

Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure

Portal Application No.: PAN-453470

Our ref: DA 8137-Mod-3

Ms Alicia Marix-Evans

Port of Newcastle Operations Pty Limited

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Newcastle NSW 2300

21 February 2025

Request for Updated Preliminary Hazard Analysis - Port of Newcastle, Storage of Lithium-Ion Batteries (DA 8137-Mod-3)

Dear Ms Marix-Evans

I refer to the application made under section 4.55 of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979* (the EP&A Act) to modify the development consent for the Mayfield Cargo Handling Facility (DA8137). The modification application for the proposed storage of lithium-ion batteries (batteries) at Port of Newcastle (DA8137-Mod-3) was lodged on 8 August 2024.

The Department on 1 October 2024 requested the Port of Newcastle Operations Pty Ltd to review and provide comments on the draft conditions. It is noted that comments are pending. A meeting was held on 2 December 2024 to discuss flooding issues and storage of batteries with a state of charge higher than 30%.

In relation to the battery state of charge, the Department requires the Applicant to provide:

- an updated Preliminary Hazard Analysis (PHA) of the proposal which includes:
 - an assessment of impacts from the storage and handling of lithium-ion batteries (batteries) with a state of charge exceeding 30%
 - confirmation of a maximum state of charge for batteries and appropriate mitigation measures
 - consideration of the Fire and Rescue NSW position statement “Open yard storage of battery energy storage systems (BESS)” published 5 December 2024
- correspondence from Fire and Rescue NSW on the updated PHA

The Department requests the updated PHA by **Wednesday 19 March 2025** via the NSW Planning Portal. If you are unable to provide the requested information within this timeframe, you are required to provide, and commit to, a timeframe detailing the provision of this information.

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If you have any questions, please contact Ingrid Berzins, Senior Planning Officer on (02) 9373 2885, or via email at Ingrid.Berzins@planning.nsw.gov.au

Yours sincerely

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