

Director Industry Assessments
Department of Planning and Environment
GPO Box 39
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29 February 2016

Dear Mr Ritchie,

Re: Notice of Exhibition Resource Recovery Facility. West Nowra SSD 7015

Thank you for your letter of 25th January 2016 regarding the notice of exhibition of the West Nowra Recovery Park. NPWS has provided comments on Shoalhaven City Council's previous development application for this facility which are reflected in the comments below.

NPWS has an office and workshop facility at 104 Flat Rock Road, Mundamia. Approximately ten professional park management staff work in the office, including Rangers. The office is used as a point of contact for the general public to enquire about the national parks and reserves in the Nowra area and wildlife issues. The workshop also has ten staff engaged in field work within NPWS reserves who use the workshop as their base. A training room is also located on the property which is used for training activities and meetings for staff from the broader South Coast Region. When a meeting or training course is being conducted, the number of staff at the site can swell to over 50 people. During bushfires and other emergency incidents the number of staff and contractors can escalate to over 150 people.

Vehicle access to Flat Rock Road from the NPWS office and Depot is directly on to the outside curve of the road as it begins to approach the SCC waste facility entrance gate. The NPWS operate a number of trucks carrying heavy plant including, semi-trailers. It is often dangerous turning in and out of the property because of inadequate sight lines, no centre line markings on the road (vehicles are often not entirely on the right side of the road when taking the corner), and the speed vehicles are approaching and departing the Council's waste facility. NPWS is concerned that this problem will be further exacerbated by any increase in traffic movements and requests that works are undertaken to improve sight lines, reduce traffic speed and to delineate road lanes.

NPWS remains concerned about the increased noise and air quality impacts from both dust and odour on its property, particularly in relation to the ongoing day to day operation of the Resource Recovery Park. This is particularly as the existing waste facility often emits offensive odours depending on the prevailing wind which has been investigated by the EPA.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments and if you require and further information please contact Richard Phelps on 44 286300.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Alex Deura', with a stylized, flowing script.

Alex Deura
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South Coast Region