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Subject: Development Licence Application APP09563 Hastings Generation Project

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Dear DELWP & EPA,

We write in relation to the Hastings Generation Project (Development Licence Application APP09563), in response to community concern for the potential environmental impacts of the project on Western Port Bay.

The VNPA is a leading community conservation organisation and has been advocating for the protection of Victoria's biodiversity for over 60 years.

It has been brought to our attention by the local community (*Objection by Save Westernport*), that there has been inadequate community consultation conducted by Esso or DELWP to inform local residents and businesses on the Mornington Peninsula about the Project, its implications and its environmental and social effects.

The VNPA too has questions on the potential impacts this project may have on the internationally significant Ramsar wetland of Western Port Bay, and the biodiversity the Bay supports.

To honour these concerns, we request for DELWP and/or the EPA to undertake a thorough environmental and risk assessment with a fulsome community consultation process before any decision is made. Whether this is an Environmental Effects Statement Process under the Environmental Effects Act, or another suitable process under the EPA legislation or other.

We also note the opposition by the Mornington Peninsula Shire Council, voting 6-3 to oppose the plan. [See the Mornington Peninsula News from the 27 June, 2022.](#)

Thanks for your time.

Cheers,

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