



**MORNINGTON
PENINSULA**
Shire

28 April 2020

The Hon. Richard Wynne
Minister for Planning
Level 16
8 Nicholson Street
EAST MELBOURNE VIC 3002

Dear Minister,

**CRIB POINT GAS IMPORT JETTY & PIPELINE ENVIRONMENTAL
EFFECTS STATEMENT (EES)**

I understand public exhibition of the proposed Crib Point Gas Import Jetty & Pipeline Environmental Effects Statement (EES) is scheduled to commence in late May 2020.

I write to you requesting that exhibition be:

- postponed until the current Public Health restrictions associated with the COVID-19 pandemic are lifted; and
- extended from the minimum 30 business days to at least 60 business days (regardless of a delayed commencement).

This is a project of significant scope, complexity and potential impacts for the Mornington Peninsula and surrounding region.

The community ought to be provided with fair and reasonable time to review and form a position on what is an extensive and technically demanding suite of EES documentation.

I submit that a period of 60 business days strikes an appropriate balance between the need to progress the matter in a timely manner whilst ensuring the integrity of the exhibition process.

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In response to the challenges posed by COVID-19 restrictions and a desire to maintain existing timelines, I understand the project proponents have sought your approval to proceed with an alternative “digitally-led” exhibition process. As part of this process, I understand that hard copy documentation will be distributed on request for a fee.

Whilst this is an innovative response to a challenging situation, I submit that a digitally-led public exhibition process is insufficient and will significantly disadvantage a sizable cohort of the general public, particularly when hard copy documentation is only available for a fee.

I urge you to consider postponement of exhibition until Public Health restrictions are sufficiently eased, combined with an extended exhibition period to ensure the integrity of this EES process and fairness for all.

Should exhibition not be delayed, I request that hard copies of all documentation be provided free of charge (for those that request hard copy) to enable everyone in the community to engage in this process.

Thank you for considering my request.

Should you have any queries in relation to any of the above, or would like to discuss this in more detail, please contact Mr David Bergin, Director of Planning & Building on 5950 1087 or david.bergin@mornpen.vic.gov.au.

Yours Sincerely

Councillor Sam Hearn
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Mornington Peninsula Shire