

NSW Department of Planning & Environment
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Attn: Genevieve Seed

STANDARD POST
19 January 2016

Dear Ms Seed

Re: Cudgen Lakes Sand Project – Project Approval PA 05_0103 - Modification 1 – Altona Drive, Cudgen - Request for EPA Comment

I refer to your email dated 7 December 2015 requesting the Environment Protection Authority (EPA) to provide comment on the proposed Modification for Cudgen Lakes Sand Project (PA 05_0103). EPA appreciates the opportunity to comment and apologises for the delay in responding.

Based on a review of the Environmental Assessment (EA) and supporting information, the EPA understands that the proposed modification consists of:

- The creation of an initial (temporary) processing area located within the north-western corner of the currently approved Southern Extraction Area under PA 05_0103.
- Construction of a 100m x 100m x 1m initial processing area and 2m high bunding along the southern and south-eastern boundary of the processing area using approximately 11,000m³ of fill material sourced from existing sand stockpiles and imported surfacing material.
- Construction a temporary site entrance and access road from Altona Drive, Cudgen; and
- Site landscaping

The EPA's focus relates to the proposed modification and potential associated environmental impacts in relation to air, water, noise and waste in accordance with our legislative requirements under the *Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997* ("the Act"). The proponent should take all appropriate measures to control noise, water and dust impacts associated with the proposed modification.

Gales-Kingscliff Pty Ltd currently hold Environment Protection Licence (EPL) No. 12385. The licensee must ensure that all EPL conditions are complied with at all times. To achieve this all relevant environmental management plans should be updated to reflect the proposed modification.

Imported Surfacing Material

The EA states that approximately 11,000m³ of fill material would be required to construct the initial processing area and associated bunding. The material will be sourced from existing sand stockpiles on site and imported surfacing material. The proponent must ensure that all imported material is clear, uncontaminated material and all necessary approvals are in place to lawfully accept the material onsite.

Should you require further information in regard to this matter, please contact Geff Cramb on (02) 6640 2510.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in purple ink, appearing to read 'Graeme Budd', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Graeme Budd
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Environment Protection Authority