



Western Sydney Parklands Trust

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Mr Jim Betts
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Attention: Mandana Mazaheri

Dear Mandana

RE: SSD 10313 – Western Sydney Green Gas Project – 194-202 Chandos Road, Horsley Park

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments on SSD 10313, the Western Sydney Green Gas Project at Horsley Park High Pressure Gas Facility located on Chandos Road, Horsley Park, lodged by Jemena Gas Networks (NSW) Ltd.

The subject site is located within the Western Sydney Parklands and adjacent to Western Sydney Parkland's urban farming lots, part of the Horsley Park Urban Farming Precinct. As such the following planning documents are relevant:

- **Western Sydney Parklands, Plan of Management 2030** - February 2019 - a plan that guides the development and operation of the Parklands towards 2030. This includes the desired future objectives and management priorities for Precinct 9 "Horsley Park Precinct" and the adjacent Precinct 6 "Wallgrove Precinct". (<https://www.westernsydneyparklands.com.au/about-us/planning-the-parklands/plan-of-management-2030/>)
- **Horsley Park Urban Farming Masterplan 2019** – a masterplan for what is currently the largest area of urban farming and rural land-use within the Parklands of 254 hectares and guides the leasing of the land for commercial farming in an urban context. (<https://www.westernsydneyparklands.com.au/assets/Places-to-go/Urban-farms/Horsley-Park-Urban-Farming-Masterplan-2019-Final-low-res.pdf>)

The subject site is directly adjacent to land owned by the Western Sydney Parklands Trust. The Trust has met with Jemena several times over the past year to discuss the project. We acknowledge the engagement with the Trust on this project that Jemena has led.

The Trust requests that safety of the facility, the ongoing stability of the access road and turning circle and opportunities to minimise surplus wastewater are considered in the assessment of the application.

Safety

As raised in previous correspondence and meetings with Jemena the safe operation of the proposed facility is essential. This is particularly important with the proposed public walking tracks intended to be directly north, east and south of the property, as outlined in the *Horsley Park Urban Farming Masterplan 2019*.

As the background studies for the proposal identify the refueller dispenser is the only part of the proposed design that can have any potential offsite consequences, if the refueller dispenser proceeds part of the project we request that appropriate preventative and mitigative safeguards to eliminate any potential offsite effects will be conditioned as part of the approval.

It is noted that the existing 'outer' fence of the Jemena Horsley Park Facility will be upgraded to the Jemena EGP facility specifications with a 2.4m high anti-climb mesh with tiger tape barbed wire top. The Trust supports the proposed fence.

Access road and turning circle

The access road is currently constructed of blue metal rock, with this proposed to be upgraded to include a new turning circle.

As raised in previous correspondence and meetings with Jemena the Trust considers that an all-weather sealed surface is necessary to ensure that dust and erosion runoff from the access road and turning circle does not impact the adjacent urban farming land.

Wastewater

The proposal includes some offsite removal of wastewater. It is noted that Jemena is still assessing the options for wastewater removal. The Trust believes there is an opportunity to avoid offsite waste water removal, through water quality treatment. The Trust supports the purification of surplus water, and for this water to be considered for irrigation purposes for adjacent urban farming lots owned by the Trust and tenanted by farmers and welcome the opportunity to discuss this opportunity with the assessment team and Jemena.

If you have any questions or wish to discuss the proposal, please feel free to contact me or Joshua French, Director Development and Strategy.

Sincerely



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Executive Director
Western Sydney Parklands Trust