

**Meeting No.** 178  
**Date:** Tuesday 13 February 2024 at 9am  
**Location:** Level 1 Meeting Room No. 1.01 (Florentine), 40 Elizabeth Street, Hobart

## PRESENT

### Board

Andrew Paul (Chair)  
Wes Ford (Member)  
Belinda Hazell (Member) via Team  
Ian Cresswell (Member) via Teams  
Mark Gifford (Member) via Teams

### Other attendees

Martin Read (Executive Director, Environmental Assessments)  
Helen Mulligan (Manager, Assessments, EPA)  
Grace Vaszocz (Executive Assistant, Directorate, EPA)  
Zoë Brown (Principal Assessment Officer, Assessments, EPA)  
Hugh Kerr (Senior Environmental Officer Assessments, EPA)  
Ella Jackson (Senior Environmental Officer, Assessments, EPA)

Meeting commenced at 9am

### 178.1 Apologies

Nil.

### 178.2 Minutes of Board meetings

a. 177<sup>th</sup> EPA Board Meeting minutes held on 5<sup>th</sup> December 2023

The Board resolved to:

- Approve the minutes as a true and accurate record of the 177<sup>th</sup> EPA Board Meeting held on 5<sup>th</sup> December 2023

### 178.3 Declaration of Interests

The Board noted the declarations of interest. There were no further declarations of interest raised for the 178<sup>th</sup> EPA Board Meeting

## Items for Decision

### **178.4 Macquarie Point Sewerage Pumping Station – Taswater**

EPA staff provided an overview of the proposal to the Board and Board members discussed key environmental issues associated with the proposed activity.

Board members discussed the proposal and requested changes to the media release to clarify that discharge of untreated sewerage would only occur during extreme events. Board members agreed to a single change to EPN condition **WWI** to “wastewater overflow events and while there was extended discussion of the Environmental Assessment Report, there were no amendments required.

The Board resolved to:

1. Adopt the draft Environmental Assessment Report.
2. In accordance with section 27(6)(a)(i) of EMPCA, direct the Director, Environment Protection Authority to issue and serve on the Tasmanian Water & Sewerage Corporation Pty Ltd (TasWater) EPN No. 11299/1.
3. In accordance with section 27(6)(a)(i) of EMPCA, to direct the Director, Environment Protection Authority to issue and serve on TasWater a copy of the Environmental Assessment Report to outline the reasons for the conditions and restrictions in the EPN under Section 44(1A)(b).

### **178.5 South Arm Pipeline, Class A Recycled Water Treatment Plant, Blackmans Bay - South Arm Pipeline Pty Ltd**

EPA staff members provided an overview of the proposal to the Board and Board members discussed key environmental issues associated with the proposal. Board members discussed the complex regulatory arrangements for those aspects of the proposal that related to the EPA assessment and those that did not. The Board determined that the media release should separate those matters assessed by the EPA from those that are out of scope.

Board members proposed minor amendments and correction of typographical errors in the Environmental Assessment Report, delineation of those representor concerns that were matters that the Board could consider and those outside of the assessment, minor amendments to the draft PCE and inclusion of the definition of a weed.

The Board resolved to:

1. Adopt the draft Environmental Assessment Report.
2. Agreed to authorise the Chairperson to sign the final Environmental Assessment Report.
3. In accordance with section 25(5)(a)(i) of EMPCA, to notify Kingborough Council that the conditions and restrictions detailed in Appendix 3 of the Environmental Assessment Report (Permit Conditions – Environmental No. 10476) must be contained in a permit granted by the planning authority under the LUPAA in respect of the activity, if a permit is to be granted.
4. In accordance with section 25(5)(a)(ii) of the EMPCA, to provide Council with a copy of the final Environmental Assessment Report to outline the reasons for the conditions and restrictions.

**178.6 Board consent for minor amendment – s25(8)(e) of EMPCA – Recycal Pty Ltd , 256 George Town Road, Rocherlea – provision for internal legal advice.**

It was noted that this Agenda Item was brought back to the Board after Board members requested the EPA seeks legal advice on the proposal.

The Board resolved to:

1. Note the information in the briefing paper.
2. Refuse consent to the minor amendment application DA 0538/2019.A01 referred by Council in accordance with s25(8)(e) of EMPCA.
3. Endorse the draft letter with amendments to reflect that the Board needs to understand the nature of the activity on the site before the amendment would be applied. Until the Board understands how the Level 2 activity will change the amendment cannot be consented to. The Board resolved to revise the letter to reflect this and send to Recycal with a copy to Council in response to the referral of minor amendment application DA 0538/2019.A01.

**178.7 Special Fee Remission 2020-21, 21-22 and 2022-23 Permit years – King Island Meat Works**

This item has been moved to the next Board meeting which is scheduled for Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> March 2024

**Items for Noting Only**

**178.8 Delegations**

Delegation report was circulated to Board members prior to meeting for Noting Only.

**178.9 Assessments in Progress, other assessment caseload**

Reports were circulated to Board members prior to the meeting for Noting Only.

**178.10 Media Release - [News | EPA Tasmania](#)**

**178.11 Correspondence**

Nil

**178.12 Other Business**

Nil

**178.13 Next Meeting : Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> March 2024 at 12 Noon**

Meeting closed at 11:56AM

**Minutes endorsed by:**



Andrew Paul  
**CHAIRPERSON**  
**BOARD OF THE ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION AUTHORITY**

DATE: 13 FEBRUARY 2024