Independent decision for SIMTA Intermodal Terminal

The independent Planning Assessment Commission is set to make the final decision on a proposed intermodal terminal at Moorebank.

The Department's assessment found that the project was consistent with the already approved Concept Plan for the site and recommended approval with strict conditions.

Sydney Intermodal Terminal Alliance’s (SIMTA) application is seeking approval to develop an intermodal terminal facility with a rail link to the Southern Sydney Freight Line (SSFL) at Moorebank.

The Stage One proposal provides for a port-shuttle service between Port Botany and the SIMTA site, allowing for containers to be uploaded from ships at Port Botany and sent directly by train to the SIMTA site.

Public consultation on the proposal was held for a month to 26 June 2015, with 226 submissions received.

The Department has set stringent conditions to ensure that the intermodal terminal is designed and operated to achieve best practice emission control. The proposal will meet air quality EPA criteria with very minimal human health impacts.

The Department also referred the Moorebank Intermodal Company’s concept plan to the independent Commission earlier this week.

The two organisations have agreed to work together on the site.

“The proposal is a key component in meeting Sydney’s intermodal capacity needs and the port-shuttle will reduce the number of heavy vehicles on the M5 Motorway,” the spokesperson said.

“It will relieve traffic congestion in the Port Botany area and contribute to growing the State’s freight network capacity.”

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