Independent decision for Clyde refinery conversion proposal

The independent Planning Assessment Commission (PAC) will make the final decision on Shell's $128 million proposal to convert their Clyde Refinery.

A Department spokesperson said the PAC would make a decision at arm's length from the Government, taking into account community feedback and the Department of Planning and Environment’s assessment.

“The Department’s recommendation is for the conversion to proceed under strict conditions to make sure noise, dust, pollution and other impacts are closely monitored and stay within approved levels,” the spokesperson said.

“The assessment found that converting the refinery to a distribution hub where fuel is blended and stored will mean less noise and better local air quality.

“The facility will continue to receive and store refined fuels and will be smaller than the refinery, meaning there could be future opportunity to remediate and redevelop any left over land in the future.”

The conversion proposal was assessed as a state significant development because of its value and its function storing liquid fuel.

The Department exhibited the environmental impact statement for the proposal late last year and received 41 submissions, 32 of which were from special interest groups and the community.

To view the Department’s assessment of the proposal visit the Major Projects website at http://www.majorprojects.planning.nsw.gov.au

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