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Attention: Pascal van de Walle

Dear Mr Ritchie

I refer to your letter dated 21 May 2013 inviting comment from the Office of Environment and Heritage (OEH) on the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Conversion of Caltex's Kurnell Refinery to a Finished Product Terminal (SSD 5544).

The project boundary excludes most of the areas likely to support biodiversity values on the Kurnell Refinery site apart from three small patches of vegetation, one of which is degraded. According to the EIS, the proposed works will not impact on these remnants.

The only potential impacts on biodiversity are likely to be indirect impacts during construction associated with the disturbance of contaminated material and its mobilisation off-site into surrounding sensitive areas, including the adjoining national park plus the direct impacts of trenching on threatened amphibians, such as Green and Golden Bell Frog (Kurnell Key Population), which may move through and use habitat at the site. However the EIS states that both of these issues will be managed through the preparation and implementation of a Construction Management Plan which would include a Biodiversity and Weed Management Plan and Soils and Erosion Management Plan. The outline of what would be covered by each of these plans is adequate for OEH's purposes.

Please note that OEH does not agree to the inclusion of a consultative, approval or signoff role for the OEH in any of the conditions of consent without prior discussion and written agreement between OEH and DP&I.

Yours sincerely

S. Harrison 28/06/12

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