

Attachment A

Issue	Request
General	1. Please provide further details of alternative options considered in relation to the proposed modification.
Noise Impacts	2. The Department notes the noise impacts assessment (NIA) stipulates that the proposal has been assessed against the Noise Policy for Industry (NPI). However, the Department notes the NIA has not established Project Noise Trigger Levels (PNTLs) consistent with the NPI, nor has it included an assessment of low frequency noise or the application of noise criteria under all weather conditions. Please provide a revised NIA which appropriately addresses the requirements of the NPI, prepared in consultation with the EPA.
Traffic Impacts	<p>3. Please provide a detailed response to issues raised in the public submission, particularly with respect to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the accuracy of the traffic counts presented; • the condition of the road pavement of Nimbin Road; and • compliance with the existing trucking limits. <p>4. The Department notes the traffic counts used in the Traffic Impact Assessment (TIA) are over 10 years old and that intersection impacts have been assessed based on observational data rather than SIDRA modelling. While this may be acceptable for lower traffic flow intersections, the TIA does not explain how or when these observations were made. The Department is therefore unable to determine if they provide an accurate assessment of peak traffic conditions. Consequently, the Department requests:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • further explanation and justification of the use of the historic traffic counts and details of how this data is representative of current traffic conditions; • if the use of historic traffic counts cannot be justified, a new methodology to assess the traffic impacts of the proposal must be developed; • further details of all intersections impacted by the proposal and justification that the current methodology employed to assess the impact of the proposal is appropriate for all intersections; and • further details of the methodology employed during traffic counts, including the timeframe over which traffic counts were undertaken and how traffic movements were captured. <p>5. Please also provide a detailed response to the advice provided by the Roads and Maritime Services.</p>