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Dear Ms Hawkeswood

80 CORMORANT ROAD, KOORAGANG - NCIG COAL EXPORT TERMINAL (MP06_0009 MOD 3)

I refer to the Department's electronic notification of 21 April 2020 advising the Newcastle Coal Infrastructure Group Pty Ltd has submitted a modification application to increase the maximum throughput capacity of the coal export terminal and inviting City of Newcastle ('CN') to provide advice.

The Statement of Environmental Effects ('SEE') dated April 2020 has been reviewed and the following advice is provided for your consideration:

1. Greenhouse Gas Emissions

According to the SEE (Pg.9), the increase of Scope 1 and Scope 2 greenhouse gas emissions from the coal export terminal operating on the proposed increased maximum throughput of 79 million tonnes per annum would be 104,186 tonnes of carbon dioxide equivalent per year (t CO₂-e/year). An increase of 17,144 t CO₂-e/year on the emissions of the current maximum throughput of the terminal. This *increase 'would be 0.0003% of Australia's greenhouse gas emissions reported for the year to December 2018.'* It is also stated that the increased emissions are not expected to affect the ability of NSW to meet its emissions reduction target of net-zero emissions by 2050. It is recommended the applicant is required to provide further commentary to support this claim.

The Newcastle 2030 Community Strategic Plan identifies the main priorities and aspirations of our community. In regard to a 'Protected Environment' an objective is that *'Environmental and climate changes risks and impacts are understood and managed.'* The Newcastle 2020 Carbon and Water Management Action Plan recognises that the contribution of the business sector to the carbon emissions of the Newcastle Local Government Area (LGA) *'is significant, but difficult to quantify in detail'* because of an historic lack of systematic, detailed recording of such data. It is recommended the applicant is required to provide further consideration of the likely impacts of the modification in terms of the carbon emissions of the Newcastle LGA.

2. Global Climate Emergency

For the information of the Minister it is advised that CN recognised in a council resolution of 28 May 2019 that there is a global climate emergency and urgent need for real action on climate change. It reaffirmed a commitment to a just economic transition for coal mining communities, including support for investment in hydrogen as an export energy, construction of large-scale renewable and pumped hydro, and manufacturing of electric cars. The resolution also encouraged environmental activists to consider the broader impact of their actions and work towards consensus across the political spectrum.

If you have any questions in relation to the various matters raised in this letter, please contact Geof Mansfield Principal planner (Development) on 4974 2767 or by email on gmansfield@ncc.nsw.gov.au.

Yours faithfully



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