

Minutes



ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION AUTHORITY

Meeting No. 177
Date: Tuesday 5 December 2023 at 2.00 pm
Level 1 Meeting Room No. 1.01 (Florentine), 40 Elizabeth Street, Hobart

PRESENT

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

Other attendees Fiona Bourne (Manager, Environmental Engagement, EPA)
Martin Read (Executive Director, Environmental Assessments)
Helen Mulligan (A/Executive Director, Environmental Assessments, EPA)
Edith O'Shea (A/Manager Assessments)
Grace Vaszocz (Executive Assistant, Directorate, EPA)
Mary Gibbs (Project Manager, Assessment Framework Review)
Simon McGee (Senior Environmental Officer) via Teams
Ella Jackson (Senior Environmental Officer, EPA)

Meeting commenced at 2.00pm

177.1 Apologies

Nil.

177.2 Minutes of Board meetings

a. 176th EPA Board Meeting minutes held on 7 November 2023

The Board resolved to:

- Approve the minutes as a true and accurate record of the 176th EPA Board Meeting held on 7 November 2023

177.3 Board Decision Register

The Board noted the Decision Register that was circulated, with a request to have the Fragrance Hotel development items on the Register updated to reflect its current status.

177.4 Declaration of Interests

The Board noted the declarations of interest. There were no further declarations of interest raised for the 177th EPA Board Meeting

177.5 Delegations

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

177.6 Actions arising

The Board resolved to:

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

a) Assessments Framework Discussion

An EPA staff member presented to the Board an update on the Review of the Assessment Framework Project.

A draft report is to be prepared and provided to the Board in early 2024 and will focus on what the EPA currently does well, what can be improved and what needs to be changed to deliver on the improvement.

It was agreed that the Board will consider questions that were raised during the presentation and provide their comments by the end of February with the aim to have the item back on the April/May Board Agenda.

177.7 Standing action items

b) Audit of Past Approval – Cattle Hill Windfarm

An EPA Staff member gave a presentation to the Board on Cattle Hill Windfarm. The presentation highlighted the impact that Identiflight is having on the operation of the turbines, and how many Identiflight units are installed, and the list of eagle mortalities by each turbine location.

Items for Decision

177.8 Robbins Island – Next Steps: Discussion

The Director EPA gave the Board an update on TASCAT's recent determination on the Robbins Island proposal.

EPA is currently working through the revision of the conditions, as required by the determination and within the timeframes set by TASCAT.

177.9 2024 EPA Board Meeting Dates and Deadlines

The Board agreed to accept the 2024 EPA Boarding Meeting Dates and deadlines as outlined in the paper.

The Board also noted that the first Tuesday for 2024 also falls on the first day EPA staff return from Christmas/New Year break and resolved that if the Board was to meet in January, then January 16 would be a more suitable date.

177.10 Special Fee Remission 2022/23 Venture Minerals Riley Creek Mine

The Board considered the request from Venture Minerals Limited for a Special Fee remission for the Riley Creek Mine

The Board agreed to:

- Approve the Special Fee Remission of \$24,803.85 for Venture Minerals Limited for the 2022/23 permit year for the Riley Creek Mine. The Board also noted that the Mine was under a care and maintenance plan for that whole period.

177.11 Board consent for a minor amendment application – Recycal Pty Ltd

The Board considered the request from Recycal Pty Ltd for a minor amendment to their applications for the proposed building located at 256 George Town Road, Rocherlea.

The Board resolved that further advice should be sought by the EPA and that the matter be deferred until the Board meeting scheduled for 6 February 2024.

177.12 Board consent to recommencement of assessment - Catalina Resources Ltd

The Board noted the information in the briefing paper on Nelson Bay River Mine.

The Board resolved to:

- Endorse the attached letter to the Proponent.

177.13 Cessation of assessment – SD Groves Oonah Road Highclere

The Board noted the Briefing paper for SD Groves Earthmoving Pty Ltd.

The Board agreed to:

- Exercise its powers under section 27F(2)(a) of EMPCA to cease the assessment of the Proposal; and
- Agree to write to the proponent notifying that the Board has ceased its assessment and rejected the proposal in accordance with 27F(2)(a) of EMPCA.

177.14 Extension of time to lodge case for assessment – Tassal Operations Pty Ltd – Margate Fish Processing Facility Intensification, Barretta

The Board considered the request from Tassal Operations Pty Ltd for an extension to lodge a case for assessment.

The Board agreed to:

- Exercise its power under section 27(l)(b) of EMPCA to extend the period for the Proponent to submit a satisfactory case for assessment until 31 December 2024; and
- The Chairperson writing to the Proponent on behalf of the Board, granting them an extension for the period to submit a satisfactory case for assessment.

177.15 Extension of time lodge case for assessment – Prospect Timber & Landscape Supplies

The Board considered the request from Prospect Timber & Landscape Supplies for an extension to lodge a case for assessment.

The Board agreed to:

- Exercise its power under section 27F(l)(b) of EMPCA to extend the period for the Proponent to

submit a satisfactory case for assessment until 30 November 2024; and

- The Chairperson writing to the Proponent on behalf of the Board, notifying them of the 30 November 2024 extension.

177.16 Extension of time to lodge case for assessment – East Arm Resources

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

The Board agreed to:

- Exercise its power under section 237F(l)(b) of EMPCA to extend the period for the Proponent to submit a satisfactory case for assessment until 10 June 2024.
- The Chairperson writing to the Proponent on behalf of the Board, notifying them of the 10 June 2024 extension.

177.17 Extension of time to lodge case for assessment – Tassal Rookwood Hatchery

The Board considered the request from Tassal Group Ltd for an extension of time to lodge a case for assessment for the Tassal proposal located at Ranelagh.

The Board agreed to:

- Exercise its power under section 237F(l)(b) of EMPCA to extend the period for the Proponent to submit a satisfactory case for assessment until 31 December 2024.
- The Chairperson writing to the Proponent on the behalf of the Board, notifying them of the 31 December 2024 extension.

177.18 Extension of time to prepare an EIS – Compost Kings Tasmania

The Board considered the request from Compost Kings Tasmania for an extension of time to lodge a case for assessment for their proposal located at Melton Mowbray.

The Board agreed to:

- Exercise its power under section 237F(l)(b) of EMPCA to extend the period for the Proponent to submit a satisfactory case for assessment until 12 August 2024.
- The Chairperson writing to the Proponent on the behalf of the Board, notifying them of the 12 August 2024 extension.

Items for Noting

177.19 Assessments in Progress

The Board resolved to:

- Note Assessments in Progress and Other Assessments Report.

177.20 Media Releases

The Board resolved to:

- Noted media releases that were on the EPA website.

177.21 Correspondence

The Board noted correspondence from Michelle Andrews, Director General of Department of Water and Environmental Regulation Western Australia.

177.22 Other Business

There was no other business discussed at the 177th EPA Board meeting.

177.23 Next Meeting

Next Board Meeting is to be held on Tuesday 16 January 2024

The Chair thanked everyone who attended the meeting and noted the significant body of work from both EPA staff and Board members that has occurred in 2023. The Chair also wished all present a safe and happy festive season.

Meeting closed at 4:52pm.

Minutes endorsed by:

Andrew Paul

CHAIRPERSON

BOARD OF THE ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION AUTHORITY

DATE: 5 DECEMBER 2023