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Dear Mr van de Walle

RE: Heritage Council comments on Environmental Impact Statement for Caltex Refinery Conversion Works – SSD-5544.

Reference is made to your email dated 4th September requesting any comment the Heritage Council may have on the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the proposed Caltex Refinery Conversion (SSD-5544). Accordingly, as Delegate of the Heritage Council I have considered the draft EIS and provide the following comments:

- It is noted that the proposed works involve the conversion of the Caltex Refinery to a finished product terminal where would receive and distribute refined petroleum products. These products would be stored in existing tanks and imported through upgraded, existing infrastructure.
- The Heritage Impact Assessment (Appendix H) by Australian Museum Business Services indicates that there are three heritage items in or around the proposed works area – the Caltex Refinery itself (listed as the Australian Oil Refinery) and a Four Wheel Drive Track, both of local significance, and the Kurnell Peninsula Headland which is on the National Heritage Register.
- The Heritage Assessment has indicated that of these, only the Australian Oil Refinery would be impacted by the proposed works as the change from an operational oil refinery to a finished product terminal would impact the technical and scientific values of a rare example of an operational refinery.
Decommissioning the plant would diminish its ability to demonstrate the technological significance and is historical contribution to the development of oil refining in NSW and Australia.
- Accordingly, the Applicant has agreed to three mitigation measures (listed in Section 18.9 and Chapter 21 of the EIS) to ensure that the values of the refinery would be recorded:
 1. an archival recording of the plant during work and during decommissioning;
 2. a heritage management strategy to provide Caltex with a framework for ongoing management on the sites heritage in to the future and

3. a standard stop work measure regarding the discovery of heritage during work.
- It is noted that in section 18.8.2 of the EIS the Applicant also details plans to:
 - form an in-hours team to manage documentation and interpretation of the history of the refinery including the production of a colour book;
 - liaise with the Mitchell Library to prepare an photographic record of the site and people associated with the refinery for inclusion in the library's archives; and
 - engage a professional photographer to prepare a photographic exhibition of the refinery.
 - As Delegate of the Heritage Council it is considered that if the Applicant undertakes the three mitigation measures listed in the EIS and the additional plans in Section 18.8.2, this would adequately mitigate the impacts the works will have on the heritage significance of the refinery site.
 - It is recommended that the Department of Planning & Infrastructure include fulfillment of these six mitigation measures as a condition of approval for this project.

The Heritage Division would be happy to review any further documentation that may address any likely heritage impacts. If you have any further enquiries regarding this matter, please contact Katrina Stankowski on (02) 9873 8569.

Yours Sincerely



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As Delegate of the NSW Heritage Council