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23/08/2021

Dear Mr Evans

**St Marys Intermodal (SSD 7308)
Interim Noise Barrier**

I refer to your submission dated 1 June 2021, seeking the Planning Secretary's agreement for an alternative timeframe for the building and implementation of the noise barrier under condition D16 of SSD 7308.

I note that condition D16 requires the construction of a 3.0m high noise barrier in the rail corridor along the southern edge of the Main Western Line reserve (north of Camira Street), as detailed in the *St Marys Freight Hub – Updated Noise and Vibration Impact Assessment – Noise Barrier Locations prepared by AECOM* (dated 9 April 2020) and illustrated in Appendix B of the development consent.

I am satisfied that the Pacific National has made its best endeavours to seek the agreement of Sydney Trains concerning the design and construction of the noise barrier. I also consider the Pacific National's discussions with Sydney Trains on this matter to be ongoing.

As the project's construction is near completion, I support your request for an interim noise mitigation solution through building and implementing an interim noise barrier. However, the installation of an interim noise barrier alone is not considered to be sufficient in achieving the benefit of reducing noise from the site and rail operations at the closest sensitive receivers along Camira Street/Kalang Avenue (NCA2) by up to 11 dB(a) during daytime.

Accordingly, as nominee of the Planning Secretary, I support the installation of an interim noise barrier as described in *St Marys Intermodal Submission: Interim Noise Mitigation Solution, Version 2* dated 26 July 2021, subject to the following:

- installation of an at source or barrier treatment is to be completed within six months of this approval to all 17 properties identified in the *St Marys Freight Hub – Update Noise and Vibration Impact Assessment – Noise Barrier Locations (dated 9 April 2020)*;
- noise monitoring is to occur monthly and a summary of the results, including the performance of at source or barrier treatments, is to be published on Pacific National's website;
- noise monitoring is to be in place for a minimum of 12 months following installation of at source or barrier treatment unless otherwise agreed by the Planning Secretary; and
- Pacific National is to provide a monthly status update to the Department for information on its progress with Sydney Trains in obtaining an agreement on the design, construction, and maintenance of the noise barrier required under condition D16.

Please ensure that you make this approval and your submission publicly available on the project website.

If you wish to discuss the matter further, please get in touch with Lee McCourt on 8289 6969.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M. Todd-Jones', written in a cursive style.

Matthew Todd-Jones
Acting Director
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As nominee of the Secretary