

## Minutes

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**Meeting No.:** 200  
**Date:** Tuesday 3 March 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)  
Rosanna Coombes (Member) (via Teams)

#### Other attendees

Fionna Bourne (Manager, Environmental Engagement, EPA)  
Amanda Locatelli (Director Environmental Assessment, EPA) (Items 200.8 – 200.10 and 200.13)  
Edith O'Shea (Manager Assessments, EPA) (Items 200.8-200.10 and 200.13)  
Zoe Brown (Principal Assessment Officer EPA) (Item 200.8)  
Jacqui Allan (Senior Environmental Officer, Assessments, EPA) (Item 200.9)

### 200.1 Apologies

No apologies noted.

### General Board Business

#### 200.2 Minutes of Board meetings

- a). Meeting no. 199 held on 3 February 2026

With minor typographical corrections the Board resolved to approve the minutes as a true and accurate record of meeting 199 of the EPA Board held on Tuesday 3 February 2026.

#### 200.3 Board decision registers.

- a). Board Decision Register

The Board noted the Board Decision Register, and requested the Register be updated to include matter names together with matter numbers.

b). Out of Session Decision Register

The Board noted the Out of Session Decision Register.

#### **200.4 Declaration of Interests**

The Board declared no conflicts of interest. Ian Cresswell specifically noted that he has no personal or professional connection to the operators of Cresswell's Transport and Quarrying Pty Ltd.

#### **200.5 Delegations**

The Board noted the delegations report.

#### **200.6 Actions arising**

The Board noted the actions arising table as presented. The Board were advised that an update would be provided on the implementation of the recommendations arising from the Assessment Framework Review. In addition the Board noted that the preparation of a Blast Fume Policy would be incorporated into the upcoming review of the Quarry Code of Practice and consideration given as to how the Blast Fume Policy would then be extended to include mining operations.

#### **200.7 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.

#### **200.8 Cresswell's Transport Pty Ltd – Exton Quarry Increase in Capacity – 611 Porters Bridge Road, Exton**

The proposal is for the intensification in the extraction and processing of hard rock at the existing Exton Quarry from 13 235 cubic metres to 50 000 cubic metres per annum. The site currently operates under Permit (PCE 6001) as varied by Environment Protection Notice 9502/1. The Board took the paper as read.

The Board noted the issue of blast fume management needed to be addressed and agreed to the inclusion of a condition within the PCE consistent with previous similar proposals. The Board noted some amendments to the letter to the Council and the News Item text for the EPA website.

The Board resolved to:

1. Adopt the draft Environmental Assessment Report and draft PCE No. 12151 (with the amendment relating to the insertion of a condition relating to blast fume management).
2. Authorise the Chairperson to sign the final Environmental Assessment Report and final PCE No.12151 on its behalf.
3. In accordance with section 25(5)(a)(i) of the *Environmental Management and Pollution Control Act 1994*, to notify Meander Valley Council that the conditions and restrictions in PCE No. 12151 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, with minor amendment, 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 on its behalf.
6. Adopt the draft EPA news item with minor amendment.
7. Determine that, in the event that Meander Valley Council grants a Permit and in accordance with Regulation 17 of the *Environmental Management and Pollution Control (General) Regulations 2017*, the Creswell's Transport Pty Ltd is exempted from any further liability to pay the annual permit fee for Permit (PCE 6001) as varied by EPN 9502/1 in 2016.
8. Note that, should a permit be granted by Meander Valley Council, an invoice will be issued in due course to Cresswell's Transport Pty Ltd for the additional amount they are required to pay for the fees owed for the intensified activity during the current financial year, minus the

amount they have already paid under the previous permit.

### **200.9 Tassal Operations Pty Ltd – Fish Processing Facility Intensification, Dover**

The proposal is to upgrade the Tassal Operations Pty Ltd fish processing facility at Strathblane, south of Dover through an upgrade to the wastewater treatment plant, installation of an additional chlorine contact tank and commissioning of a second screw press for sludge removal. The upgrade will allow for the processing of up to 50,000 tonnes of fish per annum, and a daily effluent discharge of up to 720kL/day into Port Esperance. The Board took the paper as read.

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

- Section 1 paragraph 4 replace “approval process” with “permit application”.
- Clarify the discharge pipe location.
- Review section 6.1.1 for language and readability.

The Board endorsed the following amendments to the PCE:

- Condition N2, replace the word “and” between conditions N21.1 and N21.2 with the word “or”.
- Condition N2 1.2 insert the words “within the timeframe specified by the Director”.

The Board noted some amendments to the letter to the Council and the News Item text for the EPA website.

The Board resolved to:

1. Adopt, with amendment the draft Environmental Assessment Report and draft PCE No. 10627.
2. Authorise the Chairperson to sign the final Environmental Assessment Report and final PCE No. 10627 on its behalf on its behalf.
3. In accordance with section 25(5)(a)(i) of the *Environmental Management and Pollution Control Act 1994*, to notify Huon Valley Council that the conditions and restrictions in PCE 10627 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, as amended to Council 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 on its behalf.
6. Adopt the draft EPA news item with minor amendment.
7. Determine that, in the event that Huon Valley Council grants a Permit and in accordance with Regulation 17 of the *Environmental Management and Pollution Control (General) Regulations 2017*, Tassal is exempted from any further liability to pay the annual permit fee for Permit No. DA 229/2010 (containing PCE No. (containing PCE No. 7861 as varied by EPN 9635/3, EPN 9365/4 and EPN 9635/5) for the existing activity.
8. Note that, should a permit be granted by Huon Valley Council, an invoice will be issued in due course to Tassal for the additional amount they are required to pay for the fees owed for the intensified activity during the current financial year, minus the amount they have already paid under the previous permit.

### **200.10 Extension of time to lodge case for assessment -Lazenby Sand Pty Ltd – Sandford Quarry Expansion**

The Board took the paper as read.

The Board resolved to:

1. 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 21 June 2026.

2. Notify the Proponent that the Board has extended the period for it to submit a satisfactory case for assessment.

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

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

The Board resolved to:

1. Grant Dulverton Waste Management a 100% variable fee remission for the 2025-2026 year only, noting the upcoming review of the administrative policy supporting the provision of fee exemptions/remissions.
2. Note in the letter the requirements relating to annual verification and the date of reapplication required for continuation of the remission beyond the 2025-2026 permit year.
3. Remind the applicant that references to legislation (in the Stat Dec and the Public Environment Report itself) need to be the current version.
4. Require the applicant to publish this updated version of the Public Environment Report on their website.

### **200.12 Assessments in Progress Tracking Sheet**

The Board noted the assessments in progress update.

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

All recent media releases to be circulated to the Board.

### **200.14 Correspondence**

The Board noted the correspondence from Mr John Izzard regarding Robins Island Windfarm and requested a response be prepared on behalf of the Chair.


### **200.15 Other Business**

There was no other business raised

Next meeting: **Tuesday 14 April 2026 12.00pm**

Meeting closed at 2:20pm

**Minutes endorsed by:**



Andrew Paul

**CHAIRPERSON**

**BOARD OF THE ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION AUTHORITY**

14 April 2026