



Education & Communities

Major Projects Assessment
Department of Planning & Infrastructure
23-33 Bridge Street
SYDNEY NSW 2000

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Dear Mr Van De Walle

RE: Submission Kurnell Refinery Conversion

I write in response to your letter of 21 May 2013 to the Minister for Education, the Hon Adrian Piccoli MP, advising of the exhibition of the Development Application to convert the Kurnell Refinery to a Finished Product Terminal. The Minister has asked me to respond on his behalf.

The existing Kurnell oil refinery processing plant is approximately 500 metres from the Botany Bay Environmental Education Centre and Kurnell Primary School.

The Department notes that the conversion from oil refinery to storage facility only should be positive because the project would result in:

- A significant reduction in risk of hazardous accidents.
- A significant improvement in air quality.
- Some reduction in the volume of traffic using Captain Cook Drive.

Some areas of concern that the project may result in comprise:

- Potential site accidents which could release harmful emissions and/or risks associated with handling of flammable liquids.
- Traffic generated during the construction phase may impact on road and intersection performance and thereby cause congestion.

It is noted that the *Preliminary Hazard Analysis* includes risk assessment of sensitive land uses like schools. However whilst the analysis includes Kurnell Primary School it appears to omit the Botany Bay Environmental Education Centre. It is understood that planning officers at the Department have identified this issue and that it will be addressed in a revised hazard assessment.

We also request that applicant communicate with and work with the schools to identify issues and mitigate impacts throughout the course of project. This should include implementation of a *Construction Environment Management Plan* with specific references to include school consultation during key stages which may affect school operational issues such as vehicular traffic access.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide feedback on this project. Please contact Martin Karm on 9561 8147 or email martin.karm@det.nsw.edu.au if you require any further assistance.

Yours Sincerely

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