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Dear Daniel

Aspect Industrial Estate Development Application Assistance

SLR prepared an Air Quality Impact Assessment (AQIA) for a proposed industrial estate (SLR, 2020) to be developed at Lots 54 to 58 of DP259135 Kemps Creek, NSW (the Development Site) in October 2020.

In November 2020, a state significant development application was lodged with the DPIE (SSD-10448), which is currently under assessment, seeking consent for:

- A Concept Masterplan for the Aspect Industrial Estate (AIE).
- Detailed Stage 1 Development of the AIE, which includes pre-commencement works, subdivision construction works, building works, subdivision of Stage 1, and signage.

A number of section 4.55(1A) modifications are now proposed for SSD-10448, relating to Warehouse 1 / Lot 1 area, Access Road 2 and associated road works, and changes to Lot 2 and Lot 3, herein referred to as MOD2. The information attached to this letter presents a review of the implications of MOD 2 on the original conclusions from the 2020 AQIA prepared by SLR for the AIE.

Yours sincerely



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1 Background

The AQIA was prepared to inform development application SSD-10448 for a Concept Masterplan comprising 11 industrial (warehouse) buildings, internal road network, car parking, concept landscaping, setbacks and built form parameters. The original Concept Masterplan for the AIE is shown in **Figure 1**.

Figure 1 Original Concept Masterplan of the Aspect Industrial Estate



Source: SBA Architects 2019

1.1 AQIA Methodology

Impacts from the AIE Site during both construction and operation phases were assessed using a risk-based methodology, as described below.

1.1.1 Assessment of Impacts from Construction

To assess dust emissions during construction, the *IAQM Guidance on the Assessment of Dust from Demolition and Construction* developed in the United Kingdom by the Institute of Air Quality Management ([IAQM], Holman *et al* 2014) was used to provide a qualitative assessment method. The IAQM method uses a four-step process for assessing dust impacts from construction activities:

- **Step 1:** Screening based on distance to the nearest sensitive receptor; whereby the sensitivity to dust deposition and human health impacts of the identified sensitive receptors is determined.
- **Step 2:** Assess risk of dust effects from activities based on:
 - the scale and nature of the works, which determines the potential dust emission magnitude; and
 - the sensitivity of the area surrounding dust-generating activities.
- **Step 3:** Determine site-specific mitigation for remaining activities with greater than negligible effects.
- **Step 4:** Assess significance of remaining activities after management measures have been considered.

1.1.2 Assessment of Impacts from Warehouse Operations

To assess the risk of air emissions from the AIE Site impacting on surrounding sensitive receptors during the operational phase, the following “risk based” approach was adopted.

The risk-based assessment takes account of a range of impact descriptors, including the following:

- **Nature of Impact:** does the impact result in an adverse, neutral or beneficial environment?
- **Receptor Sensitivity:** how sensitive is the receiving environment to the anticipated impacts?
- **Magnitude:** what is the anticipated scale of the impact?

1.2 AQIA Findings

1.2.1 Impacts During Construction

Step 1: Since a number of ‘human receptors’ were identified as being located within 350 m of the boundary of the site, and within 500 m of the site entrance, further assessment was concluded to be required based on the IAQM screening criteria.

Step 2: Based on the proposed scale of works at the AIE Site, the dust emission magnitudes for each phase of the construction works were categorised as follows:

- Demolition Medium
- Earthworks Large
- Construction Large
- Trackout Large

Based on IAQM definitions, the sensitivity of the residential receptors surrounding the AIE Site was concluded to be *high* for both health impacts and dust soiling. The sensitivity of the area to both dust soiling and health effects however, was be classified as *low* given the separation distance between the site and the residential receptors. Given the low sensitivity of the general area for dust soiling and health effects, and the dust emission magnitudes for the various construction phase activities, the resulting risk of air quality impacts was as presented in **Table 1**.

Table 1 Preliminary Risk of Air Quality Impacts from Construction Activities (Uncontrolled)

Impact	Sensitivity of Area	Dust Emission Magnitude				Preliminary Risk			
		Demolition	Earthworks	Construction	Trackout	Demolition	Earthworks	Construction	Trackout
Dust Soiling	Low	Medium	Large	Large	Large	Low Risk	Low Risk	Low Risk	Low Risk
Human Health	Low					Low Risk	Low Risk	Low Risk	Low Risk

Source: SLR 2020

Step 3: Table 2 reproduces the relevant mitigation measures identified in the AQIA as being recommended by the IAQM methodology for a development shown to have a high risk of adverse impacts. Not all these measures would be practical or relevant to the proposed AIE Site, therefore the AQIA recommended a detailed review of the measures be performed, with the most appropriate measures to be adopted.

Table 2 Site-Specific Management Measures Recommended by the IAQM

	Activity	
1	Communications	
1.1	Display the name and contact details of person(s) accountable for air quality and dust issues on the site boundary. This may be the environment manager/engineer or the site manager.	H
1.2	Display the head or regional office contact information.	H
1.3	Develop and implement a Dust Management Plan (DMP), which may include measures to control other emissions, approved by the Local Authority.	D
2	Site Management	
2.1	Record all dust and air quality complaints, identify cause(s), take appropriate measures to reduce emissions in a timely manner, and record the measures taken.	H
2.2	Make the complaints log available to the local authority when asked.	H
2.3	Record any exceptional incidents that cause dust and/or air emissions, either on- or offsite, and the action taken to resolve the situation in the log book.	H
3	Monitoring	
3.1	Perform daily on-site and off-site inspections where receptors (including roads) are nearby, to monitor dust, record inspection results, and make the log available to the local authority when asked. This should include regular dust soiling checks of surfaces such as street furniture, cars and window sills within 100 m of site boundary.	D
3.2	Carry out regular site inspections to monitor compliance with the DMP, record inspection results, and make an inspection log available to the local authority, when asked.	H
3.3	Increase the frequency of site inspections by the person accountable for air quality and dust issues on site when activities with a high potential to produce dust are being carried out and during prolonged dry or windy conditions.	H

	Activity	
4	Preparing and Maintaining the Site	
4.1	Plan site layout so that machinery and dust causing activities are located away from receptors, as far as is possible.	H
4.2	Erect solid screens or barriers around dusty activities or the site boundary that is at least as high as any stockpiles on site.	H
4.3	Keep site fencing, barriers and scaffolding clean using wet methods.	D
4.4	Cover, seed or fence stockpiles to prevent wind erosion	D
5	Operating Vehicle/Machinery and Sustainable Travel	
5.1	Ensure all on-road vehicles comply with relevant vehicle emission standards, where applicable	H
5.2	Ensure all vehicles switch off engines when stationary - no idling vehicles	H
5.3	Avoid the use of diesel or petrol powered generators and use mains electricity or battery powered equipment where practicable	H
6	Operations	
6.1	Ensure an adequate water supply on the site for effective dust/particulate matter suppression/ mitigation, using non-potable water where possible and appropriate	H
6.2	Use enclosed chutes and conveyors and covered skips	H
6.3	Minimise drop heights from loading shovels and other loading or handling equipment and use fine water sprays on such equipment wherever appropriate	H
7	Waste Management	
7.1	Avoid bonfires and burning of waste materials.	H
8	Construction	
8.1	Avoid scabbling (roughening of concrete surfaces) if possible	D
8.2	Ensure sand and other aggregates are stored in bunded areas and are not allowed to dry out, unless this is required for a particular process, in which case ensure that appropriate additional control measures are in place.	D
9	Trackout	
9.1	Use water-assisted dust sweeper(s) on the access and local roads to remove, as necessary, any material tracked out of the site.	D
9.2	Avoid dry sweeping of large areas.	D
9.3	Ensure vehicles entering and leaving sites are covered to prevent escape of materials during transport.	D
9.4	Record all inspections of haul routes and any subsequent action in a site log book.	D
9.5	Implement a wheel washing system (with rumble grids to dislodge accumulated dust and mud prior to leaving the site where reasonably practicable).	D

H = Highly recommended; D = Desirable

Source: SLR 2020

Step 4: A reassessment of the predicted uncontrolled air quality impacts on surrounding sensitive receptors was presented in the AQIA to demonstrate the opportunity for minimising risks associated with the use of mitigation strategies. These are termed 'residual impacts'. As presented in **Table 3**, the mitigated dust deposition and human health impacts for all construction activities were anticipated to be *negligible*.

Table 3 Residual Risk of Air Quality Impacts from Construction

Impact	Sensitivity of Area	Residual Risk			
		Demolition	Earthworks	Construction	Trackout
Dust Soiling	Low	Negligible Risk	Negligible Risk	Negligible Risk	Negligible Risk
Human Health	Low	Negligible Risk	Negligible Risk	Negligible Risk	Negligible Risk

Source: SLR 2020

1.2.2 Impacts During Operations

The only operational activities identified as having potential to impact on air quality during the operational phase were traffic emissions from light and heavy vehicles accessing and moving around the AIE. The operational phase impacts were assessed using a risk-based assessment method considering the following impact descriptors:

- **Nature of Impact:** The nature of impact was anticipated to be adverse to the environment.
- **Receptor Sensitivity:** The nearest sensitive receptors to the AIE Site include residences within 100 m of the boundary. In terms of the methodology, the sensitivity of the surrounding residential areas to emissions from the AIE Site was considered to be high.
- **Magnitude:** Based on the relatively small amount of traffic movements projected to occur on site, the magnitude of these emissions was considered to be negligible.

Given the above considerations, and the scale of operations, the potential impact of the AIE Site operations on air quality at the nearest sensitive receptors was concluded to be **neutral** for all receptors (see **Table 4**).

Table 4 Impact Significance

Magnitude Sensitivity	Substantial Magnitude	Moderate Magnitude	Slight Magnitude	Negligible Magnitude
Very High Sensitivity	Major Significance	Major/ Intermediate Significance	Intermediate Significance	Neutral Significance
High Sensitivity	Major/ Intermediate Significance	Intermediate Significance	Intermediate/Minor Significance	Neutral Significance
Medium Sensitivity	Intermediate Significance	Intermediate/Minor Significance	Minor Significance	Neutral Significance
Low Sensitivity	Intermediate/Minor Significance	Minor Significance	Minor/Neutral Significance	Neutral Significance

Source: SLR 2020

2 Proposed Changes in the Precinct Plan

MOD2 seeks to modify the Concept and Stage 1 consent according to **Figure 2** and **Figure 3**. The proposed works relating to Warehouse 1 / Lot 1 area, Access Road 2 and associated road works and changes to Lot 2 and Lot 3 are as follows:

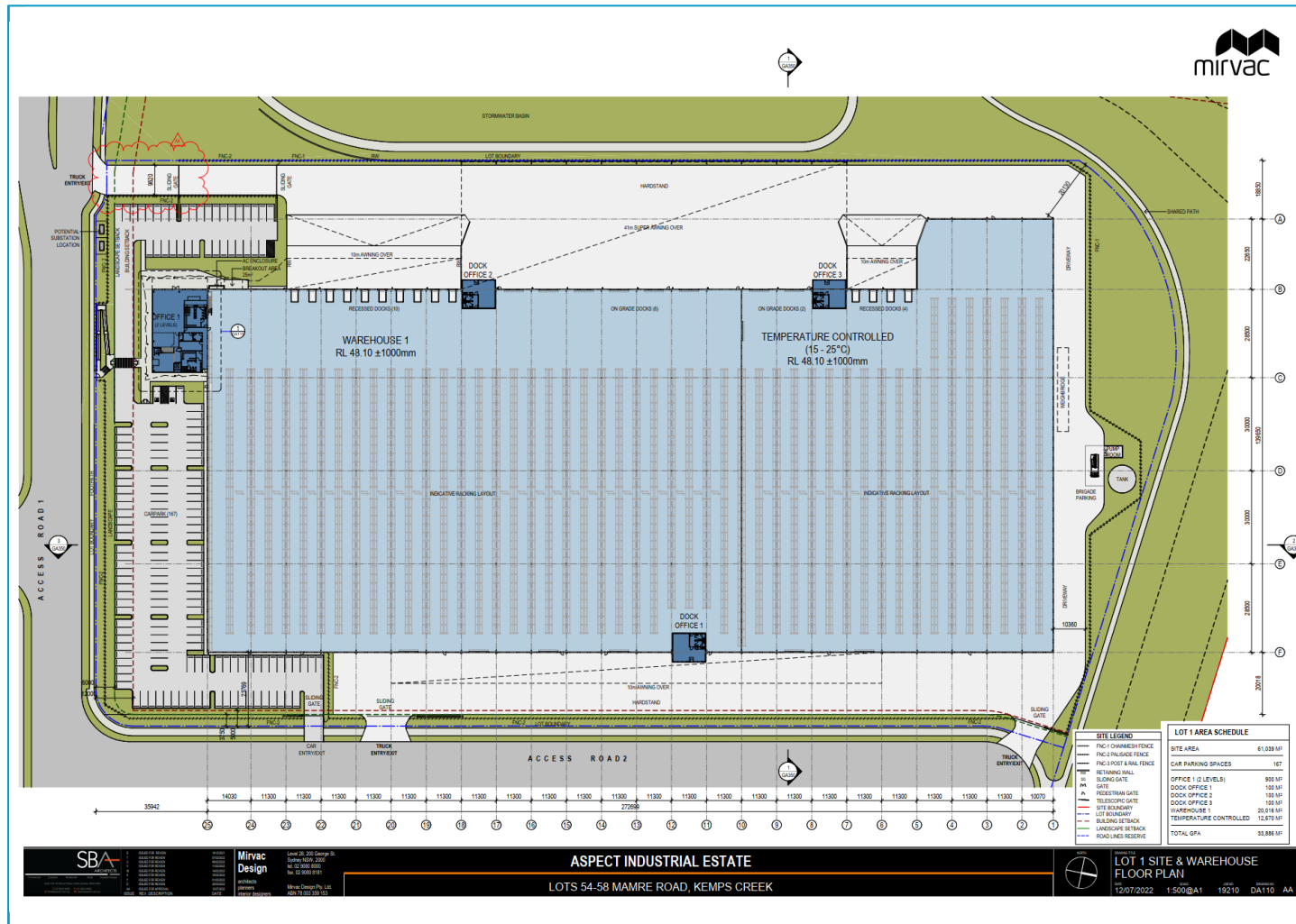
- Relocation of Access Road 2 to between Warehouse/Lot 1 and 2
- Adjustment of the site areas and alignments of Warehouse/Lots 1, 2 and 3 in response to the relocated Access Road 2:
 - Adjusted GFA at Warehouse 1. An increase in the overall Lot area and re-configuration of external hardstand/car-parking areas.
 - Adjusted location and area of Lot/Warehouse 2, to be located further east as to accommodate the relocated Access Road 2. Reconfigured carpark provision.
 - Adjusted arrangement and site area at Lot/Warehouse 3. Direct truck entry/ driveway directly from 'Access Road 1'. Reconfigured carpark provision.
 - Adjusted internal driveways connecting between Lots 1, 2 and 3.
- Decrease in overall warehouse GFA from 34,970 sqm to 32,700 sqm for Warehouse 1, comprising
 - 20,000 sqm ambient warehouse, and
 - 12,700 sqm temperature-controlled warehouse.
- Other changes across Warehouse 1 including:
 - Reduction in office space to a consolidated 900 sqm main office and three 100 sqm operations offices,
 - Introduction awnings and Roller Shutter Doors (RSDs) to the main Mamre Road building frontage,
 - Removal of car park along the north and south-west of Warehouse 1,
 - New carparking in place of hardstand along eastern side of hardstand,
 - New hardstand of width 40 m along the east of Warehouse 1,
 - New awnings of dimension 10 m along the eastern and western side of the warehouse,
 - New vehicular access of width 9.6 m along the south-eastern side of Warehouse 1, providing entry/exit way for trucks from Access Road 1, and
 - Increase in overall warehouse roof ridge height to 16 m, plus rooftop plant & equipment.
 - The proposed modification provides a majority of the loading and hardstand areas along the east of the warehouse, with some loading spaces along the eastern side of the warehouse. 167 car parking spaces are provided along the southern side of the warehouse, accessible from Access Road 2.
- Removal of café at the southwestern corner of the building, with potential relocation to another warehouse within the AIE, and
- Modifications to the relevant Stage 1 plans pertaining to Warehouse 1, Warehouse 2 and Warehouse 3;

Figure 2 MOD2 Concept Masterplan of the Aspect Industrial Estate



Source: SBA Architects, 2022

Figure 3 MOD 2 Warehouse 1 Layout



Source: SBA Architects, 2022

Table 5 Development Summary Changes

Development Summary				
	SSD 10448	MOD 2	Difference	Units
Site 1 Area (Warehouse 1)	58,130	61,253 61,039	3,123 2,909	m ²
Site 2 Area (Warehouse 2)	41,500	40,072	-1,428	m ²
Site 3 Area (Warehouse 3)	41,961	43,209 42,855	1,248 894	m ²
Warehouse 1 (total GFA)	36,722	33,886	-2,836	m ²
Main Office	1,430	900	-530	m ²
Warehouse	34,970	32,686	-2,284	m ²
Dock Office	200	300	100	m ²
Car Parking (spaces)	230	167	-63	spaces
Warehouse 2 (total GFA)	26,175	24,295	-1,880	m ²
Main Office	1,500	1,500	0	m ²
Warehouse	24,475	22,595	-1,880	m ²
Dock Office	200	200	0	m ²
Car Parking	143	150	7	spaces
Warehouse 3 (total GFA)	21,535	21,535	0	m ²
Main Office	700	700	0	m ²
Warehouse	20,735	20,735	0	m ²
Dock Office	100	100	0	m ²
Car Parking	89	89	0	spaces
Total Estate Building Area (Concept)	247,990	243,431	-4,559	m ²

Source: URBIS, 2022

3 Implications of MOD2 on the AQIA Conclusions

The main air quality issue associated with construction works relate to emissions of fugitive dust. The potential for dust to be emitted during the construction works will be directly influenced by the nature of the activities being performed at any given time. No significant changes in construction activities are expected due to MOD2 and thus, the dust emission magnitudes for each phase of the construction works remain the same as that presented in the AQIA and **Section 1.2.1** of this letter. Furthermore, no changes in the mitigation strategies would be recommended as a result of MOD2.

SLR understands that the main operational activity expected to be performed at the AIE Site is warehousing activities (storage and distribution). Therefore, during the operational phase, the main source of air emissions would be emissions of products of fuel combustion and particulate matter (from brake and tyre wear as well as re-entrainment of road dust) associated with the trucks and other vehicles entering and leaving the AIE Site or idling at the site during loading/unloading operations. Since MOD2 includes only minor modifications in the layout of lots 1, 2, and 3, no significant changes in the location or distance travelled are anticipated that would be expected to change the risk of air emissions from the operational phase. The removal of the access road on the northern end of Warehouse 2 would, in fact, move these emissions away from the northern site boundary, thereby slightly reducing any potential for off-site impacts at this site boundary.

Given the proposed modifications and the risk-based assessment method, it is concluded that MOD2 does not cause any major change in the original conclusions of the AQIA.

4 Conclusion

SLR was commissioned by Mirvac to investigate the implications of MOD2 on the AQIA undertaken for the AIE located at 880-890 Mamre Road, Kemps Creek, New South Wales (NSW).

Based on a review of the revised concept plan of the Development Site, SLR does not envisage any major change in the conclusions of the original AQIA (19 October 2020) due to the proposed modifications to Warehouse 1/Lot 1 and Access Road 2. The risk of off-site air quality impacts from the revised concept plan of the AIE Site during the construction and operation phases is concluded to be as follows:

- Off-site impacts associated with dust deposition and suspended particulate during the construction phase are anticipated to be *negligible* for demolition, earthworks, building construction and trackout activities if dust control measures are implemented in line with good industry practice.
- Based on warehousing (storage and distribution) activities only being undertaken at the AIE Site, the potential for offsite air impacts from the operations is concluded to be *neutral*.

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