

## Minutes

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**Meeting No.:** 183a – Special Meeting  
**Date:** Tuesday 30 July 2-4pm  
**Location:** Level 1 Meeting Room No. 1.01 (Florentine), 40 Elizabeth Street, Hobart (entrance via Collins Street)

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### PRESENT

**Board**

- Andrew Paul (Chair)
- Wes Ford (Member)
- Ian Cresswell (Member)
- Mark Gifford (Deputy Member)
- Belinda Hazell, via Teams (Observer)

**Other attendees**

- Martin Read (Executive Director, Environmental Assessments, EPA)
- Helen Mulligan (Manager (Assessments), Environmental Assessments, EPA)
- Fionna Bourne (Manager, Environmental Engagement, EPA)
- Zoe Palmer (Assessments Support Officer, Environmental Assessments, EPA)
- Zoe Brown (Principal Assessment Officer, Environmental Assessments, EPA)
- Michael Gay (Principal Assessment Officer, Environmental Assessments, EPA)
- Shane Hogue (Senior Environmental Officer, Waste and Wastewater Regulation, EPA)

Meeting commenced at 2:05pm.

#### 183a.1 Apologies

No apologies were received for the 183<sup>rd</sup> Board Meeting.

#### 183a.2 Declaration of Interests

No declarations of interest were received for the 183<sup>rd</sup> Board Meeting

The Director advised that the newly constituted Board was signed by the Governor yesterday, and paperwork was still to be filed.

- Two new members, who are both still to be notified
  - Member - Rosanna Coombes
  - Deputy - Dr Therese Flapper

The Chair thanked Belinda Hazell for attending the Board meeting today as an observer and for her past participation and meaningful input as a Board member.

Belinda thanked the Board and all of the EPA Team for their hard work and effort during her time as a Board member.

## Items for Decision

### 183a.3 Tasmanian Water and Sewerage Corporation Pty. Ltd – Selfs Point Wastewater Treatment Plant – assessment\*

The Senior Assessment Officer responsible for the assessment provided the Board members with an overview of the assessment proposal and a chance to discuss any key issues. The project represents an overall environmental improvement based on the current operations of both Macquarie Point and Selfs Point wastewater Treatment Plants.

Key issues discussed included:

- Handfish & Swift Parrot
- Atmospheric Explosiveness
- Future Load
- Reuse Options
- Removal of trees

Board members asked questions regarding the Environmental Assessment Report including the following topics:

- Timing of Reports
- Chlorine Dosing Rates
- Proposed Mixing Zone
- Landfill Gas and Methane
- Effluent Quality Limits

Minor amendments requested and agreed to by the Board members:

- Permit:
  - CN3, 2.1 – Remove “2.1 to inform construction phase:” and continue straight in to 2.1.1.
  - OPI, 2 – Remove “any reasonable” from the first paragraph.
  - OP2, 1.3 – Remove condition and add in “Nuisance Odour” condition.
- Media Release:
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> Paragraph– insert “infrequent” before the words “high-intensity”
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> paragraph – insert “will be allowed to” before the word “occur”
- Council Letter:
  - 4<sup>th</sup> paragraph – insert “reasons” after the word “Board’s”
- Proponent Letter:
  - Greeting - Include full name of recipient “David Graham”.

With the minor amendments referred to above,

#### **The Board resolved to:**

1. Adopt the draft Environmental Assessment Report.
2. Adopt the recommendation to designate a mixing zone for the Selfs Point WWTP discharge at Blinking Billy Point in accordance with section 20.1 of the *State Policy on Water Quality Management 1997*.
3. Authorise the Chairperson to sign the final Environmental Assessment Report on its behalf.
4. In accordance with section 25(5)(a)(i) of EMPCA, to notify Hobart City Council that the conditions and restrictions detailed in Appendix 3 of the Environmental Assessment Report (Permit Conditions –

Environmental No. 10507) 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.

5. 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 and restrictions.
6. Determine that, in the event that Hobart City Council grants a Permit and in accordance with Regulation 17 of the *Environmental Management and Pollution Control (General) Regulations 2017*, TasWater is exempted from any further liability to pay the annual permit fee for Licence to Operate 3513 as varied by Environment Protection Notice 9797/1 (the permit).
7. Note that, should a permit be granted by Hobart City Council, an invoice will be issued in due course to TasWater 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.

### **3:23pm**

Belinda Hazell left the Board meeting at the conclusion of the TasWater Self's Point Wastewater Treatment Plant assessment at 3:23pm.

### **183a.4 B.G. and J.M. Barwick Pty. Ltd. – composting facility, Boyer**

The Senior Assessment Officer responsible for the assessment provided the Board members with an overview of the assessment proposal and a chance to discuss any key issues.

Key issues discussed included:

- Difference between Tunnels and In-vessel, define them to provide clarity
  - Tunnels – Process / Infrastructure
  - In-vessel – Facility
- Odour description
  - Describe the odour
  - Do not use “not considered to be offensive”.
- Predicted ground level odour concentration.
- Feedstocks
  - Potential for complaints from workers at the Norske Skog site
- Regulatory Limit
  - 8,000 vs 10,000 tonnes of compost per annum
- Deliveries
  - Amount and process for deliveries before daylight

Minor amendments requested and agreed to by Board members:

- Permit
  - Add condition G11 ‘Change of responsibility’.
  - G6(1.5) – remove the words ‘incidents of’ before the words ‘non-compliance’.
  - A5 – add a new point under clause 2 to require discussion of any odour complaints.
  - DC1(3.1) – Remove the word ‘reasonable’.
  - OPI(2) – Remove the word ‘reasonable’.
  - OP4 – Clarify use of the word feedstock and waste. Whether by definition or modification to the wording.
  - OPI0 – Replace the condition to require a Litter Management Plan.
- Media Release :
  - Subject Line - add the words “The Board” at the beginning.
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> Paragraph -remove the last sentence.

The Board also noted the Proponent's comments on the draft permit conditions. The Board approved the EPA's recommended changes to the permit conditions, as detailed in an email to the Board from the Executive Director, Environmental Assessments.

With the minor amendments proposed and agreed to by the Board members,

**The Board resolved to:**

1. Adopt the Environmental Assessment Report and authorise the Chairperson to sign the final Environmental Assessment Report on its behalf.
2. In accordance with section 25(5)(a)(i) of the EMPC Act, to notify Derwent Valley Council that the conditions and restrictions detailed in Appendix 3 of the Environmental Assessment Report (Permit Conditions – Environmental No. 11323) 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.
3. 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 and restrictions.

**Standard Conditions**

- Any edits/updates to Standard Conditions need to be communicated to the Standard Conditions Working Group for update as they arise.

**Upcoming**

- Out of session Board meeting
  - Whaleback Ridge – provision of Board's guidance to TPC.
  - Requires all Board members to be available for Tuesday's Board meeting to ensure a quorum.

**Apologies for upcoming meetings**

- 6<sup>th</sup> August 2024
  - Fiona
- 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2024
  - Andrew Paul

Meeting closed @ 4:37pm

Next meeting: **Tuesday 6 August 2024 at 12noon**