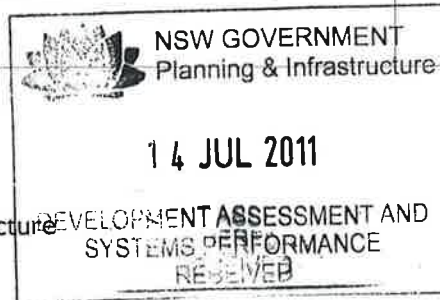


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WOLLONGONG CITY COUNCIL - DA-084/672 MOD 1 - MODIFICATION REQUEST FOR PORT KEMBLA GRAIN HANDLING TERMINAL

Dear Madam

Reference is made to your letter dated 28 June 2011 regarding the subject modification to development consent forwarded to the Roads and Traffic Authority (RTA) for consideration.

The RTA has reviewed the submitted information and offers the following comments for your consideration:

Traffic

Whilst the proposal is to remove the cap on road transportation of grain from the terminal, as the plant is only capable of tipping 8 trucks an hour, the RTA notes that the proposal will not increase the potential traffic generation in peak periods. Given this, the RTA does not consider that the proposed modification will have a significant impact on the safety and efficiency of the classified road network during peak periods on the network. Furthermore, the RTA does not consider that the additional 16 movements (8 trucks two-way) during day time on weekends and outside of daylight hours throughout the week will have a significant impact on the classified road network.

Noise

The RTA notes from the noise assessment provided that the additional truck movements associated with this development alone will not significantly increase noise levels along any of the road corridors used. In this regard, the RTA notes that all of the predicted road traffic noise increases are less than 2dB

Cumulative Impact of Heavy Vehicles

Whilst this proposal is unlikely to create significant traffic or road traffic noise issues on its own, the cumulative impact of developments reliant on heavy vehicle road transportation are likely to have a significant impact on traffic volumes, road safety/amenity and road traffic noise for sensitive receivers. In this regard, the RTA considers that it is important to minimise the use of road transportation and maximise the use of rail. This is particularly relevant for existing and future heavy vehicle reliant development within the Port and its surrounds

Roads and Traffic Authority

RTA's position

Based on the above, whilst the RTA does not object to the development application in principle, the RTA recommends that the Port Kembla Grain Terminal continues to explore and realise opportunities to transport material via rail in the future.

If you have any questions please contact Tim Webster on 4221 2769.

Yours faithfully



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