Independent planning decision for Moorebank Intermodal Terminal

The independent Planning Assessment Commission will make the final decision on a staged approach to construction of an intermodal terminal at Moorebank after the Department finalised its report for referral to the Planning Assessment Commission.

The Moorebank Intermodal Company (MIC) application seeks concept approval for a staged approach to the construction of an intermodal to move up to 1.5 million containers for export internationally and interstate as well as warehousing.

The proposal also includes a Stage One application for early works, comprising demolition of existing structures and site remediation.

The Department has recommended approval of the proposal with strict conditions to manage issues raised in submissions including traffic, noise and dust.

These conditions include:

- Establishing a 24-hour complaints hotline
- Limits on traffic movements
- Limits on construction and operation noise
- Limits on dust.

As part of the conditions, the company must also abide by strict environmental controls for air quality, soil and water management, flora and fauna management and heritage management.

Further, prior to any future applications being lodged, the Applicant will be required to meet with relevant agencies and Councils to determine traffic mitigation and upgrade needs.

The Planning Assessment Commission previously approved a Concept Plan for the site submitted by SIMTA.

Subsequently, MIC and SIMTA have put in place an agreement to work together on their adjacent sites.

“The Planning Assessment Commission is an important part of the NSW Planning system, ensuring that major developments are subject to expert, independent review and assessment,” the spokesperson said.

The Planning Assessment Commission will now consider the Department’s report and conditions as well as community submissions to make a final decision on the proposal.

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