

EPA Communiqué

December 2016

The Board held its 98th regular meeting on Tuesday 6 December 2016 in Hobart.

Water Quality Objectives – Back Creek, Longford

Under the State Policy on Water Quality Management the EPA Board is required to set Water Quality Objectives for waters receiving discharges from industries and utilities so that discharge limits can be set. TasWater is proposing to upgrade the Longford wastewater treatment plant which will discharge into Back Creek at Longford.

The Board considered the recommendations for water quality objectives put forward in a briefing paper from EPA Tasmania and adopted these for the purposes of setting discharge limits for the upgraded plant.

Fee Remission

The Board considered and granted partial fee remissions for a suite of permits that were issued for the Bell Bay Pulp Mill which are still current although the development has not proceeded.

Westbury Industrial Precinct

The Board received a briefing from EPA Tasmania on the circumstances at the Westbury Industrial Precinct where an issue regarding the standards that should apply to protect air quality and amenity on abutting industrial land parcels has arisen.