

Minutes

Meeting No. 179
Date: Tuesday 5 March at 12noon
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)
Mark Gifford (Member) via Teams

Other attendees Martin Read (Executive Director, Environmental Assessment, EPA)
Helen Mulligan (Manager, Assessments, EPA)
Grace Vaszocz (Executive Assistant, Directorate, EPA)
Mary Gibbs (Project Manager, Assessment Framework Review)
Hugh Kerr (Senior Environmental Officer, Assessments , EPA)
Ella Jackson (Senior Environmental Officer, Assessments, EPA)

Meeting commenced at 12 Noon.

179.1 Apologies

179.2 Minutes of Board meetings

a. 178th EPA Board Meeting minutes held on the 13th February 2024

The Board resolved to:

- Approve the minutes as a true and accurate record of the 178th EPA Board Meeting held on the 13 February 2024

179.3 Board Decision Register

The Board noted the Decision Register that was circulated.

179.4 Declaration of Interests

The Board noted the declarations of interests paper . There was one declaration of interest raised for the 179th Board meeting.

179.5 Delegations

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

179.6 Actions arising

The Board resolved to:

- Note the status of items listed on the Actions Arising. The Board also noted the third item on the action arising list has now been completed.
- The Board requested an update on the Item listed in Meeting No. 175.5 on the establishment of an Out of Session Register given it had been on the Actions register for some time. The Executive Director committed to progressing the item prior to the April meeting.

179.7 Standing action items.

The Board resolved to:

- Note the status of items listed under the Standing Actions.

Items for Decision

179.8 Consideration of Proponent Concerns and Extension of Time – Tenth Legion Iron Ore Mine Proposal – Australian Hualong Pty Ltd.

EPA staff member updated the Board on the status of the proposal.

The Board resolved to:

- To support the information requirements in the Guidelines that were issued on the 7 February 2020.
- Agreed that the Chairperson on behalf of the Board, write to Australian Hualong Pty Ltd in response to the matters raised in their letter, dated the 1 December 2023 to the Board ; and
- Agreed to exercise its power under section 27F(1)(b) of EMPCA to extend the period for Australian Hualong Pty Ltd to submit a satisfactory case for assessment until 30 September 2024. The Board also agreed to notify the Australian Hualong Pty Ltd of the period of extension for it to submit a satisfactory case for assessment.

179.9 Special Fee Remission – 2020-21, 21-22 and 2022-23 Permit Years – King Island Meat Works.

The Board considered the request from King Island Meat Works for a Special Fee remission for the 2020-21, 21-22 and 2022-23 Permit years .

The Board agreed to:

- Approve the King Island Beef a special fee remission of \$9199.89 for the 2022-23 permit year.
- Approve the King Island Beef a special fee remission of \$8929.30 for the 2021-22 permit year; and
- Approve the King Island Beef a special fee remission of \$8766.95 for the 2020-21 permit year.

The Board requested minor amendments to the letter regarding the revocation and replacement of conditions in the EPN.

179.10 Special Fee Remission (fixed and variable) – Flowerdale Sand Mine & Washing Facility – Marshalls Road Quarry.

The Board considered the request from Hazel Bros Group Pty Ltd for Special Fee Remission for the 2021-22 and 2022-23 Permit years for the Flowerdale Sand Mine and Washing Facility located at Marshalls Road Quarry.

The Board agreed to:

- Approve the special fee remission of \$9199.89 for the 2022-23 permit year.

- Approve the special fee remission of \$8929.30 for the 2021-22 permit year.
- The Board also considered and provided a view on the relevance of the client's overall compliance record (including other premises) for the special fee remission; and
- The Board considered and provided guidance on applicability of the current fee remissions process during the decommissioning process.

179.11 Board consent for a minor amendment application – s25(8)(e) of EMPCA – Recycal Pty Ltd – 256 George Town Road, Rocherlea

EPA staff members briefed the Board with an update on the above proposal since it was last presented to the Board meeting held on the 13th February 2024.

The Board agreed that further information was required regarding LUPAA before a final decision on the amendment could be approved.

The Board has agreed that the application can be dealt with as an Out of Session paper, allowing time for the information to be collated and presented back to Board members.

179.12 Extension of time to lodge case for assessment – Grange Resources (Tasmania) Pty Ltd – North Pit Underground – Savage River Mine.

The Board considered the requests from Grange Resources (Tasmania) Pty Ltd for the abovementioned proposal.

The Board agreed to:

- Exercise their power under section 27F(1)(b) of EMPCA to extend the period for Grange Resources (Tasmania) Pty Ltd to submit a satisfactory case for assessment until 20 June 2024.
- The Chairperson also agreed to notify Grange Resources (Tasmania) Pty Ltd in writing that it has agreed to extend the period to submit a satisfactory case for assessment .

Items for Noting

179.13 EPA Assessment Framework Review

At the Board meeting held in May 2023, the Board was briefed on the background to the Assessment Review Framework Project by an EPA Staff member.

It was agreed at that meeting that once the review was nearing completion, that the Board received a further update on the project.

The Board agreed to:

- Note the Draft Assessment Framework Review report; and
- Requested that a workplan for the review come back to the Board for the May meeting with the aim of having the review finalised and published by June 2024. It was also agreed that the Chairperson will make a copy available to the new incoming Environment Minister.

The Chairperson congratulated the EPA staff members on their work on the Framework Review.

179.14 EIS Guidelines for Huon Aquaculture Company Pty Ltd – Marine Farming Lease 261 Realignment and variation of Environmental Licence 9887 Storm Bay off Trumpeter Bay

The briefing paper and copy of the Draft was circulated to the Board prior to meeting for noting only.

The Board resolved to :

- Note the information in the Briefing Paper.

179.15 Assessments in Progress

The Board resolved to:

- Note Assessments in Progress and Other Assessments Report.

179.16 Media Releases

The Board resolved to:

- Note media releases that were on the EPA website.

177.17 Correspondence

The Board noted correspondence received from an unknown source in reference to an article published on the 16 February by Geraldine Brooks of the Age.

177.18 Other Business

The Chairperson updated other members of the Board on the current status of the EOI process for new Board members.

Process is currently on hold due to the state election.

179.19 Strategic Issues

Nil

179.20 Review of Meeting

177.21 Next Meeting

Next Board Meeting is to be held on Tuesday the 16th April at 12 Noon.

The Chair thanked everyone who attended the meeting.

The meeting closed at 2:40pm.

Minutes endorsed by:



Andrew Paul
CHAIRPERSON
BOARD OF THE ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION AUTHORITY

DATE: 5 MARCH 2024