

# Minutes



ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION AUTHORITY

**Meeting No.:** 173  
**Date:** Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> July 2023 at 2.00 pm  
**Location:** Level 1 Meeting Room No. 1.01 (Florentine),  
40 Elizabeth Street, Hobart

## PRESENT

**Board**

- Mr Andrew Paul (Chairperson)
- Ms Amanda Locatelli (Member) – via MS Teams
- Mr Wes Ford (Member)
- Ms Belinda Hazell (Member)
- Dr Ian Cresswell (Member)
- Mr Mark Gifford (Deputy Member) – via Ms Teams

**Other attendees**

- Dr Martin Read (Executive Director, Environmental Assessments, EPA)
- Ms Fiona Bourne (Manager, Environmental Engagement, EPA)
- Ms Allison Round (Communications Coordinator, Environmental Engagement, EPA)
- Ms Helen Mulligan (Manager, Assessments, EPA)
- Ms Edith O'Shea (Principal Assessment Officer, Assessments, EPA)
- Ms Catherine Browning (Senior Environmental Officer, Assessments, EPA)
- Ms Ella Jackson (Environmental Officer, Assessments, EPA)
- Ms Shannon Troy (Program and Project Manager, NRE Tas)

Meeting commenced at 2.05pm

### 173.1 Apologies

There were no apologies for the 173<sup>rd</sup> EPA Board meeting.

### 173.2 Minutes of Board meetings

a. 172<sup>nd</sup> EPA Board Meeting minutes held on the 6<sup>th</sup> June 2023

The Board resolved to:

- Approve the minutes as a true and accurate record of the 172<sup>nd</sup> EPA Board Meeting held on the 6<sup>th</sup> of June 2023.

### 173.3 Board Decision Register

The Board noted the Decision Register that was circulated.

#### **173.4 Declaration(s) of Interests**

The Board noted the declarations of interests. There were no further declarations of interest raised for the 173<sup>rd</sup> EPA Board meeting.

#### **173.5 Delegations**

The Board noted the decisions made under delegation since the previous meeting.

#### **173.6 Actions arising**

The Board resolved to note the status of items listed on the Actions Arising.

#### **173.7 Standing action items**

##### a. Field Trip discussion

The Board resolved to hold over discussion until a board meeting in early 2024.

##### b. Audit of past approvals discussion

The Board agreed to the EPA scheduling presentations at upcoming board meetings for Bridgewater Bridge and Cattle Hill.

### **Items for Decision**

#### **173.8 Robbins Island discussion**

The Director EPA provided the board with a short update regarding the Robbins Island proposal, including an update on appearances at Tribunal hearings.

Ms Shannon Troy (Program and Project Manager, NRE Tas) joined the meeting to answer questions board members had regarding the Orange-bellied Parrot.

#### **173.9 Fee remission application for Jims Plains Renewable Energy Park**

The Board accepted the paper as read, and resolved to:

- Approve a special fee remission of \$28,889.19 for the 2022-2023 permit year.

#### **173.10 Strategic Issues**

##### a. EPA Strategic Plan

##### b. Letter to the Board from the Minister for Environment and Climate Change re Statement of Expectation

The Board accepted the papers as read, and the Manager, Environmental Engagement provided an overview.

The Board resolved to:

- Approve in-principle the Statement of Intent and Strategic Plan 2023-2026, with the inclusion of some drivers for success to be approved OOS by the board.
- Note that the Strategic Plan and the Statement of Intent, will be published on the Environment Protection Authority's website once the finalised Ministerial statement of expectation has been received.

#### **173.11 North East Wind Major Project – Draft Assessment Criteria**

The Board accepted the papers as read, and an EPA Officer briefed the Board on the proposal which involves the construction of a large scale wind project across two sites at Waterhouse and Rushy Lagoon, in the Dorset municipality in North East Tasmania.

The Board resolved to:

- Note the information in this briefing paper.
- Note the Draft Representation intended to be made by the EPA under section 60ZL(2) of LUPAA in response to the Draft Assessment Criteria for the North East Wind Major Project.
- Note and endorse the draft Alteration Notice that once finalised, will be submitted to the Panel by the

EPA Director under delegation from the Board and in accordance with section 60ZL(4) of LUPAA, and taken to be the guidance that the Board has provided to ACEN Australia for the purposes of section 74(4) of EMPCA.

## Items for Noting

### 173.12 Assessments in Progress

The Board resolved to:

- Note Assessments in Progress and Other Assessments Report. A number of questions were asked regarding specific projects (East Arm, Cornwall Coal and White Beach Civil Solutions). The Executive Director will provide a detailed response to questions prior to the next Board meeting.

### 173.13 Media Releases

The Board resolved to:

- Note new media releases were on the EPA website.

### 173.14 Correspondence

There was no correspondence for the 173<sup>rd</sup> EPA Board meeting.

### 173.15 Other Business

- The Director EPA advised that the EPA Communications Coordinator, Allison Round would be taking up a secondment to NRE Tas from 6 July 2023.
- The EPA Board Chair, Andrew Paul advised that he would be an apology for the October board meeting.
- There was no other business discussed at the 173<sup>rd</sup> EPA Board meeting.

### 173.16 Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday the 1<sup>st</sup> August 2023 at 2.00 pm.**

The 173<sup>rd</sup> EPA Board meeting closed at 5.00pm.

**Minutes endorsed by:**



Andrew Paul

**CHAIRPERSON**

**BOARD OF THE ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION AUTHORITY**

DATE: 5 September 2023