

Minutes

Meeting No.: 201
Date: Tuesday 14 April 2026 12 – 3:00 pm
Location: Online | EPA Office, 40 Elizabeth Street, Hobart

PRESENT

Board

Andrew Paul (Chair)
Mark Gifford (Member) (via Teams)
Catherine Murdoch (Director/CEO EPA)
Ian Cresswell (Member)
Rosanna Coombes (Member) (via Teams)

Other attendees

Fionna Bourne (Manager, Environmental Engagement, EPA)
Louise Stackhouse (Executive Officer, EPA)
Amanda Locatelli (Director Environmental Assessment, EPA) (Items 201.8 – 201.11)
Edith O'Shea (Manager Assessments, EPA) (Items 201.8 - 201.11)
Todd Jenkins (Senior Environmental Officer (Assessments), EPA) (Item 201.8)

201.1 Apologies

No apologies noted.

General Board Business

201.2 Minutes of Board meetings

a) Meeting no. 200 held on 3 March 2026

The Board resolved to approve the minutes as a true and accurate record of meeting 200 of the EPA Board held on Tuesday 3 March 2026.

201.3 Board decision registers.

a) Board Decision Register

The Board noted the Board Decision Register.

b) Out of Session Decision Register

The Board noted the Out of Session Decision Register.

201.4 Declaration of Interests

Andrew Paul declared a conflict of interest relating to agenda item 201.12 – Fee Exemption – Cherries Tasmania Orchards – Old Beach Composting Facility and it was agreed that he would step out of the room while the matter was discussed. Ian Cresswell noted that he has accepted a role in the development of the next Commonwealth State of the Environment Report. The role involves undertaking assessments of threatened species matters and will not impact on any EPA Board decisions.

201.5 Delegations

The Board noted the delegations report.

201.5a Delegations

The Board took the paper as read and approved the removal of the limitation on the exercise of the delegation to provide a fee exemption under regulation 17 of the General Regulations contained in Schedule 5A.

The Board:

- (1) Hereby resolves that previous EPA Board Delegations and Authorisations approved by the EPA Board on 20 January 2026 are revoked with immediate effect.
- (2) Hereby resolves that acting pursuant to section 16(1) of the *Environmental Management and Pollution Control Act 1994* (EMPCA) to delegate to any person for the time being holding the office or position of Director, Environment Protection Authority and Chief Executive Officer (State Service Position Number 334398) and the Director Environmental Assessment (State Service Position Number 702186) the functions and powers of the Board described by reference to the relevant provision(s) of EMPCA and generally in columns 1 and 2 of Schedule 1A subject to the conditions and qualifications specified in column 3 of Schedule 1A of the table of EPA Board Delegations.
- (3) Hereby resolves that acting pursuant to section 16(1) of the *Environmental Management and Pollution Control Act 1994* (EMPCA) to delegate to any person for the time being holding the office or position of Director, Environmental Regulation (State Service Position Number 708915) and the Director, Finfish Compliance (State Service Position Number 708916) the functions and powers of the Board described by reference to the relevant provision(s) of EMPCA and generally in columns 1 and 2 of Schedule 1B subject to the conditions and qualifications specified in column 3 of Schedule 1B of the table of EPA Board Delegations.
- (4) Hereby resolves that acting pursuant to section 16(1) of EMPCA to delegate to any person for the time being holding the office or position of Manager (Assessments) (State Service Position Number 700560) the functions and powers of the Board described by reference to the relevant provision(s) of EMPCA and generally in columns 1 and 2 of Schedule 2A subject to the conditions and qualifications specified in column 3 of Schedule 2A of the table of EPA Board Delegations.
- (5) Hereby resolves that acting pursuant to section 16(1) of EMPCA to delegate to any person for the time being holding the office or position of Principal Assessment Officer (State Service Position Numbers 709045, 709046 and 709130) and Principal Assessment Officer (Renewables) (State Service Position Number 709951) the functions and powers of the Board described by reference to the relevant provision(s) of EMPCA and generally in columns 1 and 2 of Schedule 2B subject to the conditions and qualifications specified in column 3 of Schedule 2B of the table of EPA Board Delegations.
- (6) Hereby resolves that acting pursuant to section 16(1) of EMPCA to delegate to any person for the time being holding the office or position of Director, Environment Protection Authority and Chief Executive Officer (State Service Position Number 334398), the Director Environmental Assessment (State Service Position Number 702186) and the Director, Finfish Compliance (State Service Position Number 708916) the functions and powers of the Board described by reference to the relevant provision(s) of EMPCA and generally in columns 1 and 2 of Schedule 3 subject to the conditions and qualifications specified in column 3 of Schedule 3 of the table of EPA Board Delegations.

- (7) Hereby resolves that acting pursuant to section 16(1) of EMPCA to delegate to any person for the time being holding the office or position of Director, Environment Protection Authority and Chief Executive Officer (State Service Position Number 334398), Director Environmental Assessment (State Service Position Number 702186) and the Director, Environmental Regulation (State Service Position Number 708915) the functions and powers of the Board described by reference to relevant provision(s) of EMPCA and generally in columns 1 and 2 of Schedule 4 subject to the conditions and qualifications specified in column 3 of Schedule 4 of the table of the EPA Board Delegations.
- (8) Hereby resolves that acting pursuant to section 16(1) of EMPCA to delegate to any person for the time being holding the officer or position of Director, Environment Protection Authority and Chief Executive Officer (State Service Position Number 334398), Director Environmental Assessment (State Service Position Number 702186), the Director, Environmental Regulation (State Service Position Number 708915) and the Director, Finfish Compliance (State Service Position Number 708916) the functions and powers of the Board described by reference to the relevant provision(s) of EMPCA and generally in columns 1 and 2 of Schedule 5A subject to the conditions and qualifications specified in column 3 of Schedule 5A of the table of the EPA Board Delegations.
- (9) Hereby resolves that acting pursuant to section 16(1) of EMPCA to delegate to any person for the time being holding the officer or position of Manager (Assessments)(State Service Position Number 700560) the functions and powers of the Board described by reference to the relevant provision(s) of EMPCA and generally in columns 1 and 2 of Schedule 5B subject to the conditions and qualifications specified in column 3 of Schedule 5B of the table of the EPA Board Delegations.

201.6 Actions arising

The Board noted the actions arising table as presented.

The Board requested that the up coming briefing on Dissolved Oxygen Levels in Macquarie Harbour, and the Update on the Release of Environmental Monitoring Information process be moved to the July meeting so that all members could attend the briefing.

201.7 Standing action items

The Board noted the Standing Action item list and requested that the Strategic Issues Workshop be organized with sufficient time to allow for all members to attend in person.

201.7a Savage River Rehabilitation Project Action Plan and Forecast Budget 2025-26

The paper was taken as read, and sought confirmation that activities undertaken on the Port Latta site were covered by the *Goldamere Pty Ltd (Agreement) Act 1997*. Consistent with advice previously provided on this issue, matters relating to legacy contamination on the Port Latta site are covered by the *Goldamere Pty Ltd (Agreement) Act 1997*. The Board noted this advice and, given the age of the advice, requested a contemporary review of the advice and situation. The Board also sought clarification on some numerical discrepancies between Tables 1 and 2 in the paper.

The Board resolved to:

1. Approve the 2025-26 Savage River Rehabilitation Project Action Plan presented in Attachment 1, Table 2.
2. Approve the Forecast Budget for the Savage River Rehabilitation Project, including estimated payments from the Environment Protection Fund and drawdown from the Purchase Price Fund in 2025-26 financial year in Attachment 1, Tables 3 and 4, respectively and summarised in Table 1.
3. Approve a budget of \$650,882 and inclusion of the Port Latter Oil Pond Remediation project in the 2025-26 Action Plan, details listed in Attachment 2.

201.8 Cement Australia Pty Ltd – Alternative Fuels Project, Railton Cement Works

The proposal is to upgrade the existing Railton Cement Works facility to further reduce the reliance on the use of coal in the kiln by enabling the co-processing of Tyre Derived Fuel and biomass fuel in the existing kiln, together with some infrastructure upgrades. The Board took the paper as read.

The Board discussed the Nitrogen Dioxide emissions from the stack and noted that they are currently in exceedance of the relevant limit in the Air Environmental Protection Policy. The Board discussed a revision of the limit to 1.6g/Nm³ as NO₂ with a further reduction to 1.2g/Nm³ as NO₂ in accordance with the approved emissions reduction plan. It was noted that this approach was an immediate reduction on the current level which provided an immediate environmental improvement while recognizing that some time, and further actions would be required to be able to meet the limit of 1.2g/Nm³ as NO₂.

The Board discussed the following revisions to the Environmental Assessment Report:

- Assessment Process Table 22 July 2026 should read 22 July 2025.
- Double check document for formatting errors.
- Add text to explain the changes to the NO₂ emissions limits.

The Board endorsed the following amendments to the PCE:

- Condition G9.1.1 add tyre quantities and type as a reporting requirement.
- Condition G13 refers to the acronym TDF therefore insert in the definitions section of the permit a definition of the acronym.
- Condition G15 1.5 replace the word “any” with “all” in reference to stack testing.
- Condition M6 replace the word “manipulated” with “calculated”.
- Condition M8 add “within 90 days” to the requirement to establish real time monitoring in Railton for ambient nitrogen dioxide.
- Condition N2.2 delete the word “reasonable”.
- For clarity of reading permit move make the existing Condition N5 to be Condition N3 and renumber the existing Conditions N3 and N4 and Conditions N4 and N5.
- Condition OPI delete “and raw materials” from the title of the condition.
- Condition OP3 delete “and raw materials” from the title of the condition.
- Insert new Condition A10 as follows:

A10 Nitrogen Emissions Reduction Plan

1. Unless otherwise approved by the Director in writing, within 90 days from the date these conditions are imposed, and at two (2) yearly intervals a Nitrogen Emissions Control Plan must be submitted to the Director for approval. The plan is to have the aim of reducing ground level concentrations of Nitrogen Dioxide for the activity. This requirement will be deemed to be satisfied only when the Director indicates in writing that the submitted document adequately addresses the requirements of this condition.
2. The plan must be prepared in accordance with any reasonable guidelines provided by the Director.
3. Without limitation, the plan must include details of the following:
 - 3.1. Prioritised actions to reduce in-stack nitrogen emissions to NO_x 1.2g/Nm³ as NO₂;
 - 3.2. Expected reduction in ground level concentrations for nitrogen dioxide;
 - 3.3. Monitoring of ground level concentrations for nitrogen dioxide referring to and consistent with the Ambient Nitrogen Dioxide and Particulate Monitoring Plan required by these conditions;
 - 3.4. A timetable for implementation and completion of actions; and
 - 3.5. A reporting program to regularly advise the Director of:

- 3.5.1. implementation of actions within the plan; and
 - 3.5.2. any recorded exceedances of nitrogen dioxide ground level concentrations consistent with the Ambient Nitrogen Dioxide and Particulate Monitoring Plan required by these conditions.
4. Once approved the person responsible must act in accordance with the approved Nitrogen Emissions Control Plan.
 5. The person responsible may apply to the Director to vary or substitute the Nitrogen Emissions Control Plan. Any variation or substitution of the plan approved by the Director, by notice in writing, replaces the earlier approval with effect from the date specified in this permit.

The Board noted some amendments to the News Item text for the EPA website would be required to reflect the change to the Nitrogen Dioxide limits.

The Board resolved to:

1. Adopt as amended the draft Environmental Assessment Report in Attachment 1A and draft PCE No. 12334 as amended in Attachment 1B.
2. Authorise the Chairperson to sign the final Environmental Assessment Report and final PCE No. 12334 on its behalf.
3. In accordance with section 25(5)(a)(i) of the *Environmental Management and Pollution Control Act 1994*, to notify Kentish Council that the conditions and restrictions in PCE No. 12334 must be contained in a permit granted by the planning authority under the *Land Use Planning and Approvals Act 1993* in respect of the activity, if a permit is to be granted.
4. In accordance with section 25(5)(a)(ii) of the *Environmental Management and Pollution Control Act 1994*, to provide Council with a copy of the final Environmental Assessment Report to outline the reasons for the conditions and restrictions and authorises the Chairperson to sign the letter to Council in Attachment 2 on its behalf.
5. To provide the proponent with a copy of the final Environmental Assessment Report and authorises the Chairperson to sign the letter to the proponent in Attachment 3 on its behalf.
6. Adopt the draft EPA news item as amended and draft media release as amended in Attachments 5 and 6.
7. Determine that, in the event that Kentish Council grants a Permit and in accordance with Regulation 17 of the *Environmental Management and Pollution Control (General) Regulations 2017*, the Cement Australia Pty Ltd is exempted from any further liability to pay the annual permit fee for Permit No. K-DA052/2035 (containing PCE No. 12334).

201.9 Variable Fee Remission – Forico Long Reach Woodchip Mill for 2026-27 (and 2027-28 and 2028-29) permit years.

The Board referred this matter to the Director for determination.

201.10 Fee Exemption – Cherries Tasmania Orchards – Old Beach Compositing Facility

The Board referred this matter to the Director for determination.

201.11 Assessments in Progress Tracking Sheet

The Board noted the assessments in progress update, and noted the advice regarding the progress of the assessments of the Sanbar Pty Ltd Pioneer Sand Quarry, and the Huon Aquaculture Company Pty Ltd Whale Point Hatchery.

201.12 Media Releases - <https://epa.tas.gov.au/epa/news>

All recent media releases to be circulated to the Board.

201.13 Correspondence

No correspondence received since previous meeting.

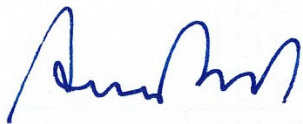
201.14 Other Business

There was no other business raised

Next meeting: **Tuesday 5 May 2026 12.00pm**

Meeting closed at 2:13pm

Minutes endorsed by:

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Andrew Paul', is written over a light blue rectangular background.

Andrew Paul

CHAIRPERSON

BOARD OF THE ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION AUTHORITY

5 May 2026