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EPA Response – Planning – DADEC Throughput Increase – June 2026

Dear Ms Laguna,

I am writing in response to your request for the NSW Environment Protection Authority (EPA) to comment on the DADEC response, *Response to EPA and Blacktown City Council advice – DADEC Throughput Increase (SSD-11606719)*, dated 25 May 2026.

Matters Addressed

DADEC has acknowledged the EPA's position and comments to the Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure (DPHI) relating to the predicted noise levels, the carrying forward of existing conditions of consent for RFD product 1 being stored in three-sided storage bays and stockpile heights in the Segregated Materials Area being limited to the height of the berms, barriers or visual screens. The EPA has no further comments related to these matters.

Stockpile Management in the Timber Yard

The EPA acknowledges that DADEC has worked towards improving the management of the shredding activities in the Timber Yard and has increased undercover storage for the RDF product. However, recent site inspections have revealed stockpiles of RDF product spilling from the storage bays, stockpiles of pre-shredded timber exceeding the height restriction of the Timber Yard and stockpiles of pre-shredded timber being located in areas not approved for the storage of waste. Notwithstanding the dust concerns, the EPA recommends that DPHI consider the current management of timber waste under the current approved limits before approving an increase in throughput. The EPA reiterates the construction of the new timber shed, approved under Mod 9, should be constructed prior to any throughput increase to provide improved storage options for waste timber.

EPL Variation

The EPA acknowledges that any variation to the existing Environment Protection Licences would be considered at the time of the variation application, at which time the matters under section 45 of the *Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997* would apply. The EPA raised this matter to communicate the expectations for the proponent when applying for any variations and that current concerns related to material being processed in the Timber Yard and the SMA will need to be adequately addressed before a variation application can be approved.

If you have any further questions about this issue, please contact Damon Bolton on (02) 9995 6621 or at damon.bolton@epa.nsw.gov.au.

Sincerely,

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

Erin Barker
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