeological Sites and Relics* (Heritage Branch 2009).
3. Section 4.1.2 of the assessment notes that the three buildings of moderate to high heritage significance (storehouse, workshop, and Central Control Building) were retained as a representative example of significant original structures across the site, when other structures were approved for removal. Given that the HIA concludes that the proposed works will result in no additional impact, please provide additional detail regarding:
 - a. The reasons why these buildings were retained under the original approval.
 - b. How the heritage values represented by these buildings would be retained after their removal.
 - c. Whether other buildings/features of significance would be retained as a part of the listing.
4. In relation to Appendix B of the HIA, please provide additional discussion regarding:
 - a. How the buildings/features of moderate and high significance proposed for demolition contribute to the aesthetic/technical significance of the Australian Oil Refinery.
 - b. What research potential is associated with extant original and early buildings/features.
5. Please provide a copy of the *Caltex Kurnell Refinery Heritage Management Strategy* (Australian Museum Consulting, 2014) to Heritage NSW.