



WEST GATE TUNNEL PROJECT RESPONSE

DATE:

30 August 2017

RESPONSE TO IAC QUESTION:

Approval Process for various Plans

QUESTION:

I was asked by Counsel Assisting who I considered were the appropriate approval authorities for matters such as the Environmental Management Framework, the Environmental Performance Requirements and associated Plans such as the Construction Environmental Management Plan (CEMP), Operations Environmental Management Plan (OEMP) and Worksite Environmental Management Plan (WERMP).

RESPONSE:

It is my understanding of the proposed process that the Environmental Management Strategy (that responds to and addresses the Environmental Management Framework and Environmental Performance Requirements) will be approved by the Minister for Planning. This will form part of the approvals required by the Incorporated Document.

I consider that this process is appropriate and will enable specific local issues to be addressed through the consultation process with the local authorities.

The preparation of all subsidiary Plans must be in accordance with the EPRs and EMS. I note that proposed Condition 5 of the Incorporated Document establishes a process and timing for the development of the various Plans. I further understand that the review and approval of the Construction Environmental Management Plan and the Operations Environmental Management Plan will be undertaken by the Independent Reviewer and Environmental Auditor. I consider this process to be appropriate given that the process implements the approved EMS.