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Dear Ms Rich

Re: Exhibition of Modification Request for Orica Ammonium Nitrate Expansion Project (08_0129 MOD 1)

I refer to your letter of 3 May 2011 concerning the abovementioned matter. I also apologise for the delay in forwarding this advise to you.

The Orica Kooragang Island Ammonium Nitrate Expansion Environmental Assessment (EA) dated 20 April, 2011 prepared by AECOM Pty Ltd has been reviewed by Council officers and no objections are raised to the proposed modification subject to further investigation being undertaken by Orica to reduce fine particulate emissions.

The Air Quality Assessment predicted minor differenced between the approved and revised projects. The latter did result in modelling predicting exceedances of the 24 hour assessment criterion at Receptor 3. Council would therefore recommend further investigations are undertaken by Orica to reduce emissions at that location to within the guideline criteria. As mentioned in the environmental assessment; investigations by Orica in reducing emissions from the ammonium nitrate plant 1 (ANP1) Prill Tower, the largest particulate point source on the site would be expected to reduce the predicted emissions at the site to levels below the assessment criteria.

Should you require further clarification of the above matter, please contact me on 4974 2767 or Environmental Protection Officer, Shoanne Labowitch on 4974 2548.

Yours faithfully

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