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Dear Chris

EXHIBITION OF PORT KEMBLA STACK PRE-DEMOLITION MANAGEMENT PLAN, MP-08/0191

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the above plan, currently on exhibition. Council also appreciates the opportunity to be involved in the interagency working group to review Stack Pre-Demolition Management Plans.

As you are aware there are specific conditions of the Project Approval that Port Kembla Copper (PKC) must comply with to the satisfaction of the Department of Planning and Infrastructure prior to demolition of the stack. Council understands that in considering whether or not to permit the demolition, the Department is reliant upon expert input from the various agencies and will take into account any submissions raised in the current exhibition period. It is understood that the merits of the approval cannot be re-visited as part of this process.

Council requests that the Department ensures that the concerns of the local community are adequately addressed prior to the demolition including impacts on air quality, noise & vibration, local traffic, heritage, soil & water, waste, and green & golden bell frog. Of particular concern is that the stack is free from asbestos. In this regard it is understood that sampling and testing has been carried out by PKC with separate sampling and testing also being independently undertaken by the EPA and Workcover, with final clearance being provided by an independent occupational hygienist.

The Department should also ensure that PKC make good on any requests for dilapidation surveys carried out on private properties within the exclusion zone and that all such requests for surveys are honoured. With regard to the exclusion zone and Evacuation Management Plan, the Department should ensure that appropriate measures are put in place to protect community safety and business continuity. In this regard the community should be provided with sufficient advanced advice of the new date for demolition.

Please contact myself or Council's City Centre & Major Projects Development Manager, Mr Pier Panozzo on 4227 7480 if you wish to discuss this matter in greater detail.

Yours faithfully



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