Dr Mehreen Faruqi Greens Member of the NSW Legislative Council

The Planner Department of Planning and Infrastructure 23/12/2013

Dear Madam/Sir

Re: Submission to the proposed Shell Clyde Refinery Conversion

I am writing to make a submission to the proposed Shell Clyde Refinery Conversion public exhibition of the Environmental Impact Assessment.

I have received many concerns from the community regarding the changes and proposed changes at the Shell Clyde facilities, as well as at the Shell Gore Bay facility.

The recent notable changes to the Clyde facility poses many significant environmental and health implications for nearby residents. I understand that the facility was originally designed to pump crude oil but now exclusively pumps refined petrol. I also understand that the facility now pumps petrol twenty four hours a day.

It is my understanding that it is the intention of the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure to consider development planning submissions regarding the two sites under the same development application process, as advised to the Legislative Council on 21 February, 2013 (Paper Number 125).

However, it appears that Shell is undertaking the proposed Clyde Refinery Conversion planning process in isolation of the Gore Bay facility, to which it is connected by a 19 kilometre pipeline.

If Shell has any plans to make modifications to the Gore Bay Facility, I believe they should be submitted concurrently with the Clyde plan to enable a holistic view of the whole system.

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