

Meeting No.: 167 (Out of Session)
Date: Wednesday 16 November 2022 at 2.30 pm
Location: Level 1 Meeting Room (Candlestick), Lands Building, 134 Macquarie Street, Hobart

PRESENT

Board

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

Other attendees

- Dr Martin Read (Executive Director, Environmental Assessments, EPA)
- Ms Allison Round (Communications Coordinator, Environmental Engagement, EPA)
- Mr Michael Gay (Assessment Officer, EPA)

167.1 Apologies

Mark Gifford was an apology for the 167th EPA Board meeting.
There were no other apologies for the 167th EPA Board meeting.

167.2 Minutes of Board meetings

The Board resolved to:

- Approve the minutes, with amendments, as a true and correct record of the 166th EPA Board Meeting held on the 1st of November 2022.

167.3 Declaration(s) of Interests

The Board noted the declarations of interests. There were no further declarations of interest raised for the 167th EPA Board meeting.

Items for Decision

167.4 Dulverton Regional Waste Management Authority (composting facility)

The Board took the briefing paper as being read and the Officer took questions regarding the Assessment from Board members, including stormwater treatments, discharge, overflows and feed stock storage.

The Board queried if annual monitoring would be sufficient. The EPA noted that the proponent had committed to monitoring more frequently over the first 12 months to create a base in the start-up phase. The Board agreed that this should be included in the permit conditions.

The Director provided further explanation around the setting of lower than usual noise limits. Noise limits would normally set as not to exceed 45 dB(A) during the daytime; however the EPA is imposing 40 dB(A). The proponent advised that they can deliver on this limit which represents best practice environmental management. The Board agreed to amend the EAR accordingly in order for the proponent to understand the rationale behind noise conditions in the permit.

Following discussion, the Board agreed to also amend the permit conditions as follows:

- A4(2.4) to include process failure;
- A7(1) to include a monitoring schedule, as proposed in their Odour Management Plan framework (Appendix I); and
- OP5 added subclause 3 around management of non-putrescible wastes being included in the operations procedures manual.

The Board resolved to:

- Adopt the draft Environmental Assessment Report as amended.
- Authorise the Chairperson to sign the final Environmental Assessment Report on its behalf.
- Resolve, in accordance with section 25(5)(a)(i) of the EMPC Act, to notify Latrobe Council that the conditions and restrictions detailed in Appendix 2 of the Environmental Assessment Report (Permit Conditions – Environmental No. 10889) 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.
- Resolve, 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 as amended and restrictions.
- Determine that, in the event that Latrobe Council grants a Permit and in accordance with Regulation 17 of the *Environmental Management and Pollution Control (General) Regulations 2017*, Dulverton Waste Management is exempted from any further liability to pay the annual permit fee for Permit No. DA 73/02 (containing PCE No. 6256, as varied by Environment Protection Notice No. 7852/1 (r2)).
- Note that, should a permit be granted by Latrobe Council, an invoice will be issued in due course to Dulverton Waste Management for the additional amount they are required to pay for the fees owed for the activity during the current financial year, minus the amount already paid under the previous permit.

Items for Noting

167.5 Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday the 6th of December 2022 at 2.00 pm.

The 167th EPA Board meeting closed at 3.11pm.

Minutes endorsed by:



Andrew Paul
CHAIRPERSON
BOARD OF THE ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION AUTHORITY

DATE: 6 December 2022