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Dear Ms Hawkeswood,

## Re: Commodity Logistics and Import Project – SSI-36408005

Thank you for providing NSW Ports with the opportunity to comment on Critical State Significant Infrastructure 36408005 for the Commodity Logistics and Import Project (the Project) at Five Islands Road, Port Kembla. NSW Ports is responsible for managing the port and freight assets of Port Kembla, Port Botany, the Cooks River Intermodal Terminal and the Enfield Intermodal Logistics Centre. 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 and Australia. NSW Ports is supportive of the proposal as it provides social and economic benefits to the locality and is in the public interest.

Port Kembla is NSW's port of growth. Port Kembla is a key infrastructure asset for NSW and an economic driver in the Illawarra region. Port Kembla currently accommodates a range of dry bulk, bulk liquid and general cargoes. It is home to NSW's largest motor vehicle import hub and grain export terminal, and is the second largest coal export port in NSW. Port Kembla will be the next container port to service NSW. The diversification and strengthening of trade at Port Kembla is of vital importance and benefit to the people of NSW and the Illawarra.

As outlined in the Environment Impact Statement (GHD, 2022), the project is predominantly located within Lot 1 DP 606434 which is owned by BlueScope and is zoned IN3 – Heavy Industrial under the State Environmental Planning Policy (Transport and Infrastructure) 2021. The project will also be carried out on lots which are subject of a 99-year lease from the NSW Government to NSW Ports. Works on these lots is to be undertaken in consultation with NSW Ports and in accordance with relevant land access agreements.

The proposal meets our strategic objectives of growing port capacity to meet wider market demands and optimising the utilisation and productivity of existing port land and infrastructure, as identified in *Navigating the Future: NSW Ports' 30 Year Master Plan*. The Commodity Logistics and Import Project will provide new infrastructure to deliver more contingency, flexibility and better environmental and safety performance to the BlueScope operated berths.

NSW Ports supports the Commodity Logistics and Import Project.

If you wish to discuss with submission further, please do not hesitate to contact Adriane Whiley, Planning Officer, on (02) 9316 1151 or at [adriane.whiley@nswports.com.au](mailto:adriane.whiley@nswports.com.au).

Yours sincerely,



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