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cc: Steve Beaman, James Goodwin, Chris Richie, Rob Hogan

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Dear David

Extended Operating Hours for Lucas Heights Landfill, Little Forrest Road, Menai – SSD 6835

As you are aware Lucas Heights Landfill is the only landfill in Sydney which is permitted to accept putrescible waste.

Cleanaway are seeking approval to extend the approval for extended operating hours for a further 2 months.

Currently the temporary approval to for extended operating hours comes to an end on Sunday 24th July. We are now proposing to work the following extended hours –

Monday – Friday – 2am – 5pm

Saturdays 5am – 4pm

Sunday 6am to 4pm

Cleanaway would like to propose that these hours would be in place for a further 2 months i.e until 30th September 2022.

Firstly, the La Nina weather event has continued to cause significant rainfall across the landfill, which has detrimental affect on the roadway and tip face condition, slowing turnaround times. As previously committed Cleanaway has spent significant amounts on improving the conditions of the tip face and access roads. Whilst Cleanaway saw a substantial improvement on the performance of the site compared with rain earlier in the year the immense amount of rain still had an impact on operations. Indeed, the effect of the volume of water on the operations has been significant with Lucas Heights receiving over 600mm in the rain event in early July, with the Sutherland ar.

Cleanaway are still progressing with the plans outlined in our request in May, with further capital approved for spend on logistics and landfill turnaround time improvement initiative.

Additional Information

- We confirm that the development will comply with all other operational conditions of the SSD-6835 consent. However, we do expect that this additional waste intake will put pressure on the current annual waste limit of 850,000tpa. A consent modification will be submitted to the Department of Planning in the next few weeks to address this issue.

- We do not expect the total number of vehicles per day to increase. It is likely that the increased hours and earlier start will reduce the number of trucks arriving at the site during peak traffic times.
- We do not expect the increased hours to result in any additional odour emissions from the site. The site did not receive any additional odour complaints during the 24 hours operation, and we did not receive any negative feedback from the local community or Community Reference Group.
- Based on the results of regular noise monitoring carried out at the site over several years we are confident that the site will continue to be fully compliant with the noise limits specified in Condition C54.
- Lighting – it is normal for the site to operate during the hours of darkness throughout the winter period.
- Local Stakeholders including the CRG, ANSTO and Sutherland Council will be notified of the new proposed working hours and duration.

Cleanaway appreciate your consideration of this matter and are happy to discuss if there is further clarification required.

Yours sincerely



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