

From: [EPA Victoria Customer Service](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Re: Licence apposition APP09563 Questions raised in response to Hastings Generation Project Development
Date: Tuesday, 12 July 2022 2:07:28 PM

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Hi [REDACTED]

Apologies for the delay.

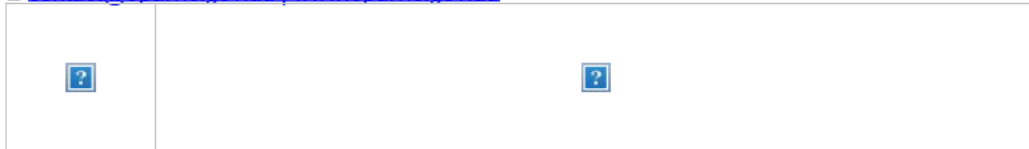
Your enquiry is currently with our Permissioning Team as part of their assessment of the application.

REF: ENQ057022

If you require any further assistance, please contact us 1300 372 842 (1300 EPA VIC).

Kind regards,

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On Tue, 12 Jul at 11:17 AM, [REDACTED] wrote:
[REDACTED]:
Good morning,

A friend has advised that she cannot see what I have submitted posted online.
I wonder whether this has been uploaded and received for email and documents as relate to the ESSO project.
Could I ask the proponent, ESSO and or EXXON MOBIL are they planning to open the West Baracouta pipeline and if so, when.

Kind Regards

[REDACTED]

On 3 Jul 2022, at 2:13 pm, EPA Victoria Customer Service <contact@epa.vic.gov.au> wrote:
Hi [REDACTED]

Thank you for contacting EPA Victoria.

I have passed your correspondence to our South Metropolitan Regional Team who will respond to your enquiry regarding Hasting Generation Project.

Your reference number is ENQ057022.


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On Sun, 3 Jul at 9:25 AM ,  wrote:

In addition to this submission that intends the contents of these emails as well as the document.

ESSO has a pipeline directly into the Altona Facility. We do not understand the entire process of Ethane arriving to ESSO but understand that this pipeline is attached to the Eastern Gas Grid and through to the Longford pipeline but this needs to be confirmed by ESSO.

I move that like the AGL/APA pipeline where each was entirely dependent upon the other this project should be a joint project with United Energy. In the proposal, United plans to build a second transmission line directly to the power station and therefore completely separate from the existing facility except where at some point, that is not really clear. Clearly everything that has a beginning also has an end and the point of access for the powerlines to the Gas Fired Power Station is clear, but it is not clear what happens at the other end. Can ESSO please answer this.

Why has an arbitrary point for the power station been defined when sea-level rise is at the shore. The Yaringa Harbour Development was subject to an EES through DELWP a number of years ago, prior to the new 2017 legislation. At the 100 year point the sea-level rise meant that an additional 30m would be under water. On the basis of the 100 year figure the development had to be pushed back on that basis. An arbitrary point seems to have been chosen by ESSO. Is this valid?

ESSO do not give any indication of what they will do with soil that potentially has coastal acid sulphate soil either with the power lines or the station.

ESSO have not made any decommissioning plans, nor has United, neither for the stacks at Long Island Point.
What are ESSO's decommissioning plans for this project.

Can ESSO supply historic data, that includes data when the Mobil refinery was in operation on flaring through the stacks and how this has changed for the last 5 years.

The credibility of [REDACTED] has been raised in the past on a Google Search. His information needs to be third party verified as this is a sensitive ecosystem in Hastings, not so in Altona

An EES is warranted and ought to be recommended by the EPA because it is likely that this project trips the 200,000 T of Carbon, especially if this is United Energy and Esso combined.

The people who live as close as 700m from a plant where ethane can leak and settle in a low fog presents unusual hazards. There is also the relationship to noise that has not been adequately explored. Without an EES the people who live right at the outskirts of the refinery need a voice.

Please could the EPA recommend that this project is combined and subject to an EES unless there is an alternative that does not require one.

Kind Regards

[REDACTED]

On 2 Jul 2022, at 11:48 pm, [REDACTED] wrote:

To whom it may concern,

Please find below a series of questions for ESSO regarding their planned gas fired power station at Hastings. The questions cover the need for an EES being that there is too much to the project in terms of social and environmental impacts for the responses of a proponent only to be considered. There is a lot of inadequate information presented that lacks voracity and independent verification. This is of great concern.

I believe in their licence application ESSO have not explained the process in detail, nor have they explained other opportunities that are much less carbon intense and could potentially be sited in a much less eco-sensitive place.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me. Please email me separately if you would like to speak with me and I shall supply a phone number.

I look forward to the responses from ESSO

Sincerely,

<Questions for ESSO .docx>

[REDACTED]

