

Ms Carolyn McNally
Secretary
Department of Planning and Environment
GPO Box 39
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15 March 2016

Dear Ms McNally

**Subject: Modification of Genesis Waste Management Facility – Eastern Creek
 (MD 06_0239 MOD5)**

I refer to the Department's letter dated 3 March 2016 requesting that the abovementioned modification application be forwarded to the Planning Assessment Commission for determination. I constituted the Commission for the modification.

The modification proposes the construction of an additional pre-sorting enclosure to provide further floor space for segregating incoming waste before it is processed through the materials processing unit in the existing Materials Processing Centre (MPC).

The pre-sort enclosure will house a range of mobile excavators/loaders and duplicate the current waste segregating activities already occurring within the MPC.

The subject modification will not increase the previously approved waste input limits for the site and is considered necessary in order to improve the operating efficiency of the materials processing unit, as the current facilities within the existing MPC have prevented it from achieving its full operating capacity.

To construct the enclosure, the Proponent must also remove 123,300m³ of quarry spoil from the site which had been stockpiled during the former quarry operation. These earthworks will take approximately 10 weeks to complete with all excavated material being redistributed on the spoil pile and profiled so as not to affect the existing site drainage.

Due to the predicted minor increase in operational noise emissions, as a result of this modification, Blacktown Council recommended that a full noise assessment be undertaken in order to revisit the noise criteria in the existing Project Approval. The Department, however, considered there was sufficient information available in the original "Noise Impact Assessment", together with previous noise impact assessments for the site, to adequately assess the noise predictions for the current modification proposal.

Therefore, while the predicted noise impacts represented a minor 1dB(A) increase above that of the existing Project Approval, the impacts would still remain below the acceptable criteria.

Further, the EPA did not raise any issues with potential noise impacts and, as a consequence, the Department concluded that the predicted noise impacts will be acceptable as reflected by the revised noise criteria updated in the recommended conditions of approval.

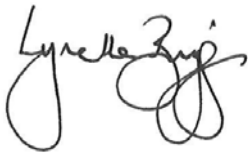
The Council did not raise any other objection to the modification.

I note that the Department publicly exhibited the modification application and received no public submissions.

Subject to meeting compliance with the proposed conditions in relation to the "Spoil Management Plan", storm water infrastructure and the provision of ten (10) additional parking spaces on-site, the Commission concurs that the impacts of the proposed modification are likely to be minor. Consequently, I am satisfied that the Department has adequately addressed all the relevant issues in its assessment and recommended appropriate conditions of approval.

Consequently, I have determined to approve the modification application, subject to the Department's recommended conditions. The signed instrument of approval and file (15/07273-2) is enclosed.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Lynelle Briggs', with a stylized, cursive script.

Lynelle Briggs AO
Chairperson
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