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Subject: RE: Ark Hydrogen Refueller

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Hello Nancy,

I am replying to your request in Melanie's absence. Thank you for your enquiry.

It is advised that the proposal to service 5 additional vehicles at the refueller is supported. This is based on the information provided below and the expected negligible impact on traffic movements, being for only 5 additional vehicles.

It is noted that the introduction of new vehicles to the site may require consideration in the Traffic Impact Assessment Report which is required to be submitted to Council as part of an Application for Road Works Approval, as identified in the Amended Referral Agency Submission dated 4 August 2021.

In regard to the Construction Hours, operation on Sunday can be supported considering the submitted information below, the industrial nature of the area and the existing operations in the area. Should you wish to have the Amended Referral Agency Submission dated 4 August 2021 (CAR21/0263) changed to reflect this, please submit this as a request for Amended Referral Agency Submission.

In giving the above response I refer back to Council's original response referenced above, the conditions of which remain relevant.

Please do not hesitate in contacting me if I can provide anything further on this matter.

Kind Regards,

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Hi Melanie,

I have been passed your contact details to liaise with in relation to a Development Application (DA) modification for our hydrogen refueler in Townsville.

Ark Energy are seeking to modify a condition of DA AP2021/004.

The DA relates to the Hydrogen refuelling facility being constructed in Townsville. The condition we would like to modify relates to Condition 7 – limitation of use.

Currently the condition restricts refuelling to hydrogen trucks operated as part of Sun Metals logistics fleet or hydrogen forklifts used onsite.

Ark Energy intend to submit a minor change application requesting condition 7 be modified to allow additional refuelling of up to a maximum of 5 specific approved vehicles that are not part of the Sun Metals fleet.

The hydrogen supplied to these vehicles will be excess to the requirements of the Sun Metals fleet meaning that Ark can achieve greater utilisation of the facility while also supporting Queensland and Townsville's hydrogen industry. At this stage Ark are in discussions about potentially filling hydrogen buses (2) and hydrogen garbage trucks (2). No formal agreements are in place as yet.

I believe Townsville City Council (TCC) were consulted on the original application and would have an interest in the modification to this condition and the vehicles that will use the facility.

We would like to seek endorsement from TCC for this minor change before we submit the application to the Office of the Coordinator General.

Additionally, Ark would like to discuss with TCC the potential to allow construction works on Sundays while the refueller is being built.

The nearest residential and commercial neighbours are approximately 2.5 km away. It is not anticipated that any audible noise will reach any affected buildings at commercial or residential premises (apart from the Sun Metals refinery that will also be operating on Sunday).

Ark will be engaging a Principal Contractor to conduct the construction work and due to the specialised nature of the facility and equipment many of the construction team will be travelling from out of Townsville. Having the ability to compress shifts significantly reduces the construction time and cost.

We appreciate your consideration of this matter.

Please let me know what information you would like us to provide or if you would like to arrange a meeting to review the proposed modifications.

Kind Regards,

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