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Dear Mr ~~Darcey~~,

Ref: Changes in the Scope of Works to the Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Proposed Expansion of the East Arm Wharves

Under Clause 14A of the Environmental Assessment Administrative Procedures, I am required to advise you of any substantial changes to the scope of works contained within the previously submitted Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the expansion of the East Arm Wharves. The Department of Lands and Planning as the proponent of this project, is advising you in writing of the proposed changes to the scope of works.

The following list of elements comprising the project were originally submitted in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement. The original scope and amended scopes are outlined for your information. As the scope is now decreased I now request your advice of any changes now required to the Draft Environmental Impact Statement and Supplement. Note that the significant change is the deletion of the development of a rail loop to the north of the existing dredge spoil ponds.

Defence Hardstand

The Project is to establish a small barge ramp and adjacent Defence hardstand on the southern side of the Peninsula. It will be constructed by linking the existing land based hardstand with an offshore hardstand with a harbour facing sea wall and backfilled with suitable materials. It will be established on a combination of disturbed land, backfilled bunded ponds and Harbour foreshore.

Changes:

Nil changes from previous notification.

Marine Supply Base

The Project is to establish a marine supply base west of the Defence hardstand. It will be constructed by linking the existing land based hardstand with an offshore hardstand with a harbour facing sea wall, backfilled with a combination of dredged and excavated material sourced from off-site projects. It will be established on a combination of disturbed land, backfilled bunded ponds and Harbour foreshore.

Changes:

Nil changes from previous notification.

Fill and Reclamation to Provide an Additional Rail Loop Spur into the Bulk Stockpile Area

The Project is to establish an additional rail loop to the expanded bulk stockpile areas including a supporting rail dump facility. The area will be constructed by establishing a seawall, backfilled with a combination of dredged material and excavated material sourced from off-site projects, such as sand and gravel. This area comprises Harbour open water, with fringing mangrove forests and mud flats at the entrance to and along Bleasers Creek.

Changes:

This project has been deleted.

Fill and Reclamation North of the Existing East Arm Wharf Ponds

Further hardstanding to support open and covered dry bulk material stockpiles will be developed on shore in the current ponded areas. They will be filled with a combination of dredged material and excavated material sourced from off-site projects. The area to be filled comprises disturbed areas and bunded ponds. Longer term development plans include a road/rail corridor constructed parallel to the existing rail line extending to the wharf by constructing a harbour facing sea wall and backfilling the inner wharf environs to the outer limits of Section 5631 and the Zone DV and the ponds directly behind the Marine Supply Base, with a combination of dredged material and excavated material from off-site projects. This area comprises Harbour open water, fringing mangroves and mudflats along the southern side of Bleasers Creek.

Changes:

Nil. However, this will be dependent on a needs basis.

Tug Berths

A system of pontoons are to be installed to accommodate tug vessels on the northern side (opposite) of the existing quay line.

Changes:

Nil changes from previous notification.

Disposal of Dredge Spoil

Dredge spoil from elements of this Project and the planned channel deepening toward the East Arm Wharf (covered under a separate NOI), will be disposed of onshore within the existing pond network.

Changes:

Nil changes.

I look forward to your response to this notification.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'P. Piper'.

PHILL PIPER

DIRECTOR LAND DEVELOPMENT AND INFRASTRUCTURE

18 November 2011