Independent decision for Wellington gas power station modification

The proposal to modify conditions for the Wellington gas fired power station has been referred to the independent Planning Assessment Commission for a final decision.

“The overall project has already been approved and this application seeks to confirm the types of turbines to be used,” a Department of Planning spokesperson said.

“This new modification application seeks to commit to two 255 megawatt turbine units instead of four 150 megawatt units.

“The assessment of this application notes that the turbines being proposed are quieter than the four 150 megawatt units.

“However, the Department has recommended an additional condition of approval to ensure that low frequency noise is managed to intended limits,” the spokesperson said.

The modification was placed on public exhibition along with the Environmental Impact Statement, giving the community an opportunity for their views to be heard.

During the assessment process, the Department received 57 public submissions and the majority of these concerned the construction of the plant, rather than the modifications.

The Commission will now make the final determination on the project, taking into account the Department’s assessment and community feedback.

For more information about the proposal and to view the Department’s assessment of the project, visit www.majorprojects.planning.nsw.gov.au.

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