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Submission on Development Application No. SSD-83789711 at 27 Railway Street, Corrimal NSW 2518 – Corrimal Coke Works - Stage 2A - Built Form

Dear Ms Galao,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this Development Application at 27 Railway Street, Corrimal NSW 2518.

NSW Ports is responsible for managing the port and freight assets of Port Botany, Port Kembla, the Cooks River Intermodal Terminal and the Enfield Intermodal Logistics Centre (ILC). These assets, along with the efficient movement of freight to and from these assets, are critical to the future economic growth, liveability, productivity and sustainability of New South Wales.

NSW Ports has reviewed the documentation submitted with the application and provides the following comments.

Rail Noise and Vibration

The subject site is located parallel to the South Coast Railway Line, which services both passenger and freight rail traffic. This railway provides direct freight rail connection between Port Kembla, Sydney and through to central western and northern NSW.

As such, there is high potential for future occupants of the development to encounter rail-related noise and vibration, including from freight rail movements destined to or from Port Kembla. Rail noise and vibration can affect residential amenity and comfort and should be addressed early in the development process.

It is noted that the application package includes a Noise and Vibration Report (Appendix DD of the Environmental Impact Statement). This Report covers the requirements of Section 2.100 of the *State Environmental Planning Policy (Transport and Infrastructure) 2021* and the *Development near Rail Corridors and Busy Roads – Interim Guideline* (NSW Department of Planning, 2008).

NSW Ports requests that the Department ensures compliance with controls that govern residential development adjacent to this busy rail corridor.

Furthermore, NSW Ports requests that consideration is given not only to current rail noise conditions but future conditions. Over the next 40 years, Port Kembla will continue to grow and diversify. It is anticipated that Port Kembla will be the site of the State's next container terminal once Port Botany nears capacity.¹ It will also serve as a growing import location for bulk construction materials destined for Greater Sydney, especially growth areas in Western Sydney.² As such, freight rail movements on the South Coast Railway Line will likely increase as Port Kembla expands to meet NSW's growth. It is critical that new development adjacent to the rail corridor is planned and designed in consideration of these factors.

¹ Transport for NSW, *Draft Illawarra Shoalhaven Strategic Regional Integrated Transport Plan* (2025), 90 < <https://www.haveyoursay.nsw.gov.au/sritp/illawarra-shoalhaven>>.

² NSW Ports, *NSW Ports 2063 Our 40 -Year Master Plan for Sustainable Growth* (2023), 58 < <https://www.nswports.com.au/NSWPorts-Master-Plan>>.

Level Crossing

To the north-east of the subject site is a level crossing of the South Coast Railway Line at Railway Street. Level crossings increase vulnerability of both rail and road networks and present safety risks. Furthermore, during the passing of trains, signal alarms alert vehicles and pedestrians on Railway Street of the approaching train. Trains are also known to sound horns as an additional warning measure when approaching. As a result, the level crossing creates additional noise disturbance for nearby residents during all hours of the day.

Level crossing safety upgrades and removals are included as Actions within the recently released *Draft Illawarra Shoalhaven Strategic Regional Integrated Transport Plan*. New development along the rail corridor which will increase traffic at level crossings, such as the one at Railway Street, and should be leveraged to deliver benefits to the community. NSW Ports supports upgrades to this critical freight corridor.

Should you wish to discuss this submission further please contact me on 0459 993 308 or at planning@nswports.com.au.

Yours sincerely,



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