Media release

Tuesday, 20 November 2012

Community feedback invited on McWilliam’s Winery expansion

The NSW Department of Planning and Infrastructure is seeking the community’s views on a proposed extension to the McWilliam’s Winery in the Griffith City Council area.

McWilliam’s Wines Pty Ltd is seeking planning approval to expand the capacity of its existing winery at Hanwood from 34,000 tonnes to 65,000 tonnes of grapes per annum.

Work will also include the establishment of a facility with capacity to bottle up to 72 megalitres of wine per annum and the installation of a wastewater treatment plan and associated infrastructure and facilities.

The environmental assessment (EA) for the modification will be publicly exhibited from Tuesday 20 November until Friday 21 December 2012.

Submissions received during the public exhibition period, along with the proponent’s response to submissions document, will be made available on the department’s website.

The submissions and proponent’s response will be carefully considered as part of the department’s assessment of the project.

All relevant project documents will be publicly available on the department’s website at http://majorprojects.planning.nsw.gov.au, following the links to the ‘On Exhibition’ page.

The environmental assessment for the modification is available to view during business hours at:
- Department of Planning and Infrastructure - Information Centre, 23-33 Bridge Street, Sydney;
- Griffith City Council - 1 Benerembah Street, Griffith; and
- Nature Conservation Council - Level 2, 5 Wilson Street, Newtown.

Submissions can be:
- Emailed to plan_comment@planning.nsw.gov.au or lodged online via the entry for the project on the department’s website (http://majorprojects.planning.nsw.gov.au)
- Posted to Major Projects Assessment, Department of Planning and Infrastructure, GPO Box 39, SYDNEY NSW 2001; or
- Faxed to (02) 9228 6455.

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NOTE: The Department of Planning and Infrastructure is issuing this media release to encourage the community to take part in the planning process. However, it is the role of the proponent (either through its documents published on our website or otherwise) to provide further specific details about the proposal.