

Meeting No. 182
Date: Tuesday 4 June at 12noon
Level 1 Meeting Room No. 1.01 (Florentine),
40 Elizabeth Street, Hobart

PRESENT

Board
Andrew Paul (Chair)
Wes Ford (Member)
Ian Cresswell (Member)
Mark Gifford (Member) via Teams

Other attendees
Helen Mulligan (Executive Director, Environmental Assessments, EPA)
Fionna Bourne (Manager, Environmental Engagement, EPA)
Grace Vaszocz (Executive Assistant, Directorate, EPA)
Mary Gibbs (Principal Assessment Officer, Environmental Assessments, EPA)
David Oldmeadow (Principal Assessment Officer, Environmental Assessments , EPA)
Liz Richardson (Senior Environmental Officer, Environmental Assessments, EPA)
Kylie Bowers (Senir Environmental Engagement Officer, EPA)

Andrew Paul (chair) wished to extend his and the Board's sincere condolences to Martin Read and to his family.

Meeting commenced at 12 Noon.

182.1 Apologies

The Board noted that Belinda Hazell is an apology for meeting 182.

Fionna Bourne introduced Kylie Bowers to the Board and outlined her role as Senior Environmental Engagement Officer. It was noted that Kylies' first task will be the EPA Annual Report.

182.2 Minutes of Board meetings

a. 181st EPA Board Meeting minutes held on 7 May 2024

The Board resolved to:

- Approve the minutes as a true and accurate record of the 181st EPA Board Meeting held on 7 May 2024

182.3 Board Decision Registers

- a. Board Decision Register
- b. Out of Session Decision Register

The Board noted the two Decision Registers that were circulated.

182.4 Declaration of Interests

There were no declarations of interest raised for the 182nd Board Meeting.

182.5 Delegations

The Board noted the decisions made under delegation since the previous meeting.

182.6 Actions arising

The Board resolved to:

- Note the status of items listed on the Actions Arising.

182.7 Standing action items.

The Board resolved to

- Note the status of items listed on the Standing Actions list.

Items for Decision

182.8 Special Fee Remission 2023-24 and 2024-25- Nelson Bay River Magnetite Mine – Catalina Resources Pty Ltd .

The Board considered the request from Catalina Resources Pty Ltd for a special fee remission for the 2023-24 and 24-25 Permit years.

The Board resolved to:

- Approve Catalina Resources Pty Ltd the special fee remission of \$20,293.92 for the 2023-24 permit year.
- Advise Catalina Resources Pty Ltd that fee remissions are never granted prospectively, and they will be eligible to apply for a special fee remission for the 2024-25 permit year within 60 days of 8 February 2025.

182.9 Special Fee Remission 2021-22, 2022-23, 2023-24 and 2024-25 Permit Years – DTK Logging Pty Ltd

The Board considered the request from DTK Logging Pty Ltd for a special fee remission for the 2021-22, 2022-23, 2023-24 and 2024-24 Permit Years.

The Board resolved to:

- Reject the application for the special fee remission for the 2021-22 and 2022-23 permit years as

the Guidelines specifically state that fee remission will only be granted retrospectively for the previous 12-month period that the fee applied.

- Reject the application for a remission of the 2024-25 permit years as this is never granted prospectively.
- Agree to reject the application for a remission for the 2023-24 permit fee, noting that this was the only retrospective and on-time application, on account of significant compliance issues in relation to the activity and failure to respond to contact from the regulator; and
- Reiterate previous advice, that DTK Logging should seek a permit variation to reduce the regulatory limit or close and rehabilitate the quarry to reduce or remove the need for collection of fees by the EPA for the activity.

182.10 Extension of time to submit an Environmental Effects Report – Alltas Engineering Ltd – Crushing and Screening Plant - Collins Cap Quarry

The Board considered the application for the 4th extension of time to lodge case for assessment from Alltas Engineering Ltd for their proposed Crushing and Screening Plant at Collinsvale.

The Board resolved to:

- Exercise its powers under Section 27F(1)(b) of EMPCA to extend the period for the Proponent to submit a satisfactory case for assessment until 22 November 2024.
- Agreed to write to the Proponent notifying them that they must submit a satisfactory case for assessment and have it accepted by the Board by 22 November 2024.

182.11 Extension of time to lodge case for assessment – East Arm Resources Pty Ltd – Expansion of East Arm Road Quarry

The Board considered the application from East Arm Resources Pty Ltd seeking an extension of time to lodge a case for assessment for the Expansion of East Arm Road Quarry, Hillwood.

The Board resolved to:

- Exercise its powers under Section 27F(1)(b) of EMPCA to extend the period for the Proponent to submit a satisfactory case for assessment until 24 January 2025.
- Agreed to write to the Proponent notifying them that they must submit a satisfactory EER and have it accepted by the Board by 22 November 2024

182.12 Board Sponsorship of Local Government Association (LGAT) Conference 2022, 23 and 2024 – Withdraw sponsorship of 2024 LGAT Conference.

The Board was briefed on the current sponsorship agreement held with the Local Government Association (LGAT) for the 2022, '23 and '24 Conferences.

The Board resolved to

- Approved the decision to decline sponsorship for the 2024 LGAT Conference.
- Agreed that the Director, EPA contact the Local Government Association to discuss an alternative use of the funds once Council's Directions Paper and Engagement Plan have been developed and finalised.

Items for Noting

182.13 – St Patricks Plains Wind Farm – Key Draft Conditions

EPA staff members briefed the Board on the Key Draft Conditions for St Patricks Plains Wind Farm.

The Board were advised during the briefing that a total of 160 submissions were received during the public consultation period with the main issues raised in those submissions being :

- Impact of wind farm on Wedge Tailed Eagles,
- Noise to nearby residential areas; and
- Visual impacts.

Staff briefed the Board on the draft conditions which covered these issues, as well as conditions relating to ground water and surface water, other natural values (other than Wedge Tail Eagles) and general construction/operation conditions.

The Chair thanked the staff for their work on the proposal and advised they were looking forward to seeing the final Permit Conditions in the next Board meeting scheduled for 2 July 2024.

The Board resolved to :

- Note the draft environmental conditions for the proposed St Patricks Plains Wind Farm.

182.14 Assessments in Progress

The Board resolved to:

- Note Assessments in Progress and Other Assessments Report.

182.15 Media Releases

[News | EPA Tasmania](#)

182.16 Correspondence

The board noted correspondence received from Brian Risby, Director – State Planning Office.

It was agreed that the Chair would write back to Brian Risby on behalf of the Board with their feedback.

182.17 Other Business

A request was made for an extra Board meeting to be scheduled for late July to deal with the extra assessment approvals.

The Board agreed, and would look at the last week of July to hold this extra meeting.

182.19 Review of Meeting

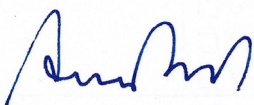
182.20 Next Meeting

The next scheduled Board Meeting is to be held on Tuesday 2 July 2024

The Chair thanked everyone who attended the meeting.

The meeting closed at 3pm

Minutes endorsed by:



Andrew Paul
CHAIRPERSON
BOARD OF THE ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION AUTHORITY

DATE: 4 June 2024