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Dear Kerry

Pasminco and Incitec Consolidated Remediation – Council Submission

Thank you for the opportunity to respond to Lake Macquarie City Councils (LMCC) submission of 20 October 2012 in relation to the above remediation project at 13A Main Road Boolaroo NSW.

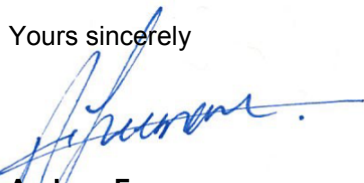
A technical assessment from Conybeare Morrison (CM+) to Council's concerns in relation to the proposed amelioration measures and visual impact of the cell is attached. In summary, CM+ has confirmed that with or without the trees originally proposed in the Visual Assessment Report (2005), which have been removed predominantly due to a change in the depth available for planting in the cell cap layer, the visual impact of the cell remains negligible for the following reasons:

- The cell is built into the side of the hill creating a natural sloping land form through to Munibung Hill and its ridgelines;
- The cell height does not obscure the views of Munibung Hill and its ridgelines from the west and southwest;
- The single higher cell is ultimately more visually appealing than having two adjacent large cells; and
- Amelioration measures can still be implemented with shallow root bearing shrubs and native grasses on the cell's batters and top surface while larger trees can be considered at the base of the cell for screening purposes if desirable.

Further, PCCS remains committed to consulting with LMCC in relation to the preparation of the Landscaping Management Plan per Condition 8.7(c) of the Project Approval.

A separate response will be provided by PCCS in relation to the long term ownership and management of the cell as raised in the LMCC letter of 20 October 2012.

Yours sincerely



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Attached: