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Subject: FW: Cairncross waste management facility expansion EIS (SSD 5792) - biodiversity offset strategy draft wording

Hi again Gordon

As discussed today our previous written advice to DPE in relation to the Cairncross Waste Management Facility SSD is still relevant.

Dimitri and I explained over the phone that the Biodiversity Offset Strategy (BOS) can be quite brief. However it must form part of the Biodiversity Assessment Report as this is a requirement under the Framework for Biodiversity Assessment (FBA) that applies to this project.

The BOS would include the information presented in Table 8-5 and Table 8-6 on credits required and then describe how the offsets will be delivered. I understand that you will not be identifying a particular offset site but will make a commitment to either securing an offset site that will contain the required credits or alternatively purchase the necessary offset credits prior to the clearing of 3.4 ha of native vegetation within the Stage 3 area. The BOS would therefore present these 2 alternatives.

I note that as potential offset sites have not been identified at this stage they will have to be assessed at a future date to determine if they could provide the required credits. The recent *Biodiversity Conservation Act 2016* now provides a different assessment method (the Biodiversity Assessment Methodology or BAM) so I suggest the BOS should reference this assessment method. The credits that have been determined under the FBA will have equivalent credits under the new scheme so do not need to be amended.

The BOS should also state that offset sites will be protected under a Biodiversity Stewardship Site Agreement as this replaces a biobanking agreement under the new legislation.

I will try to catch you over the next few days to make sure this is clear and see if you have any further questions.
Regards,

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Hello Gordon

Dimitri forwarded this to me for a response. I also note you left a further phone message with Dimitri today. Please accept my apologies for the delay in responding.

I need to clarify our verbal advice during that phone conversation was that a BOS was still needed but it only needed to be very brief (we suggested 1/2 page to 1 page).

The BOS should state what offsets are required and how they will be delivered (including timing).

Please call me directly if you want to discuss this further.

Regards, Rachel



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Subject: Cairncross waste management facility expansion EIS (SSD 5792) - biodiversity offset strategy draft wording

Dimitri,

I refer to OEHS letter dated 26 March 2018 (DOC18/86954) regarding the *Cairncross Landfill Expansion Environmental Impact Statement (2017)* (SSD 5792).

You may recall our phone conversation a few months ago where you, Rachel Lonie and I discussed the need for a biodiversity offset strategy (BOS) as outlined in OEHS letter. It was generally agreed that a BOS was not needed, however PMHC was to provide clarification to OEHS that before the 3.4Ha of land identified in the Biodiversity Assessment Report was cleared, PMHC would secure offset land or purchase the necessary credits.

PMHC propose the following draft words be included in PMHCs *Response to Submissions* (RtS) report that is being compiled in response to all submissions received on the *Cairncross Landfill Expansion Environmental Impact Statement (2017)*.

Section 8.2.3 of the *Cairncross Landfill Expansion Environmental Impact Statement (2017)* identifies 3.4 Ha of native vegetation that contains habitat for treated and migratory species, that will be lost due to progressive clearing as part of the Proposal. Table 8-5 and 8-6 of the EIS describes the species and their respective species credits. Table 8-7, item FF-03, details the mitigation measure and timing associated with clearing of the 3.4 Ha.

PMHC will secure an offset site or sites that achieve the necessary offset credits or alternatively, PMHC will purchase the necessary offset credits before the 3.4 Ha is cleared.

Before finalising the wording, PMHC is seeking OEHS comment/concurrence to the above.

If you have any questions or need any clarifications please let me know.

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