

## Notice of Intent (NOI) – CMTP Pty Ltd

16/9/22

**Project Name**                    **Branxholm Sawmill Upgrade**

**Project Location**            1628 Warrentinna Rd, Branxholm Tas 7261

**Application lodged by** CMTP Pty Ltd

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**Land Parcels**

P.213136	3.841 ha
P.224422	1.584 ha

**Easements**

Electricity Infrastructure Easement created by C864727

Wayleave Easement created by C793126

### Project Proponent Background

CMTP Pty Ltd have been in business since 1976 and operate production facilities across Victoria, South Australia, NSW, Queensland and Tasmania. CMTP have operated the Branxholm Sawmill since taking ownership in 2008 and have undertaken several key upgrades at the Branxholm site including: installing a drying kiln, Log scanning and optimisation system, sorting & stacking machinery, residues bunker and a new manufacturing shed. CMTP also operate a post peeling plant and timber preservation plant at Scottsdale.

### Financial Capacity to Undertake the Project

The project budget for the upgrade is \$23M. CMTP Pty Ltd annual turnover is in excess of \$100M annually. It is anticipated the project will be funded through cashflow, borrowings and an existing grant of \$2.5M from the State Government under the On Island Processing Grant Program.

### Existing Approval

CMTP operate the Branxholm Sawmill under existing EPN 10008/1 issued in July 2019. This EPN allows for a maximum regulatory limit of 20,000m<sup>3</sup> per year of product.

### Project Description

CMTP are proposing to upgrade the sawmill line at Branxholm with a high-speed single pass sawline. The process to saw logs will remain relatively unchanged however the project is expected to increase recovery of sawn timber from the current 50% to 56% through increased optimisation of logs and thinner sawblades. CMTP are requesting an increase in the allowable output from the sawmill to 60,000m<sup>3</sup> annually. Whilst the application would allow for up to 60,000m<sup>3</sup> annually is expected the actual output will be 47,600m<sup>3</sup> based on an input volume of 85,000t log supply at a recovery rate of 56%.

A new building will be erected alongside the existing sawmill building to house the new sawmill line. The existing sawmill building will house some of the new equipment and relocated maintenance workshop and employee lunchroom.

The existing log debarking, timber sorting and stacking systems will undergo minor modification to improve efficiency to meet the higher required sawmill volume.

### Consultation

It is not intended to carry out any specific stakeholder consultation regarding the project outside mandatory public advertising required under the Development Application through and EPA assessment process.

### Log supply

Sawlogs for the increase will be supplied from the Tasmanian radiata pine plantation estate. CMTP have a draft contract to purchase 75,000t annually from Timberlands Pacific commencing Jan 2025, it is intended to source up to an additional 10,000t per year on a spot basis for the full log volume input.

### Operational Hours

The proposal does not involve an increase in the operational hours of the sawmill as all increased production will be undertaken within the existing allowable operational hours 7.00am – 6.00pm Monday to Saturday.

### Truck Movements

All incoming logs and finished product including residues will be transported via road to and from the Branxholm site. The table below summarises current and proposed daily truck movement:

	Current	Proposed Volume	Max Output
Annual Log Deliveries	40,000 t	85,000 t	100,000 t
Sawmill output	20,000 m3	47,600 m3	60,000 m3
Sawn Recovery	50%	56%	60%
Log trucks per day	4.8	10.1	11.9
Dispatch trucks per day	4.2	9.9	12.5
Chip trucks per day	1.9	3.7	4.0
Sawdust trucks per day	0.9	1.8	1.8
Bark trucks per day	0.3	0.5	0.6
<b>Total truck movements per day</b>	<b>12.0</b>	<b>26.0</b>	<b>30.8</b>

### Residues

Whilst the intensification of the Branxholm operation will result in increased residues in the form of woodchip, sawdust and bark being produced, CMTP have in place ongoing sales agreements for these products. All current residue customers are willing to purchase increased volumes of residues that will be generated at the higher volumes.

## Noise limits

The existing EPN details daytime and night-time noise limits allowable from the operation. These are as follows:

Daytime (7.00am-6.00pm) 55dBA

Night-time (6.00pm-7.00am) 40dBA

CMTTP expects there will be no increase in noise emissions resulting from the upgrade.

## Project Timetable

September 2022	EPA & planning applications submitted
November 2022	Sawline supplier selected, and equipment ordered
September 2023	EPA approval achieved
December 2023	Electricity supply upgrade completed
March 2024	New sawmill building erected
November 2024	Equipment manufactured and shipped to site
February 2025	Equipment installation completed
March 2025	Equipment commissioned & operations commence

It is not expected the project will require approval under the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Act 1999*, nor are CMTTP intending to refer the project to the Commonwealth Government to determine if approval under the act is required.

CMTTP have consulted with Dorset Council regarding the application and approval process, council has confirmed a single Development Application will be required. Council have also confirmed the increase is considered a substantial increase as per subsection 12(7) of the LUPA Act.

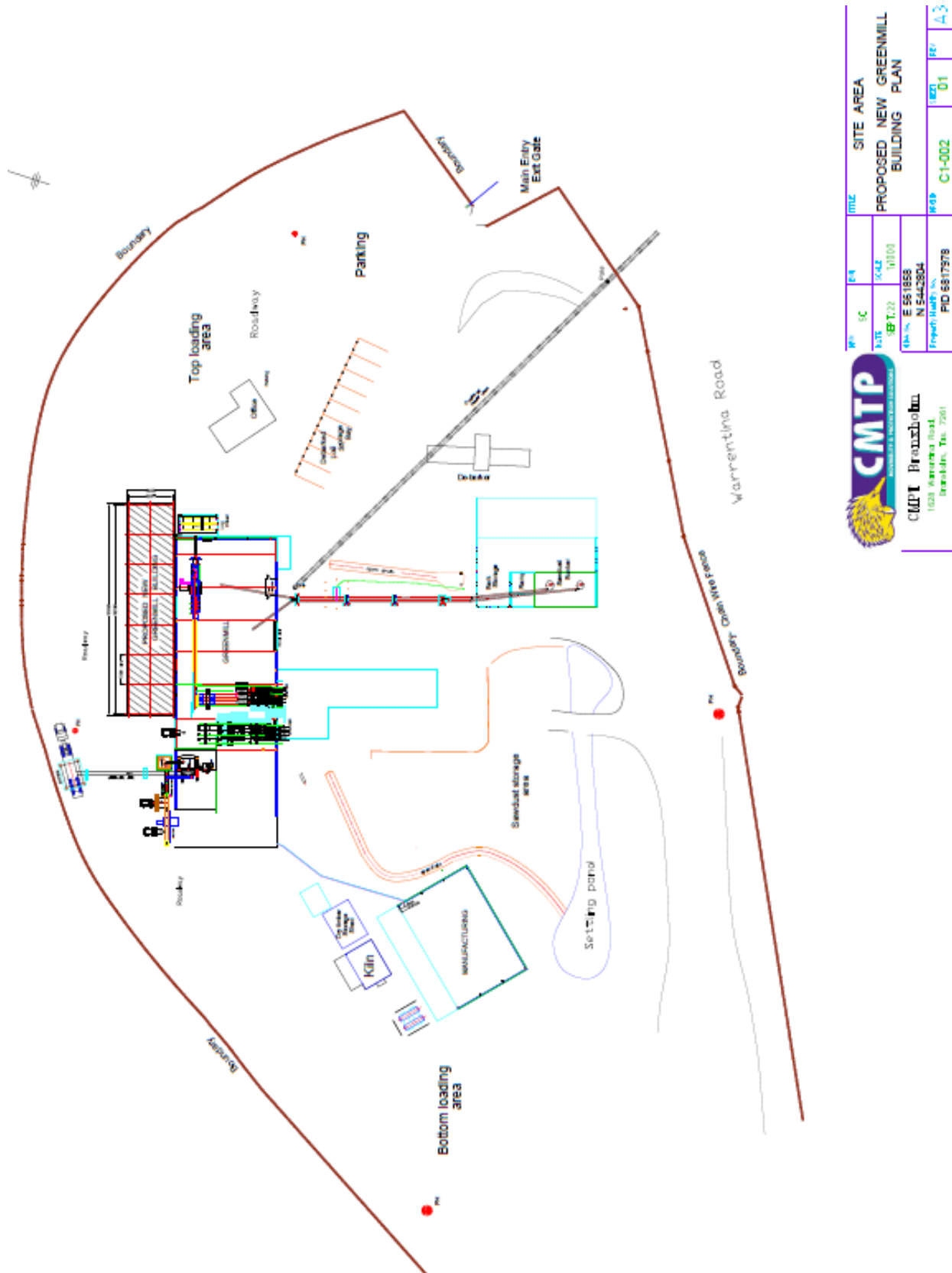
Under the LUPA Act, section 57 Part 4, Division 2 the application will be publicly advertised.

There will be no requirement for the site to be re-zoned.

CMTTP confirms the company and persons involved in the application have not:

- Contravened the EMPC Act, nor environmental conditions imposed under the EMPC & LUPA Acts
- In the last 5 years been convicted of an offence against the EMPC Act or any other Tasmanian Act or a law of another State, territory, or the Commonwealth relating to protection of the environment.

Proposed Site Plan



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MP#	SC	MLZ	SITE AREA
DATE	SCALE		PROPOSED NEW GREENMILL BUILDING PLAN
BY	10/10/00		
CHK. BY	E 551858 N 5442504		
PROJECT	Fryerhills, Inc.	WSP	C1-002
	PID 6817978	REV	01
		REV	A-3