



COMMISSION APPROVES CHANGES TO MOOREBANK PRECINCT WEST CONCEPT PLAN

30 October 2019

The state's Independent Planning Commission has approved changes to the concept plan for a major intermodal terminal and freight precinct in Sydney's southwest.

Qube Holdings Limited lodged an application to modify the Moorebank Precinct West (MPW) Concept Plan to amend the development layout, make changes to the construction boundary to enable site access intersection works, delete one of two rail terminals and permit the transfer of container freight between MPW and the Moorebank Precinct East intermodal facilities.

As part of the revised plans, approximately 1.6-million cubic metres of clean fill would be brought in to raise existing ground levels across the site by up to 3.6 metres.

The Department of Planning, Industry and Environment referred the matter to the Commission for determination because of opposition from Liverpool City Council and the public. Commissioners Dianne Leeson (Panel chair,) Alan Coutts and John Hann were appointed to consider the application.

The Commissioners met with the applicant, Department and Council to discuss the proposed changes to the concept plan. They also held a public meeting at Moorebank to listen to the community's concerns, which included potential localised and downstream flooding, as well as traffic, noise, air quality and associated human health impacts.

After considering all the evidence and weighing the community's views, the Commission has today (Wednesday 30 October 2019) determined to approve the concept modification, subject to conditions, because:

- it would not alter the purpose of the proposal for an already approved intermodal transport facility and associated warehouse estate
- it would not result in an unacceptable increase in impacts associated with the development and operation of MPW
- it is in the public interest as it promotes the orderly and economic use and development of the land consistent with relevant strategic planning.

The Commission recognised that the Department's recommended conditions would manage or mitigate the likely impacts of the MPW Concept Modification, to ensure the sustainable operation of MPW and to conserve and improve areas of retained riparian vegetation and habitat for threatened species.

The Commission's Statement of Reasons for Decision is available here:

<https://www.ipcn.nsw.gov.au/projects/2019/05/moorebank-intermodal-west-concept-plan-and-stage-1-mod-1>

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