

**Meeting No.** 181  
**Date:** Tuesday 7 May at 12 noon  
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** Helen Mulligan (Acting, Executive Director, Environmental Assessments, EPA )  
Fionna Bourne (Manager, Environmental Engagement, EPA)  
Grace Vaszocz (Executive Assistant, Directorate, EPA)  
Mary Gibbs (Principal Assessment Officer, Environmental Assessments)  
David Oldmeadow (Principal Assessment Officer, Environmental Assessments)  
Liz Richardson (Senior Environmental Officer, Environmental Assessments)

Meeting commenced at 12 Noon.

#### 181.1 Apologies

There were no apologies for the 181<sup>st</sup> meeting of the EPA Board

#### 181.2 Minutes of Board meetings

a. *180<sup>th</sup> EPA Board Meeting minutes held on 16 April 2024*

The Board resolved to:

- Approve the minutes as a true and accurate record of the 180<sup>th</sup> EPA Board Meeting held on 16 April 2024

#### 181.3 Board Decision Registers

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

The Board noted the two Decision Registers that were circulated.

#### **181.4 Declaration of Interests**

Belinda Hazell declared two items of interest for the 181<sup>st</sup> Board Meeting. Those being for Re-Process Tas Pty Ltd and Spectran Group.

#### **181.5 Delegations**

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

#### **181.6 Actions arising**

The Board resolved to:

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

#### **181.7 Standing action items.**

The Board resolved to

- Note the status of items listed on the Standing Arising paper.

### **Items for Decision**

#### **181.8 Special Fee Remission 2002-23 and 2023-24 – Wood Processing Works – Patriarch & Sons Pty Ltd**

The Board considered the request from Patriarch & Sons Pty Ltd for a special fee remission for the 2022-23 and 2023-24 Permit years.

The Board resolved to:

- Approve Patriarch & Sons Pty Ltd a special fee remission of \$ 2,254.88 for the 2023-24 permit year.
- Approve a special fee remission of \$2,188.56 for the 2022-23 permit year.
- The Board will also advise the applicant that fee remissions are never granted prospectively, and that they will be eligible to apply for a special fee remission for the 2024-25 permit year within 60 days of 8 March 2025.
- The Board also noted that since none of these fees have been paid, Patriarch & Sons Pty Ltd will be issued with an updated invoice.

#### **181.9 North East Wind Development Major Project – Statutory Responsibilities**

Wes Ford briefed the Board on the reasoning behind the Briefing paper.

The Board agreed to:

- Note the information in the briefing paper.
- Note the OSG advice dated 10 May 2023 and 24 June 2023; and
- Agree to write to the Chairperson, Tasmanian Planning Commission regarding the statutory responsibilities of the Development Assessment Panel and the Board of the EPA.

#### **181.10 Delegations – Corrections of Administrative Error**

The Board considered the Briefing Paper outlining the recommended amendments to the EPA Board Delegations and Authorisations.

The Board agreed to:

- (1) Resolve that the previous EPA Board Delegations and Authorisations approved by the EPA Board on 16 April 2024 are revoked with immediate effect.
- (2) Resolve that acting pursuant to section 16(1) of the *Environmental Management and Pollution Control Act 1994* (EMPCA) to delegate to any person for the time being holding the office or position of Director, Environment Protection Authority and Chief Executive Officer (State Service Position Number 334398); Executive Director Environmental Assessments (State Service Position Number 702186) the functions and powers of the Board described by reference to the relevant provision(s) of EMPCA and generally in columns 1 and 2 of Schedule 1 subject to the conditions and qualifications specified in column 3 of Schedule 1 of the table of EPA Board Delegations.
- (3) Resolve that acting pursuant to section 16(1) of EMPCA to delegate to any person for the time being holding the office or position of Manager (Assessments) (State Service Position Number 700560) the functions and powers of the Board described by reference to the relevant provision(s) of EMPCA and generally in columns 1 and 2 of Schedule 2A subject to the conditions and qualifications specified in column 3 of Schedule 2A of the table of EPA Board Delegations.
- (4) Resolve that acting pursuant to section 16(1) of EMPCA to delegate to any person for the time being holding the office or position of Principal Assessment Officer (State Service Position Numbers 709045, 709046 and 709130) the functions and powers of the Board described by reference to the relevant provision(s) of EMPCA and generally in columns 1 and 2 of Schedule 2B subject to the conditions and qualifications specified in column 3 of Schedule 2B of the table of EPA Board Delegations.
- (5) Resolve that acting pursuant to section 16(1) of EMPCA to delegate to any person for the time being holding the office or position of Director, Environment Protection Authority and Chief Executive Officer (State Service Position Number 334398), the Executive Director Environmental Assessments (State Service Position Number 702186) and Director, Finfish Compliance (State Service Position Number 708916) the functions and powers of the Board described by reference to the relevant provision(s) of EMPCA and generally in columns 1 and 2 of Schedule 3 subject to the conditions and qualifications specified in column 3 of Schedule 3 of the table of EPA Board Delegations.
- (6) Resolve that acting pursuant to section 16(1) of EMPCA to delegate to any person for the time being holding the office or position of Director, Environment Protection Authority and Chief Executive Officer (State Service Position Number 334398), Executive Director Environmental Assessments (State Service Position Number 702186) and Director, Environmental Regulation (State Service Position Number 708915) the functions and powers of the Board described by reference to relevant provision(s) of EMPCA and generally in columns 1 and 2 of Schedule 4 subject to the conditions and qualifications specified in column 3 of Schedule 4 of the table of the EPA Board Delegations.
- (7) Resolve that acting pursuant to section 16(1) of EMPCA to delegate to any person for the time being holding the officer or position of Director, Environment Protection Authority and Chief Executive Officer (State Service Position Number 334398), Executive Director Environmental Assessments (State Service Position Number 702186), the Director, Environmental Regulation (State Service Position Number 708915) and Director, Finfish Compliance (State Service Position Number 708916) the functions and powers of the Board described by reference to the relevant provision(s) of EMPCA and generally in columns 1 and 2 of Schedule 5A subject to the conditions and qualifications specified in column 3 of Schedule 5A of the table of the EPA Board Delegations.
- (8) Resolve that acting pursuant to section 16(1) of EMPCA to delegate to any person for the time being holding the officer or position of Manager (Assessments)(State Service Position Number 700560) the functions and powers of the Board described by reference to the relevant provision(s) of EMPCA and generally in columns 1 and 2 of Schedule 5B subject to the conditions and qualifications specified in column 3 of Schedule 5B of the table of the EPA Board Delegation.

## Items for Noting

### 181.11 St Patricks Plains Wind Farm – Key Issues

Key issues briefing paper was presented to the Board by EPA Staff members. Staff briefed the Board members on the major issues arising from 160 public submissions received which include, impact of the windfarm on Wedge Tailed Eagles, noise, and visual impacts to nearby residential areas and, groundwater and surface water impacts to proposed site and the construction and operation of the concrete batch plants.

The Board resolved to:

- Note the points raised in the briefing paper and verbal briefing in relation to the potential key environmental impacts arising from the proposed St Patricks Plains Wind Farm.
- Note the limitations of the available information due to the complex nature of the proposal and
- Recommended that a Draft Issues paper be prepared for the Board's consideration at the 4 June 2024 meeting.

### 181.12 Assessments in Progress

The Board resolved to:

- Note Assessments in Progress and Other Assessments Report.

### 181.13 Media Releases

The Board resolved to:

- Note media releases that were on the EPA website [News | EPA Tasmania](#)

### 181.14 Correspondence

Nil

### 181.15 Other Business

The Chairperson noted that there has been no new update regarding the appointment of new Board members.

### 181.16 Strategic Issues

Nil

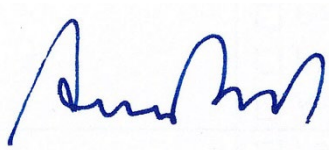
### 181.17 Review of Meeting

**181.18 Next Meeting**

Next Board Meeting is to be held on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> June at 12.00 PM

The Chair thanked everyone who attended the meeting. The meeting closed at 2:50pm

**Minutes endorsed by:**



Andrew Paul

**CHAIRPERSON**

**BOARD OF THE ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION AUTHORITY**

DATE: 7 May 2024