



Dear Rasmus,

Thank you for your correspondence dated 24 February 2026 regarding the above Modification Application (MOD 7) for the Visy Pulp and Paper Mill, Tumut.

Please send future correspondence to info@svc.nsw.gov.au.

Snowy Valleys Council has reviewed the Modification 7 Report prepared by GHD (29 January 2026) in support of the proposed works to ancillary operational infrastructure under MP06_0159.

Council provides the following advice.

1. General Position

Council notes that the proposed modification comprises:

- Construction of a third black liquor tank (BLT);
- Construction of an additional cooling tower;
- Expansion of the existing concrete bunded Evaporation Plant area;
- Construction of a 2 ML runoff dam and associated stockpiling area;
- Amendment to the orientation of the previously approved BKP Storage Shed;
- Increase in size of the approved Machine Clothing Storage Shed; and
- Amendment to Condition 2.32(a) to replace NSW Rural Fire Service with Fire & Rescue NSW.

Council notes the proponent's assessment that the proposal does not increase production capacity and is intended to improve operational efficiency and maintenance flexibility.

Subject to the matters outlined below, Council raises no objection in principle to the proposed modification under s4.55(1A) of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979*.

2. Stormwater and Water Quality

Council notes the proposed construction of a 2 ML runoff dam in the north-eastern portion of the site to capture runoff from the bunded stockpiling area and to temporarily store paper machine water during maintenance shutdowns.

Council recommends that:

- Detailed design of the dam, including lining, freeboard, spillway design and emergency overflow provisions, be reviewed by Dams Safety NSW where required under the Dams Safety Act 2015;
- The final design confirm adequate separation from Sandy Creek and demonstrate no adverse off-site hydrological or water quality impacts;
- A Construction Environmental Management Plan (CEMP) address erosion and sediment controls during excavation and earthworks associated with the dam and stockpiling area; and
- Ongoing monitoring under EPL 10232 continue to demonstrate no material change in surface water or groundwater quality.

3. Noise

Council notes that the additional cooling tower (approximately 14.3m in height) and increased shed dimensions may alter localised noise characteristics within the process area.

While the proponent indicates no change to production capacity, Council recommends confirmation that operational noise from the additional cooling tower will comply with existing EPL noise limits at all relevant receivers, particularly under inversion conditions specified in the EPL.

4. Traffic

Council acknowledges that the modification is not expected to materially increase operational traffic movements. Construction traffic should continue to comply with existing consent conditions regarding hours of work, internal traffic management and intersection safety at Snowy Mountains Highway and Batlow Road/Bachelor's Valley Way.

5. Fire Safety Condition Amendment

Council raises no objection to the proposed amendment of Condition 2.32(a) to nominate Fire & Rescue NSW as the approving authority for Fire Safety Studies, noting agency restructuring since the original consent.

6. Substantially the Same Development

Based on the information provided, Council agrees that the proposed works do not alter the approved production capacity or fundamental nature of the development and are capable of assessment under s4.55(1A), subject to the Department's satisfaction regarding environmental impacts.

Conclusion

Subject to appropriate conditions addressing dam design, erosion and sediment control during construction, and confirmation of ongoing compliance with EPL noise and water quality limits, Snowy Valleys Council raises no objection to the approval of Modification 7.

Please contact me if further clarification is required.

Kind regards,

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