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Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure
Planning & Assessment Division
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RE: Objection to SSD-5544 MOD 7 – Kurnell Terminal Modification

To Whom It May Concern,

I write to formally object to the proposed Modification 7 (MOD7) to SSD-5544 at the Kurnell Terminal by Ampol Australia Petroleum Pty Ltd. As a Councillor representing A Ward in the Sutherland Shire, I am deeply concerned by the significant community opposition and the potential environmental consequences of this proposal.

MOD7 facilitates the continued deferral of critical remediation obligations for contaminated areas within Zones 2 and 3 of the site - land previously developed for refinery operations that contains legacy pollutants including petroleum hydrocarbons, PFAS, asbestos, and acid sulfate soils. Rather than resolving these risks, the proposal relies on a Conceptual Remedial Action Plan that defers decisions to future "Detailed RAPs," leaving remediation timelines and outcomes uncertain.

The community has raised legitimate concerns with me that this modification allows Ampol to leave contaminated areas capped in place, rather than fully remediated, locking in long-term environmental risk. While this may meet minimum requirements for current industrial use, it fails to account for future land use changes and intergenerational health and environmental impacts - particularly given the site's proximity to Kamay Botany Bay National Park and Towra Point Nature Reserve.

The precautionary principle under the EP&A Act requires that where there is a risk of serious environmental harm, full scientific certainty is not a prerequisite for protective action. Approving MOD7 without a binding and transparent remediation pathway undermines that principle and the community's trust in the planning system.

I urge the Department to reject MOD7 in its current form and require Ampol to deliver comprehensive site remediation before any further land use or operational changes are approved.

Our community deserves environmental and corporate accountability.

Yours sincerely,

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