Incitec’s ammonium nitrate facility proposal referred to PAC

A proposal to build a new ammonia import and ammonium nitrate manufacturing facility on Kooragang Island will be determined by the independent Planning Assessment Commission (PAC).

The Department of Planning and Environment (DP&E) has completed its assessment of Incitec Pivot Limited’s proposal after it was exhibited in October 2012 and received 375 submissions.

DP&E fully considered all issues highlighted in the 360 public submissions, eight government authority submissions and seven special interest group submissions. The Department has recommended to the PAC that the proposed development be approved, subject to strict conditions.

The applicant responded to the issues raised in its “Response to Submissions” report in November 2013 and made changes to its application to manage and mitigate impacts raised in the submissions. The report is available on the Department’s website.

DP&E’s assessment carefully considered potential noise, air quality impacts as well as potential hazards and risks to surrounding industry.

In addition to this, two independent experts were engaged to review the Department’s assessment and recommended approval conditions.

Both experts confirmed that the assessment was appropriate.

DP&E’s assessment concluded that strict consent conditions relating to these potential issues would ensure that any impacts could be managed to within acceptable levels.

Due to the applicant’s stated political donations and the number of opposing submissions received, the project is being referred to the independent PAC for final determination at arm’s length from Government.

To view DP&E’s assessment of the proposal visit the department’s Major Projects website at www.majorprojects.nsw.gov.au.

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