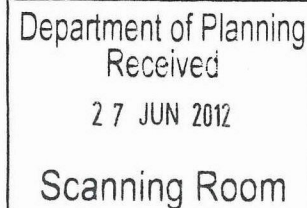


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Dear Ms Mikulandra

EPA comments regarding Enfield Intermodal Logistics Centre – Modification 6 (MP05_0147 MOD 6)

I refer to your email dated 14 June 2012, inviting the NSW Environment Protection Authority (EPA) to make a submission regarding the Modification Application for the Enfield Intermodal Logistics Centre (Modification 6). I note that the EPA was not consulted during the public exhibition period, but the Department of Planning and Infrastructure has provided the EPA with the opportunity to comment on the proposal.

The EPA has reviewed the Modification Application and Appendices and provided comments and recommendations regarding the key issues of shortening of the northern noise wall and the meteorological monitoring station (Attachment 1).

The EPA and Office of Environment and Heritage (OEH) are now separate agencies with distinct responsibilities. This letter covers EPA's response only. I have referred the Application documents to OEH for review regarding any impacts on green and golden bell frogs. OEH may therefore provide a separate submission addressing these issues.

If you wish to discuss any of the issues raised in this letter, please contact Sarah Deards on 9995 6816.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jacinta Hanemann'.

22.6.2012

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Attachment 1: EPA comments regarding Enfield Intermodal Logistics Centre – Modification 6

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The EPA notes that barrier optimisation modelling has been undertaken (Appendix A: Acoustic Memo), however sufficient detail has not been provided to enable the EPA to conduct a thorough review of the model. The Acoustic Memo indicates that previously predicted noise levels will not increase with the proposed changes to the noise barriers.

The EPA also notes that the proponent states that container handling will not be undertaken in the area surrounding the high voltage power line tower, but that this area is still included within the 'Empty Container Storage Area B' shown on Figure 3 of the Modification Application documents, and will be included as part of the lease for the Empty Container Storage Area B (page 13). The EPA is therefore concerned that there are currently no measures in place that will ensure that the area surrounding the high voltage tower will not be used for container handling or other noisy activities.

The EPA recommends that if the Project Modification Application is approved, the conditions of approval regarding noise limits remain unchanged. The EPA also recommends that any approval for the proposal also include a condition stating that container handling may not be undertaken in the area that will be affected by the removal of the noise wall. The EPA recommends that this area be marked on a map and referenced in this condition.

Meteorological Monitoring Station

The EPA has serious concerns regarding the proposal to remove the meteorological monitoring station once the site has been sealed. Project Approval Condition 2.17 requires operational noise monitoring to be undertaken to enable an assessment of compliance with specified maximum allowable noise contributions. These noise contributions are applicable under specific weather conditions. The EPA considers that a meteorological monitoring station located on the project site is the most accurate and appropriate source of meteorological data to enable operational noise monitoring to be undertaken. The EPA therefore recommends that the meteorological monitoring station remain on site and be maintained during operation of the intermodal facility.

The proponent has requested that relevant conditions of approval be modified to enable the use of Bureau of Meteorology data when the meteorological monitoring station is offline due to maintenance issues. The EPA has no objections to this proposal.