



Professor Mary O'Kane AC
Chair
Independent Planning Commission
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Dear Professor O'Kane

Please find enclosed the Department's assessment of the development application for the construction and operation of a warehouse and distribution centre at Raven Street, Kooragang Island (DA-110616). This includes the Department's assessment report and recommended conditions of consent.

Under clause 8(a) of State Environmental Planning Policy (Three Ports) 2013, the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces is the consent authority for development on land located within the Port of Newcastle lease area. However, as Port of Newcastle Operations Pty Ltd (the Applicant) has disclosed a reportable political donation under section 10.4 of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979*, the Independent Planning Commission (the Commission) is required to determine the application, consistent with the Minister's delegation of 14 September 2011.

Based on its detailed assessment, the Department is satisfied that the development is approvable subject to conditions.

Should the Commission have any further enquiries about this matter, I have arranged Will Hodgkinson – Acting Director, Industry Assessments, to assist. Mr Hodgkinson can be contact on 8275 1055 or via email at william.hodgkinson@planning.nsw.gov.au.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'C. Ritchie'.

Chris Ritchie
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