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Dear Mr Meehan

**Fairfield Sustainable Resource Centre Expansion (SSD-8184)  
Response to Submissions**

The exhibition of the development application including the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the above proposal ended on 2 October 2020. All submissions received by the Department during the exhibition of the proposal are available on the Department's website at <https://www.planningportal.nsw.gov.au/major-projects/project/10016>.

The Department requires you provide a response to the issues raised in those submissions in accordance with clause 85A(2) of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulation 2000. Please provide a response to the issues raised in these submissions within two months of the date of the issue of this letter. You are also requested to submit additional information that effectively addresses the issues identified in **Attachment 1**.

Additionally, DPIE Water and Environment, Energy and Science Groups were not able to provide their submissions at the time of writing. Their comments will be forwarded to you once these have been received.

Note that under clause 113(7) of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulation 2000, the days occurring between the date of this letter and the date on which your response to submissions is received are not included in the deemed refusal period.

If you have any questions, please contact David Schwebel, Planning Officer, on 9274 6400 or via [david.schwebel@planning.nsw.gov.au](mailto:david.schwebel@planning.nsw.gov.au).

Yours sincerely,

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Director  
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**as delegate for the Planning Secretary**

## Attachment 1

In order to progress the Department's assessment, additional information is required including but not limited to the following:

### 1. General Note

- While it is noted the activities on the site would not change significantly from existing, it is important that all additional information provided in the response to submissions clearly discusses and explains the site operations and site layout as they would be under the new situation.

### 2. Operation

- Clarify how the amount of waste processed annually will be monitored to ensure there are no further exceedances of processing limits.
- Clarify the discrepancies between the amounts of incoming and outgoing waste identified in Table 6 of the EIS. This should include further clarification of the actual amount of waste processed on the site per annum during this time.
- Provide an updated site plan that clearly identifies all elements of the existing and proposed development, including tipping, processing and storage areas for different types of waste (both unprocessed and processed).
- Provide further justification for the proposed expanded stockpiling area and extension to operating hours in the context of the ongoing operation of the facility.

### 3. Soil and Water Management (including operational leachate runoff from waste stockpiles)

- Clarify the measures to be undertaken when excavating up to two metres into the capping material over the landfill area to ensure the integrity of the capping layer and management of any leachate from the former landfill.
- Clarify how any water quality impacts will be addressed for water or sediment runoff discharged into Prospect Creek.
- Clarify how any leachate from waste storage and processing areas, contaminated water collected in the sediment basins, and the wastewater from the wheel wash area are to be managed.
- Clarify how accumulated sediment in sediment basins will be used or disposed after removal from sediment basins.
- Clarify whether the water demand amounts in Section 4.2.3 of the Soil and Water Management Plan include the proposed expanded operations area and the maximum proposed processing and stockpiling on the site.

- Provide details on the removal of the septic tank as shown on the civil works plan for the car park expansion.

#### **4. Contamination**

- The Department notes the EPA's concerns regarding onsite contamination from the former landfill. In the response to this issue, please ensure a clear distinction is provided between leachate from the former landfill (landfill leachate) and operational leachate from waste stockpiles and processing areas (operational leachate).

#### **5. Former Landfill**

- Identify on a plan the part of the site previously used for the former landfill, including location of the capped area.

#### **6. Air Quality**

- Clarify if the Air Quality Impact Assessment has considered the potential impacts if the facility was to reach the maximum amount of stockpiled material on site (i.e. 250,000 tonnes at any one time)
- Clarify if the proposed mitigation measures will prevent further exceedances of relevant air quality criteria, including whether the current dust suppression measures are effective for eight-metre-high stockpiles.

#### **7. Earthworks**

- Provide more detail on the material to be used for proposed fill on site, particularly the stockpiled material.

#### **8. Hazardous Materials**

- Identify the location and existing safety measures implemented for the storage of diesel on site.

#### **9. Traffic**

- Provide more detail on the expected traffic movements during evening and night-time hours.

- In the context of the clarification requested in point 2 above (the yearly waste volumes in Table 6 of the EIS), provide justification that the predicted 14 vehicles per hour traffic increase remains realistic and appropriate under a worst-case scenario.
- Provide further detail on the predicted split in vehicle movements between light and heavy vehicles in any given hour, especially in the context of staff shift times and operational peak times.
- Provide detail of the contingencies proposed in the case there is delay or breakdown at the weighbridge to ensure no trucks will queue into Widemere Road.

## **10. Consultation**

- Undertake further consultation with Fairfield City Council and ensure all issues raised by relevant sections are addressed in your response.

## **11. Landowner's consent**

Provide landowner's consent for the proposed development.