

7 January 2015

The Regional Director Hunter Region Newcastle Office Department of Planning PO Box 1226 NEWCASTLE NSW 2300 Attention: Trent Wink Contact: Our Ref: Your Ref: Scott Christie DOC2015/000425 & 18/2014/4

Dear Sir,

PLANNING PROPOSAL – DEFERRED MATTER

On 10 December 2014, Council resolved at its Ordinary Meeting to submit Planning Proposal – "Orica – Kurri Kurri" to the Department of Planning and Environment for a Gateway Determination.

It is noted that the land subject to this Planning Proposal relates to both the Cessnock Local Environmental Plan 2011 and the Cessnock Local Environmental Plan 1989. Land subject to the Cessnock Local Environmental Plan 1989 is proposed to be integrated into the Cessnock Local Environmental Plan 2011 and removed from the Cessnock Local Environmental Plan 1989.

It is further noted that Cessnock City Council is currently progressing the Deferred Matter Planning Proposal (Your reference: PP_2013_CESSN_007_00) that also applies to the same land. The Deferred Matter Planning Proposal seeks to integrate the Cessnock Local Environmental Plan 1989 into the Cessnock Local Environmental Plan 2011.

The objective of this Planning Proposal is to zone the subject land SP1 - Special Activities (introductory zone to the Cessnock Local Environmental Plan 2011) and E2 - Environmental Conservation as shown on the supporting maps. Further, the Planning Proposal proposes to allocate an 80ha minimum lot size to land proposed to be zoned E2 – Environmental Conservation and remove the minimum lot size restriction for land proposed to be zoned SP1 - Special Activities.

The Planning Proposal seeks to provide certainty for the long term use of the site and potential for future expansion of operations and enable the relevant authority to consider the potential for future expansion of a major industry use.

Please find attached Planning Proposal entitled "Orica – Kurri Kurri".

If you require further information please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned on telephone 02 4993 4168.

Yours faithfully

SCOTT CHRISTIE ACTING MANAGER STRATEGIC LAND USE PLANNING