

RESPONSE TO PETITION

Petition Number: 577
Petition Sponsored by: David Ettershank
Directed to: Hon Sonya Kilkenney MP
Tabled on: 27 August 2024

Petition Grievance:

The Petition of certain citizens of the state of Victoria draws to the attention of the legislative Council that the Pacific National Ltd is seeking to construct a shipping container transfer hub in a designated green wedge zone, which borders the critically endangered Western Basalt Plains Grasslands, and which will impact nearby Ramsar-listed wetlands. Green wedges support the health and well-being of all Victorians and action must be taken to protect these areas from inappropriate industrial development proposals.

Petition Action:

The Petitioners therefore request that the legislative Council calls on the Minister for Planning to reject Pacific National's applications to remove native vegetation and to build an intermodal freight terminal at Little River and take further action to protect green wedge areas.

Reply:

On 19 September Pacific National advised me that the Little River Logistics Precinct Project will not proceed. Pacific National has made the decision to abandon the project for a range of reasons. Therefore, the project and EES process are no longer being progressed.

The Department of Transport and Planning, responsible for administering the environment effects statement, has notified relevant stakeholders and government agencies.



Hon Sonya Kilkenney MP
Minister for Planning

7/10/2024