

Minutes

Meeting No.: 197
Date: Tuesday 2 December 2025 12 – 3:00 pm
Location: Online | EPA Office, 40 Elizabeth Street, Hobart

PRESENT

Board

Andrew Paul (Chair) (via Teams)
Mark Gifford (Member) (via Teams)
Catherine Murdoch (Director/CEO EPA) (via Teams)
Ian Cresswell (Member) (via Teams)
Dr Therese Flapper (Deputy Member) (via Teams)

Other attendees

Fionna Bourne (Manager, Environmental Engagement, EPA)

197.1 Apologies

An apology from Rosanna Coombes was noted.

General Board Business

197.2 Minutes of Board meetings

a). Meeting no. 196a held on 27 November 2025

The Board resolved to approve the minutes as a true and accurate record of meeting 196a of the EPA Board held on Thursday 27 November 2025.

197.3 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.

197.4 Declaration of Interests

The Board declared no conflicts of interest.

197.5 Delegations

The Board noted and received the report as presented.

197.6 Actions arising

The Board noted the actions arising table and were advised that an update and Implementation Plan for the implementation of the recommendations arising from the Assessment Framework Review would be provided to the Board at the February 2026 meeting.

197.7 Standing action items

The Board noted the Standing Action item list.

The Board noted the paper on the Strategic Planning Process for 2026, and discussed how the Board would be involved in the preparation of the new Strategic Plan, noting that an experienced strategic planning consultant will be appointed to assist with the development of the new Strategic Plan, and that a workshop with the Board is likely to occur within the first quarter of 2026.

It was noted that the Strategic Plan would be split into two sections, one covering the activities of the Board, including an update of the Board's Statement of Intent and Performance Measures, and one section for the EPA as an Agency. It was acknowledged that the Board's Statement of Intent and the strategic direction of the Agency had to line up as they influence each other and need to work together. It was also noted that for clarity it would be useful for the Strategic Plan to include a clear governance structure highlighting how the relationship between the Board and the Agency undertakes decisions.

In addition, the Strategic Plan would include an environmental scan of the context the Board and the Agency work within including the current Act and the implications of the development of the Marine Environment Protection Act currently being considered by Government. Identify the key issues and pressure points that are expected to influence the activities of the Board and the Agency during the period of operation of the new Strategic Plan.

197.8 Extension of time to lodge case for assessment – ACEN Australia – Hampshire Transmission Line

The Board took the paper as read.

The Board resolved to:

- Exercise its power under section 27F(1)(b) of the *Environmental Management and Pollution Control Act 1994* to extend the period for the Proponent to submit a satisfactory case for assessment until 31 December 2026; and
- Notify the Proponent that the Board has extended the period for it to submit a satisfactory case for assessment.

197.9 Dulverton variable fee remission for 2025-26, 2026-27 and 2027-28 permit years

The Board took the paper as read.

The Board resolved to defer the consideration of this matter pending further advice.

197.10 2026 Board Meeting Dates and Deadlines

The Board took the paper as read and resolved to approve the 2026 EPA Board Meeting Dates.

197.11 Jims Plain Renewable Energy Park – Special Fee Remission Application for 2024/25 Permit Year

The Board took the paper as noted that expiry date of the permit is approaching and that without substantial commencement the permit would lapse.

The Board resolved to:

- Approve a Special Fee Remission in the amount of \$31,165.31 for the fee period 2024/2025; and
- Amend the letter advising of the Special Fee Remission granting to include a sentence to highlight the imminent expiry of the permit.

197.12 Delegation and Authorisation for TASCAT Appeals

The Board took the paper as read.

The Board resolved to;

- Revoke the resolution made 1 July 2025; and
- Make the following resolution:
 - The Board of the Environment Protection Authority (the Board) resolves and hereby authorises the Director, Environment Protection Authority & Chief Executive Officer (State Service position number 334398) to make decisions on behalf of the Board in respect of proceedings where the Board is a party under any Act in the Appeal Tribunal; including instructing legal counsel, and do to all that is necessary to engage as a party in that appeal process.

197.13 DN Hughes – Western Junction Quarry – Special Fee Remission 2025

The Board resolved to defer the consideration of this matter pending further advice.

197.14 Extension of time to lodge case for assessment – Ken and Karen Marsh – Wooreddy Road Quarry – South Bruny Island

The Board took the paper as read.

The Board resolved to:

- Exercise its power under section 27F(1)(b) of the *Environmental Management and Pollution Control Act 1994* to extend the period for the Proponent to submit a satisfactory case for assessment until 30 June 2026; and
- Notify the Proponent that the Board has extended the period for it to submit a satisfactory case for assessment.

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

All recent media releases to be circulated to the Board.

197.16 Correspondence

The Board noted correspondence received from the Minister for Housing and Planning on the draft Southern Tasmania Regional Land Use Strategy Public Consultation

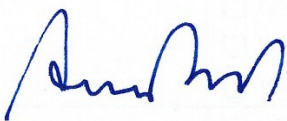
197.17 Other Business

The Board noted the schedule of upcoming assessments.

Next meeting: **Tuesday 20 January 2026 (TBC) at 12.00pm**

Meeting closed at 1:08pm.

Minutes endorsed by:



Andrew Paul

CHAIRPERSON

BOARD OF THE ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION AUTHORITY

DATE: 20 January 2026