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Dear Ingrid Berzins

MAYFIELD CARGO STORAGE FACILITY (DA-8137-Mod 3) 109 SELWYN STREET MAYFIELD)

I refer to the Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure's (DPHI's) email of 8 August 2024 advising of the submission of a modification application seeking approval to further modify the Development Consent (DA-8137)) of the Mayfield Cargo Storage facility and requesting City of Newcastle (CN) to provide advice on the proposed modified development.

It is advised that the submitted Modification Report have been reviewed and the following comments are offered for your consideration.

The report is supported by a Level 2 Preliminary Hazard Assessment (PHA) which was prepared because of the medium potential for harm generated by the proposal. It is recommended that the application is reviewed by the DPHI's Major Hazard Section.

The recommended mitigation measures in the PHA include the lithium-ion battery storage area being at least three metres from other general cargo with a separation distance of at least a metre between the lithium-ion battery units. Considering the potential risks of cascade explosion, fire and chemical gases, the proposed separation distances may need greater consideration including undertaking a multi-level risk assessment against other materials approved to be stored on the site some of which may also be a risk.

If you have any questions, please contact Geof Mansfield Principal Development Officer (Planning) on 4974 2767 or by email on gmansfield@ncc.nsw.gov.au.

Yours faithfully,

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