



AUSTRALIAN RAIL TRACK CORPORATION LTD

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Your Reference: SSD-5119

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Department of Planning and Infrastructure
GPO Box 39
SYDNEY NSW 2001

Attention: Andrew Hartcher

Dear Sir,

**RE: CRAWFORDS AMMONIUM NITRATE STORAGE AND DISTRIBUTION FACILITY,
SANDGATE (SSD-5119)**

I refer to your letter dated 30 January 2013 regarding the proposed Ammonium Nitrate Storage and Distribution Facility at Sandgate.

The New South Wales Government's Transport for NSW is the land owner of the railway lines across NSW. Rail lines at Sandgate are leased to the Australian Rail Track Corporation (ARTC). As such ARTC is responsible for reviewing developments, plans and policies adjoining the rail corridor to ensure any potential impacts of or on future rail operations are appropriately considered.

ARTC has reviewed the proposal and has concerns regarding stormwater drainage and regarding the proposed exclusion zone.

Stormwater drainage is not adequately addressed in the Environment Impact Statement. It is requested that additional information on the drainage design be provided to ARTC for further consideration. No additional stormwater should flow toward the rail corridor as a result of the proposal.

The proposed exclusion zone currently affects the railway corridor. This could shut down all operations and services on the Main Northern Railway. It is requested that the proponent investigate and provide appropriate mitigation measures to reduce the exclusion zone, to ensure that the Main Northern Railway cannot be adversely impacted.

Should you have any further enquiries with regard to this matter please do not hesitate to contact Teena Renès on (02) 4941 9619 at your convenience.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'Teena', is written over a faint, stylized blue line that resembles a signature or a decorative flourish.

Teena Renès -- Property Manager, Newcastle
Per:

Paul Purcell
Manager ARTC Property