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PLANNING ACT 2002 (NI)

SECTION 28F NOTICE

DECLARATION IN RELATION TO A SIGNIFICANT DEVELOPMENT

Application No.:	SDDA 2/2021
Applicant:	Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Communications
Location:	Part Cascade Reserve and Part RD 46, Cascade Road
Proposed development:	<i>Port and Wharf Facilities</i> Proposed Temporary Landing Structure Cascade Bay

Statement of reasons:

Having considered the matters set out in section 28D of the *Planning Act 2002 (NI)* I am satisfied the proposal meets the requirements for declaration as significant for the following reasons:

1. The development is to establish or upgrade infrastructure of a type prescribed in the regulations, namely *(h) port and wharf facilities*.
2. The development has potential economic and community benefits. The proposed facility may increase the number and range of vessels serving Norfolk Island may stimulate the local economy and benefit the community by helping to reduce freight costs.
3. The development has links with other developments as it would support import of freight required for major projects such as the proposed Youngs Road Quarry and the Multi-Purpose Health Service Facility.
4. The development is consistent with the objectives of the Norfolk Island Plan 2002 for areas designated as 'Activity Nodes' as it would be infrastructure for sea transport.
5. The development is consistent with the Norfolk Island Regional Council's Community Strategic Plan 2016-2026 in particular Strategic Direction 3 – 'A caring community' and Strategic Direction 4 – 'A strong and innovative business community' and the following objectives:
 - Objective 5 -Our community is a great place to live and visit
 - *Develop the facilities, resources, capacity and confidence to adapt to changing circumstances*
 - Objective 6 - Strong, diverse and vibrant business environment
 - *Grow and diversify the economy including niche markets*
 - *Reduction in business costs – greater efficiencies in business costs*
6. The development is consistent with the Norfolk Island Economic Development Strategy 2015 and Norfolk Island Tourism Strategic Plan 2013-23; specifically the theme '*Port facilities, to encourage cruise ships and assist with cargo shipping, require public and private investment focused on good planning and sustainable outcomes.*'

Conditions:

There are no conditions in relation to the declared significant development.

Other information:

After the Minister has made a declaration in relation to a significant development, the owner of the land, or a person permitted to do so, may make a development application to the General Manager of the Norfolk Island Regional Council in accordance with Parts 4 and 5 of the Planning Act.

The application must include information required by the Norfolk Island Plan 2002 or other enactment, an environmental impact statement and be accompanied by the prescribed fee.

If the application is accepted, a notice of development application must be displayed on or near the land. The General Manager is also required to publish a notice in the Norfolk Island Gazette inviting written public submissions to be lodged within a specified period of not less than 28 days. The application documents must also be made available for public inspection.

The General Manager is required to refer the application with their recommendations and any public submissions to the Minister.

Within 56 days of the application being made (the Minister may extend this up to 168 days) the Minister considers the application and makes a decision.

The Minister can either give development approval, refuse approval or refer the application back to the General Manager with directions. The applicant must be notified of any decision and a notice must also be published in the Norfolk Island Gazette within 14 days.

Dated: 14 October 2021

ERIC HUTCHINSON
ADMINISTRATOR
