

Meeting No.: 169
Date: Tuesday 7th February 2023 at 2.00 pm
Location: Level 1 Meeting Room No. 1.01 (Florentine),
40 Elizabeth Street, Hobart (entrance via Collins Street)

PRESENT

Board

- Mr Andrew Paul (Chairperson)
- Ms Belinda Hazell (Member)
- Ms Amanda Locatelli (Member) – via MS Teams
- Dr Ian Cresswell (Member)
- Mr Wes Ford (Director, EPA)
- Mr Mark Gifford (Deputy Member) – via MS Teams

Other attendees

- Dr Martin Read (Executive Director, Environmental Assessments, EPA)
- Ms Fiona Bourne (Manager – Environmental Engagement, EPA)
- Ms Allison Round (Communications Coordinator, Environmental Engagement, EPA)
- Ms Helen Mulligan (Manager – Assessments, EPA)

169.1 Apologies

There were no apologies for the 169th EPA Board meeting. However, Ms Amanda Locatelli had advised that she would be late to the meeting.

169.2 Minutes of Board meetings

a. 168th EPA Board Meeting minutes held on the 6th of December 2022

The Board resolved to:

- Approve the minutes, with one amendment, as a true and accurate record of the 168th EPA Board Meeting held on the 6th of December 2022.

169.3 Board Decision Register

The Board resolved to:

- Note the status of the items listed on the Decision Register.

169.4 Declaration(s) of Interests

The Board noted the Register of interests. There were no further declarations of interest raised for the 169th EPA Board meeting.

169.5 Delegations

The Board resolved to:

- Note the status of the items listed on the EPA Board Delegation Report.
- EPA to correct error in table of delegations relation to a decision under s.25(5) which lists East Arm Quarry as a 2C project. The decision was in relation to an East Arm project classed as 2A.

169.6 Actions Arising

The Board resolved to:

- Note the status of the item listed on the Actions Arising.
- EPA to follow-up on status of action item 140.7 in relation to draft EPA Board Review Paper on the Consideration of Odour Emissions in Environmental Impact Assessments , and report back to the Board at the April 2023 meeting.

169.7 Standing Action Items

a. Delegations

Due to the recent review and reissuing of the Board's delegations it resolved to:

- Change the reporting date for the review of delegations to October 2023

b. Environment Protection Fund – Financial Statement for EPF as at 31 December 2022

The Board resolved to:

- Accept the Financial Statement for the Environment Protection Fund as at 31 December 2022, with corrections as outlined by the Director.

c. Field Inspections

The Board resolved to:

- Note the suggested sites to visit as discussed, with the EPA to provide a full list of sites and dates at March 2023 meeting.

Items for Decision

169.8 Fee remission application for Hard Rock Coal Mining

The Board queried the process for care and maintenance plans for sites that are closed. The EPA will schedule a future presentation to the Board on care and maintenance plans.

The Board resolved to:

- Approve the fee remission application for Hard Rock Coal Mining.

Items for Noting

169.9 Launceston City Council temporary ban (PFAS)

The Board resolved to:

- Receive and note the briefing.
- Approve for the briefing to be provided to NRE Tas and the Tasmanian Waste and Resource Recovery Board.

169.10 Assessments in Progress, Other Assessment Caseload

The Board resolved to:

- Note Assessments in Progress and Other Assessments Report.

169.11 Media releases

The Board resolved to:

- Note new media releases were on the EPA website.

169.12 Correspondence

a. Letter to EPA Director from CEO, ReCFIT re: Climate Change Office strategic priorities

The Board resolved to:

- Note the correspondence.
- The EPA will invite a representative from ReCFIT to provide a presentation to the Board at its April 2023 meeting.

169.13 Other Business

a. Review of EPA Assessment Framework

The EPA Director provided an overview of current views from stakeholders with the assessment process.

The Board resolved to:

- Note the update from the EPA Director.
- The EPA Director to provide a further update at the April 2023 meeting.

169.14 Strategic Issues

a. Ministerial Statement of Expectation

The Board resolved to:

- Note the update from the EPA Director.

169.15 Review of meeting

No comments were discussed.

169.16 Next Meeting

The next regular meeting is scheduled for Tuesday the 7th of March 2023 at 2:00pm. (TBC)

The 169th EPA Board meeting closed at 4:52pm.

Minutes endorsed by:



Andrew Paul

CHAIRPERSON

BOARD OF THE ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION AUTHORITY

DATE: 4 April 2023