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APPLICATION	DE-2021/91
Date	22 April 2022

Dear Sir/Madam

Development	Major Project - SSI-22545215 - BlueScope Blast Furnace No. 6 - Reline, commission and operate blast furnace no. 6
Location	Lot 1 Five Islands Road, PORT KEMBLA NSW 2505 (Lot 1 DP 606434)

Thank you for your invitation dated 22 March 2022 to respond to the Critical State Significant Infrastructure (CSSI) application for the No. 6 Blast Furnace Reline Project located at Five Islands Road Port Kembla.

Economic Impact

Council supports the project as a critical piece of economic infrastructure necessary for the continuation of steelmaking and growth of advanced manufacturing in the Illawarra region, supporting local employment outcomes as well as our national sovereign manufacturing capability.

As noted in the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS), BlueScope currently supports around 4,500 direct employees and on-site contractors, generating about 10,000 jobs across the broader local supply chain. It is estimated that BlueScope's current operation generates around 24% per cent of the Illawarra region's economic output per annum. This project is also estimated to provide between 250 to 1,000 new jobs throughout the construction period.

Retention of BlueScope's existing workforce and associated economic activity is crucial to supporting the ongoing economic viability of the Wollongong and regional economy. This aligns with a number of Council's strategic plans including the Wollongong 2028 Community Strategic Plan which commits Council to the development of an innovative and sustainable local economy as well as the Economic Development Strategy 2019-29, which includes a target of growing 10,500 net new jobs in Wollongong local government area by 2028.

Wollongong City Council declared a Climate Emergency in August 2019.

Council recognises urgent action is needed from all levels of government to address and combat climate change. Council plays an important leadership role in helping the community move towards the 'new normal' of a zero-carbon future. Council is reducing its' greenhouse gas emissions to net zero by 2030 and supporting the community to do the same by 2050.

Council encourages BlueScope to implement new technologies and iron making configurations as soon as possible.

Biodiversity

We note that a Biodiversity Development Assessment Report (BDAR) is not required. Council's records indicate the site potential habitat for Green and Golden Bell Frogs, and stop work conditions of consent are recommended.

Environment

Conditions of consent are recommended regarding demolition, safe asbestos handling and disposal; sediment and erosion controls, acoustic and air quality monitoring, environmental licences, dust suppression, construction environmental management plan and acid sulfate soils.

Flooding

No flooding controls are considered necessary.

Stormwater

Conditions of consent regarding stormwater discharge are recommended. Council's relevant policy is Wollongong Development Control Plan 2009 Chapter E14: Stormwater Management.

Traffic Access and Infrastructure

The proposed access design must comply with the AS2890 series and be designed for the largest anticipated vehicle to enter the site with adequate clearances.

Condition/s of consent are recommended regarding preparation of dilapidation survey and report, addressing the condition of public and private infrastructure before and after the development and detailing measures to protect infrastructure during the works.

This letter is authorised by

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