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The Manager
Department of Planning & Environment
GPO Box 39
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Attention: Emma Barnet

SSD-6619 MOD – PROPOSED EXPANSION OF BATTERY RECYCLING FACILITY – ENIRGI, BYRNES ROAD, BOMEN.

I refer to your correspondence regarding the subject Application which was referred to the Roads and Maritime Services for assessment and comment.

From the information provided it is understood that the proposal represents an expansion of the existing battery recycling facility on the subject site. The development proposal is supported by an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) prepared by GHD dated July 2018 and a Traffic Impact Assessment (TIA) prepared by GHD dated June 2018. The subject site is located within the Bomen Industrial area to the north of Wagga Wagga. The site has frontage and access to Byrnes Road within a 100 km/h speed zone. Byrnes Road is classed as a local road under the provisions of the Roads Act.

The proposed expansion of the recycling facility is intended to increase the processing capacity from 70,000 tpa to 120,000 tpa. Such an expansion will generate additional traffic. This is acknowledged in the supporting documentation which refers to an increase in heavy vehicle from 18 vehicle movements per day to 32 movements per day plus additional light vehicle movements for staff and ancillary services/maintenance. The development also provides for additional parking and on-site circulation for all vehicles. The onsite circulation will allow for all vehicles to enter and exit the development site in a forward direction to Byrnes Road.

Access to the proposed facility is to be via the existing access driveway to the development site from Byrnes Road. The current proposal does not propose to alter the current access arrangements to Byrnes Road or the current intersection treatment to Byrnes Road. Whilst it is acknowledged that the development proposal will generate additional traffic to the subject site the Traffic Impact Assessment claims that this can be catered to by the existing road network and intersection infrastructure. Notwithstanding this as the modification will result in increased heavy vehicle traffic volumes on Byrnes Road there is justification for the relevant road authority to consider and potentially require the upgrade of the current standard of the intersection geometry and pavement treatment at the intersection of the access driveway with Byrnes Road. In this regard Roads and Maritime emphasises the need to minimise the impacts of any development on the existing public road network and maintain the level of safety, efficiency and maintenance along the road network.

The TIA refers to the need for the preparation and submission of a Construction Traffic Management Plan prior to the commencement of construction activities, to ensure the safe and efficient movement of traffic and workers. This is proposed to include vehicle approach and departure routes, parking and traffic management and onsite and public road safety requirements. The Construction Traffic Management Plan to address construction activity access and parking is to be prepared to ensure that suitable provision is available on site for all vehicles associated with the construction of the development to alleviate any need to park within, or load/unload from, the surrounding public road network.

The development site is not located in close proximity to the classified road network. Access to the Sturt Highway and the Olympic Highway is available via several routes through the local road network. The current intersections that provide for access to the Bomen Industrial area, including the newly constructed Merino Street, from the Olympic Highway and Sturt Highway have capacity to accommodate the additional traffic resultant from the proposed development.

Roads and Maritime Services (former RTA) previously made a submission in respect to the original Development Application for the battery recycling facility. Based on the above Roads and Maritime Services advises that no objection is raised in respect to the proposed expansion of the current facility as it does not represent changes that would be cause for any additional concerns in respect to the Classified Road network.

Any enquiries regarding this correspondence may be referred to the Manager, Land Use for Roads and Maritime Services (South West Region), Maurice Morgan, phone (02) 6923 6611.

Please forward a copy of the Notice of Determination for this Development Application to the Roads and Maritime Services at the same time as advising the applicant.

Yours faithfully



Per:
Jonathan Tasker
Acting Director
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