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Notice of Intent

Proposed Intensification of Compost Facility

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The name and contact details of the person lodging the application

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2. The name of the proposed project and its location

The project is called Cherries Tasmania Composting

The location is 647 Baskerville Rd, Old Beach 7017.

The current production sits on Land Parcel 178273/1 (PID 9651403)

3. Background of Proposed Proponent

Cherries Tasmania has operated a compost facility on this site since 2015 (refer attached letter from Brighton Council). Mr Hansen has been the responsible person since the compost operation began.

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4. A description of the proposed project including its key physical components.

The operation was approved under the Land Use Planning and Approvals Act 1993 (the LUPA Act to produce compost on the site (DA 2015/00134). Council amended the approval under Section 44(3) of *Environmental Management and Pollution Control Act 1994* (EMPCA) to allow a trial of hatchery sludges from Huon Aquaculture in 2018. The EPN was renewed 2021 to enable ongoing receipt of hatchery sludges.

The current operation produces approximately 3,000 cubic metres of compost per year (approximately 2,000 tonnes). Cherries Tasmania proposes to increase this to approximately 3,500 cubic metres per year. This equates to approximately 2,400 tonnes per year. It is also proposed to sell a small quantity of the product to other horticulturists. It is not proposed to sell to the general public.

Feedstocks are sourced on-farm, green wastes from Councils and hatchery sludges from Huon Aquaculture.

Compost is produced in windrows which are regularly turned by machine (refer photos Appendix 1). After three months, the material is moved to a pad and heaped,





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and further matured for another six-nine months. It is then screened and stockpiled awaiting use on the property.

Stormwater is directed to a downgradient dam. This water is pumped into a tanker which travels alongside the turner to enable moisture to be integrated into windrows

This intensification will not require any additional area. It will be achieved by increasing the number of rows of compost on the existing windrow pad. There will be a slight increase in vehicle movements bringing feedstocks to the facility, and machine operations within the facility (windrow turning etc).

Other orchardists have expressed interest in sourcing compost from Cherries Tasmania. The sale of over 100 tonnes of compost per annum is a Schedule 2 activity under EMPCA. Cherries Tasmania is therefore seeking approval from the Board, EPA as part of a Development Application (DA) to Brighton Council.

5. An outline of the proposed location of the project and a general site location map.

The location of the current operation is shown in Figure 1, and site details in Figure 2



Figure 1: Site location





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Figure 2 Site layout

6. Stakeholder consultation

The neighbours adjacent to the current operation are aware of its existence. Cherries Tasmania has not received any complaints from these neighbours. Therefore, Cherries Tasmania will rely on Council's notification of the lodgement of the DA to advise the neighbours

7. A general description of the physical environment that may be affected by the project.

The site is adjacent to a large orchard. The land slopes towards Baskerville Road. No additional works are proposed for the intensification.

8. The key environmental, health, economic and social issues identified for the project to date.

Compost facilities can cause environmental harm through generation of odour, noise and high nutrient stormwater runoff. As per the attached letter from the Senior Environmental Health Officer, Brighton Council, the compost operation had one odour issue at the beginning of operation (2015). Since then, no odour or noise complaints have been received.





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9. The surveys and studies proposed or underway in relation to the key issues for the project.

Cherries Tasmania recognises that a greenfield composting activity has the potential to cause environmental harm through excessive noise, odour and runoff, and inexperience of the operators. However, Cherries Tasmania does not propose to undertake any noise or odour surveys or modelling because no environmental harm has not been caused by the existing operation other than one odour complaint 2015, which was quickly resolved (refer attached letter from Brighton Council).

10. The proposed timetable for the project.

It is proposed that production would increase, and material sold, as soon as approval was granted, and feedstocks are available.

11. EPBC Act

Cherries Tasmania does not intend referring the proposal to the Commonwealth Government under the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* because the proposed intensification does not have potential to impact upon matters of national environmental significance or upon Commonwealth land

12. Planning aspects

Brighton Council has advised that the intensification is substantial and requires approval under the Land Use Planning and Approvals Act 1993 (the LUPA Act).

Cherries Tasmania will submit a single application, no rezoning is required.

The area is zoned rural

Neither Mr Nic Hansen nor Cherries Tasmania have been convicted of offences under

- i the EMPC Act;
- ii any other Tasmanian Act that relates to the protection of the environment; or
- iii a law of another State, a Territory, or the Commonwealth, that relates to the protection of the environment.
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