

8 October 2012

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Dear Sara,

RE: Comments in relation to Draft DGRs – SICEEP Interim Facility, Glebe Island

Thank you for your correspondence dated 21 September 2012 regarding the Draft Director General’s Environmental Assessment Requirements (DGRs) in relation to the proposed Sydney International Convention Exhibition and Entertainment Precinct (SICEEP) – Interim Facility at Sommerville Road, Glebe Island.

We have reviewed the draft DGRs and have the following comments for your consideration.

Director General Requirement	Comment
3. Transport and Accessibility Impacts	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prepare a Traffic Impact Assessment (TIA) that: 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - (points not reproduced) 	<p>The cumulative impacts / potential conflict with traffic movements generated by existing port uses and the proposed White Bay Passenger Cruise Passenger terminal should be considered.</p>
4. Noise	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The application must include an assessment of noise and vibration impacts, including construction, operation, traffic and cumulative noise. The assessment must also outline proposed noise mitigation and monitoring procedures. 	<p>The noise assessment should also consider impact of external noise (ie port operations) on the internal acoustic levels of the interim SICEEP facility so that mitigation measures can be adopted in the building design phase.</p>



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5. Public Domain and Public Access	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provision of a Public Domain Plan identifying all temporary and permanent works within the public domain. 	<p>All reference to Public Domain and Public Access should be deleted as the site is within a working port and the proposed use as a convention and exhibition centre is temporary only.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identify proposed open space and linkages with other public domain spaces. 	<p>In addition to the existing port uses at Glebe Island (sugar, cement and gypsum), additional dry bulk trade tenants are planned to be operating on Glebe Island concurrently with the interim SICEEP facility. Once the SICEEP facility is removed, the remaining lots have also been earmarked for port tenant use.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Details on the interface between the proposed uses and public domain, including activation. 	<p>Public foreshore access at Glebe Island is hence not consistent with the existing and future planned port uses.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Address existing and future opportunities for public access to and along the foreshore. 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provide specific details of design features, including but not limited to <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (points not reproduced) 	<p>If these DGRs are to remain, they should be re-worded to ensure that any assessment is undertaken in the context of a working port.</p>
6. Marine Works and Water Transport	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> N/A 	<p>New point should be added to require assessment of proposed ferry movements / operations in relation to commercial shipping movements in and around Glebe Island and White Bay.</p>
8. Remediation and Contamination	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The EIS must include a Remedial Action Plan (RAP). The RAP must be prepared in accordance with the contaminated land planning guidelines under section 145C of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 and relevant guidelines produced or approved under section 105 of the Contaminated Land Management Act 1997. 	<p>Noted in the Planning Focus Meeting that this DGR is to be replaced with the requirement for a Phase 1 investigation.</p>



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Consultation	
In particular you must consult with: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Leichhardt and City of Sydney Council.• Sydney Ports Corporation.• Roads and Maritime Services, with regard to maritime functions in particular the management of new navigable waters.• Local Aboriginal Land Council and stakeholders.• Local Heritage Group/s, if relevant.	Add “and Harbour Master” after “Sydney Ports Corporation”

Thank you for your consideration of the above.

Should you wish to discuss any issues further with Sydney Ports, please do not hesitate to contact me on 9296 4761.

Yours sincerely,

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