

## Minutes

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**Meeting No.:** 199  
**Date:** Tuesday 3 February 2026 12 – 3:00 pm  
**Location:** Online | EPA Office, 40 Elizabeth Street, Hobart

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### PRESENT

#### Board

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

#### Other attendees

Fionna Bourne (Manager, Environmental Engagement, EPA)  
Amanda Locatelli (Director Environmental Assessment, EPA) (Items 199.12 and 199.13)  
Edith O'Shea (Manager Assessments, EPA) (Items 199.12 and 199.13)  
Jacqui Allen (Senior Environmental Officer, Assessments EPA) (Item 199.12)  
Catherine Browning (Principal Assessment Officer, Renewables, EPA) (Item 199.12)  
Charlotte Atkin (Senior Environmental Officer, Assessments) (Item 199.12)  
Todd Jenkins (Senior Environmental Officer, Assessments) (Item 199.12)

#### 199.1 Apologies

No apologies noted.

#### General Board Business

#### 199.2 Minutes of Board meetings

a). Meeting no. 198 held on 20 January 2026

With two minor typographical corrections the Board resolved to approve the minutes as a true and accurate record of meeting 198 of the EPA Board held on Tuesday 20 January 2026.

### **199.3 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.

### **199.4 Declaration of Interests**

The Board declared no conflicts of interest.

### **199.5 Delegations**

The Board noted that the delegations report had been deferred to the March 2026 meeting of the Board.

### **199.6 Actions arising**

The Board noted the actions arising table as presented.

### **199.7 Standing action items**

The Board noted the Standing Action item list and requested a follow up on the potential field inspections and the audit of past approvals items. The Board also noted the update on the process to renew the EPA Strategic Plan that would be undertaken during 2026.

### **199.7a Environment Protection Fund Report**

The Board took the paper as read and noted a discrepancy in the recording of the balance of the Environment Protection Fund as outlined in the paper, and the accompanying tables. It was agreed that this discrepancy would be followed up and a revised paper circulated to the Board for their information.

### **199.8 BC McConnon and JL McConnon Levendale Quarry Expansion – Request for an extension of time to prepare case for assessment**

The Board took the paper as read and noted that the letter to the proponent would need to be amended to reflect that the extension of time was granted by the Board not the Director.

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 16 February 2027; and
- notify the proponent that the Board has extended the period for it to submit a satisfactory case for assessment.

### **199.9 Woolnorth Renewables (Musselroe Windfarm – WRWF) request for variable fee remission for the 2025-26, 2026-27 and 2027-28 permit years.**

The Board took the paper as read and noted advice that the administrative policy supporting the provision of fee exemptions/remissions under the *Environmental Management and Pollution Control (General Regulations) 2017* is currently under review. As a result, a single year remission was recommended to ensure the policy review could be undertaken without undue constraint.

The Board also noted that the application was late and not made within the statutory timeframe, and that the Public Environment Report provided as part of the application process was more focused on workplace health and safety matters, and not the environmental performance of the proponent. The issues associated with the content of the Public Environment Report would be addressed for future reports.

The Board resolved to approve pursuant to regulation 9 of the *Environmental Management and Pollution Control (General Regulations) 2017* a 100 per cent variable fee remission for the 2025-26 permit year of \$16,147.98

### **199.10 Variable Fee Remission Application – Forico Surrey Hills woodchip mill for 2026-27, 2027-28 and 2028-29**

The Board took the paper as read and noted the previous advice on the review of the administrative policy supporting the provision of fee exemptions/remissions.

The Board resolved to approve pursuant to regulation 9 of the *Environmental Management and Pollution Control (General Regulations) 2017* a 100 per cent variable fee remission for the 2026-27 permit year of \$16,147.14

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

The Board took the paper as read and noted the previous advice on the review of the administrative policy supporting the provision of fee exemptions/remissions.

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

### **199.12 Briefings for upcoming Board Assessments**

The Board received briefings on upcoming assessment matters the Board would be dealing with in coming months.

#### Tassal Fish Processing Plant Dover

This proposal includes an increase in the annual processing limit, and upgrade of the wastewater treatment plant on site, and an increase in wastewater discharge from the site.

The issues the Board will need to address when assessing the proposal include wastewater quality, noise and biosecurity.

#### Whale Point Nursery Intensification

This proposal includes an intensification of tonnage of fish produced at the site, an expansion of the existing facility to introduce a new nursery, and second RAS, new building, new wastewater treatment plant and access road.

The issues the Board will need to address when assessing the proposal include wastewater treatment and noise from the site.

#### Cement Australia Alternative Fuels Project - Railton

This proposal involves an upgrade of the existing facility to enable the coprocessing of alternative fuels namely tyre derived fuel and processed biomass.

The issues the Board will need to address when assessing the proposal include air emissions and noise.

### **199.13 Assessments in Progress Tracking Sheet**

The Board noted the assessments in progress update.

### **199.14 Media Releases - <https://epa.tas.gov.au/epa/news>**

All recent media releases to be circulated to the Board.

### **199.15 Correspondence**

There was no correspondence to the Board received since the last meeting.


**199.16 Other Business**

There was no other business raised

Next meeting: **Tuesday 3 March 12.00pm**

Meeting closed at 2:14pm

**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**

DATE: 3 March 2026