Department of Planning and Environment

Philip Carroll
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20/11/2023

Subject: Extension of operation of the General Cargo Handling Facility under Condition 1.1A

Dear Mr Carroll

I refer to your submission dated 20 October 2023 requesting the Planning Secretary's agreement to extend the Port of Newcastle's use of the temporary General Cargo Handling Facility at Mayfield Berth #4 (the GCHF) for a further ten years to 21 November 2023, under Condition 1.1A. I also acknowledge your response to the Department's request for additional information.

I note the Port of Newcastle has:

- requested the Planning Secretary agree to a five-year extension as an alternative to the initially proposed ten-year extension.
- indicated that it expects to secure permanent or longer-term approvals for the GCHF (in its current location or another location) within the next 3-5 years.
- demonstrated the use of the GCHF during the proposed extension would not exceed, or be inconsistent with, the GCHF's use as assessed in the Environmental Impact Statement and Modification 7 Statement of Environmental Effects.
- committed to implementing the approved Operational Environmental Management Plan during the proposed extension period.

Accordingly, as nominee of the Planning Secretary, I agree to extend the Port of Newcastle's use of the GCHF for five years to 21 November 2028, under Condition 1.1A.

You are encouraged to expedite the development approvals review with the goal of a single development approval existing over the site well before 21 November 2028, so further Condition 1.1A extensions are not necessary.

Please ensure you make this letter publicly available on the project website at your earliest convenience.

If you wish to discuss the matter further, please contact Amy Porter at amy.porter@planning.nsw.gov.au.

Yours sincerely

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As nominee of the Planning Secretary