



Department of Primary Industries

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Dear Ms Grove,

Resource Recovery Facility, West Nowra (SSD_7015) Comment on the Environmental Impact Statement

I refer to your email dated 25 January 2016 to the Department of Primary Industries in respect to the above matter. Comment has been sought from DPI Water, Fisheries, Agriculture and Lands. Agriculture advises no issues. Water, Fisheries and Lands comments are found below. Any further referrals to DPI can be sent by email to landuse.enquiries@dpi.nsw.gov.au.

Fisheries

DPI Fisheries notes that the proposal site drains to the key fish habitat area of Cabbage Tree Creek, ultimately entering the Shoalhaven estuary system. The main risk identified by the Department to these key fish habitats is that of sedimentation and contaminated run-off from the project entering the waterways. The aquatic health of these waterways is of particular importance as they play a vital role in the conservation of fish stocks, recreational and commercial fishing and aquaculture production (oyster farming).

DPI Fisheries has no objections to the proposal based on the mitigation methods outlined in the EIS. The Department recommend that as a Condition of Consent, any proposed EMP, OEMP or CEMP relating to soil and water or to erosion and sediment controls be provided to us for comment prior to commencement of works.

The Department supports the inclusion of Environmental Monitoring and Reporting, as outlined in section 21.3 and 21.4 respectively. We recommend that as a Condition of Consent a copy of the finalised Environmental Monitoring Plans relating to water and to erosion and sediment controls be provided to the Department for comment prior to commencement of works.

For further information please contact Jillian Reynolds, Regional Assessment Officer, [Huskinson office], on 4428 3406 or at jillian.reynolds@dpi.nsw.gov.au.

Lands

DPI Lands has reviewed the EIS and notes that SCC owned Lot 342 DP 2575151 adjoining Crown Lot 423 DP 46912 is reserved for Soil Conservation Depot and Lot 469 DP 1102909 is reserved for Future Public Requirements.

DPI Lands has no objection to the proposed development as described in the EIS for the Masterplan and stage 1 detail.

During the construction and operation phases of the development DPI Lands requests that:

- Stormwater Pond 3 not be allowed to overflow onto adjoining Crown Lot 469, even as a result of rainfall behaviour and detention outside of the modelled scenario; and
- The new gates at the facility entrance are constructed so that when open they are completely contained within the road corridor or SCC Lot 342, and in no way restrict access to Crown Lot 423.

Close by, Crown Lot 7319 DP 11655060 is a possible route for the future Nowra bypass. A bypass would not be impacted by the proposed development.

For further information please contact Helen Wheeler, Natural Resource Project Officer (Nowra Office) on 4428 9133 or at helen.wheeler@crowland.nsw.gov.au.

Water

DPI Water has reviewed the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the abovementioned proposal. The following comments are provided for your attention and consideration.

DPI Water considers that issues of interest to the Department have been adequately addressed in the EIS and has no objection to the project as proposed based on the following.

- The EIS identifies that there are no watercourses, groundwater dependent ecosystems or riparian areas within 450 metres of the site. As such no riparian areas are impacted by the proposal. Environmental risk to waterfront land is therefore considered to be significantly low.
- The proposed surface water detention basins and associated water reuse from these is considered to be a special purpose function and are exempt under Schedules 1 and 5 of the *Water Management (General) Regulation 2011*. As such the subject basins do not require any licensing under the Water Management Act 2000.
- Water demand and supplies are fulfilled from site management of the basins above and can be supplemented from reticulated water supplies where required.
- The EIS states that the project will not encounter or extract groundwater and that the potential for contaminated water to enter the groundwater table is minimal.

For further information please contact David Zerafa, Senior Water Regulation Officer (Nowra Office) on 4428 9142 or at david.zerafa@dpi.nsw.gov.au.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'M Isaacs', with a stylized, cursive script.

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