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Dear Ms Thornton

**Assessment of Response to Submission Report  
Ravensworth Composting Facility Expansion, SSD 9418**

Thank you for the request for advice from Public Authority Consultation (PAE-45500958), requesting the review by the NSW Environment Protection Authority (EPA) of the Response to Submissions (RTS) report for the proposed Ravensworth Composting Facility Expansion (Application SSD 9418). The composting facility is currently licensed under Environment Protection Licence (EPL) 7654.

The proposal involves the expansion an existing resource recovery facility to process up to 200,000 tonnes per annum of organic material, including water drainage and leachate works, covered hardstand areas, an aerated composting system and associated infrastructure.

The EPA has reviewed the RTS and determined it addresses the EPA's submission on this project.

The applicant has amended the proposal significantly by removing 'food organics' from the waste types proposed to be permitted at the site. The food organics was part of the Food Organics Garden Organics (FOGO) waste type. Receiving of food organics was predicted to have a higher risk of potential odour impacts. Removing food organics from the proposal significantly reduces the risk of offensive odours being generated.

As noted in our previous letter of 23 January 2020, the EPA did not identify any issues of concern in relation to noise or water matters from the proposal and this position has not changed.

If approval is granted, the proponent must submit a licence variation application to the EPA to update EPL 7654 to reflect the changes subject to the planning application. This matter will be assessed by the EPA separately to this planning process.

If you have any questions about this matter, please contact Michael Howat on (02) 4908 6819 or via email to [info@epa.nsw.gov.au](mailto:info@epa.nsw.gov.au).

Yours sincerely

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