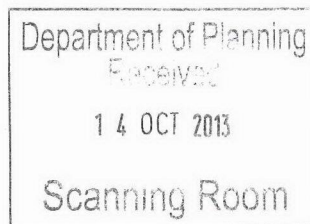




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Your reference: MP 10\_0133 Mod 2  
 Our reference: DOC13/70228, EF13/4110  
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Dear Ms Bellamy,

**Exhibition of Modification request for Newcastle Gas Storage Facility – Modification 2 (MP10\_0133\_MOD2)**

Reference is made to a letter to the Environment Protection Authority (EPA), dated 20 September 2013, requesting comment and recommended conditions of approval for a section 75W Modification request for Newcastle Gas Storage Facility – Modification 2 (MP10\_0133\_MOD2).

Reference is further made to the *Newcastle Gas Storage Facility – Modification 2 – Environmental Assessment – Section 75W Modification to MP10\_0133* (the EA) dated 13 September 2013 attached to that letter.

EPA understands the modification relates to the construction of gas take off and transfer facility on the previously approved Gas Storage Facility's foot print, a low pressure gas pipeline from the Gas Storage facility site to Tomago Aluminium Smelter site and connection to the existing gas supply infrastructure at or near the Tomago Aluminium Smelter gas supply lines.

EPA has reviewed the EA and recommends the following conditions of approval.

- 1) The modification be constructed in accordance with *Newcastle Gas Storage Facility – Modification 2 – Environmental Assessment – Section 75W Modification to MP10\_0133* (the EA) dated 13 September 2013.
- 2) The proponent must test the low pressure gas line annually to ascertain if any leaks from the line are occurring and provide a written report setting out the nature of the testing, the results of the testing along with any remedial actions required, to the Regional Manager Environment Protection Authority at PO Box 488G Newcastle 2300 within 30 days of each annual pressure test.

Please note the proponent following consent will be required to make application to the EPA for a section 58 Licence Variation for Environment Protection Licence (EPL) Number 20130 prior to the commencement of construction. The EPA intends to formalise these recommended conditions of consent in that EPL.

If you require any further information regarding this matter please contact David Bell on 4908 6817.

Yours sincerely

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9 OCT 2013

**Mark Hartwell**  
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**Environment Protection Authority**