

Exhibition of SSI Modification Request NorthConnex
SSI 6136 MOD3

I object to the request by RMS to amend condition of approval E-11 Ventilation Outlets Limits. This project was approved with strict conditions and it is unreasonable to request an amendment after construction. It undermines the public's trust in the approval process. The request would increase the VOC emissions by 400%, and could result in a deterioration of air quality for residents living near the ventilation outlets.

RMS is seeking the change to provide a reasonable margin to manage short-term incidents in the tunnel in compliance with limits, but there is no restriction on the number of such incidents, and the higher level of VOC could be emitted continuously. If the new limit is for occasional use, then there should be a restriction on the number of times that VOC emissions are allowed to exceed 1mg/m³ before triggering condition E13.

The maximum VOC concentration during peak hour in 2029 is expected to be 0.739mg/m³ (Table 7-101 EIS). If RMS require a margin for short-term incidents, surely a maximum of 2mg/m³ would be a reasonable compromise.

The current modification request should not be approved.