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Port Stephens Council

Via Concurrence and Referral Portal

Newcastle Airport – Airfield Works upgrade

No Comment on Statement of Environmental Effects

I refer to your invitation to the NSW Environment Protection Authority (EPA) to provide comment on the Statement of Environmental Effects for the proposed airfield works update on 1 Williamtown Road, Williamtown.

Based on the information provided, the EPA requires no further consultation on this matter. This is because:

- the proposal does not constitute a Scheduled Activity under Schedule 1 of the *Protection of the Environment Operations Act* (1997) and so, will not require an Environment Protection Licence under this Act,
- the proposal is not being undertaken by or on behalf of a NSW Public Authority, nor are there activities for which the EPA is the appropriate regulatory authority.
- the site is not being regulated by the EPA under the *Contaminated Land Management Act* (1997).

The EPA notes that the proposal is in close proximity to the management zone of the Williamtown per-and poly-fluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) Management Area identified on maps published by the EPA.

The EPA recommends that any consent issued for this proposal should have the attached conditions included in it.

If you wish to discuss this matter, please contact Noel Kwon on (02) 9895 6499 or email environmentprotection.planning@epa.nsw.gov.au if you wish to discuss this.

Yours sincerely,

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ATTACHMENT A: Recommended conditions of consent for land in the Williamstown PFAS Contamination Management Area

The EPA recommends the following conditions be added to any development consent issued for land in the Williamstown PFAS Contamination Management Area:

1. Where the potential for Per- and Poly-Fluoroalkyl Substances (PFAS) contamination exists in soil, groundwater or surface water at the development site, the applicant must identify whether any construction activities could disturb or interact with any PFAS contaminated soil, groundwater or surface water.
2. If construction activities could disturb or interact with any PFAS contaminated soil, groundwater or surface water, the applicant must:
 - a. prevent, or limit as far as possible, offsite migration of PFAS contamination;
 - b. prevent, or limit as far as possible, contact and exposure to PFAS;
 - c. manage potentially PFAS impacted groundwater that may accumulate in any footings or excavations to ensure this does not run-off the site;
 - d. manage any PFAS-impacted soils, by controlling erosion and covering stockpiles of PFAS impacted soils to protect from rainfall egress and runoff; and
 - e. ensure that any PFAS contaminated material transported from the site to a site that is lawfully able to receive it.
3. Where PFAS contaminated material is to be removed from the site, the applicant must sample the soil for PFAS and classify the soil in accordance with the EPA's Addendum to the Waste Classification Guidelines (2014) – Part 1: classifying waste to identify lawful management and disposal options.