

# Notice of decision

## Section 2.22 and clause 20 of Schedule 1 of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979*

<b>Application type</b>	State significant development
<b>Application number and project name</b>	SSD 8448 – Kooragang Liquefied Petroleum Gas Storage Facility
<b>Applicant</b>	Sovechles Nominees Pty Ltd
<b>Consent Authority</b>	Minister for Planning

### Decision

The Executive Director Key Sites and Industry Assessments, under delegation from the Minister for Planning has, under section 4.38 of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979* (**the Act**) granted consent to the development application subject to the recommended conditions.

A copy of the development consent and conditions is available [here](#).

A copy of the Department of Planning and Environment's assessment report is available [here](#).

### Date of decision

23 November 2018

### Reasons for decision

The following matters were taken into consideration in making this decision:

- the relevant matters listed in section 4.15 of the Act and the additional matters listed in the statutory context section of the Department's Assessment Report;
- the prescribed matters under the Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulation 2000;
- the objects of the Act;
- all information submitted to the Department during the assessment of the development application and information considered in the Department's Assessment Report; and
- the findings and recommendations in the Department's Assessment Report.

The Department exhibited the Environmental Impact Statement for the project from Thursday 14 September 2017 until Monday 16 October 2017 (32 days). The Department did not receive any community submissions, and the submission from Newcastle City Council (Council) did not make comments representing views of the community.

The findings and recommendations set out in the Department's Assessment Report were accepted and adopted as the reasons for making this decision. Additional reasons for making the decision are also recorded in the Department's Assessment Report.

The key reasons for granting consent to the development application are as follows:

- the project would provide a range of benefits for the region, with the development of a new LPG storage facility in an appropriately zoned industrial area to supply LPG to the surrounding region, and it would provide a capital investment of \$1.89 million, 15 construction jobs and up to 19 operational jobs;
- the project is permissible with development consent, and is consistent with NSW Government policies including the:
  - Hunter Regional Plan 2036;
  - Greater Newcastle Metropolitan Plan 2036; and
  - Lower Hunter Regional Strategy 2006-31;
- the impacts on the community and the environment can be appropriately minimised, managed or offset to an acceptable level, in accordance with applicable NSW Government policies and standards. The consent authority has imposed conditions relating to hazards and risks, traffic, soil and water and Aboriginal cultural heritage; and
- weighing all relevant considerations, the project is in the public interest.