

25 March 2014

Mr Sam Haddad
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Dear Mr Haddad

Shoalhaven Starches Ethanol Expansion Project Modification 4

I refer to the Executive Director's letter dated 24 March 2014 referring the above modification application to the Planning Assessment Commission for determination under Ministerial delegation.

I have considered the application and noted that Shoalhaven City Council has reviewed the application. It is of the view that the proposed DDG Pelletising Plant, though significantly larger than the approved building, is consistent with the industrial character of the area and would not be unduly intrusive when viewed from the surrounding locations at Nowra.

The EPA raised concern about the capacity of the existing on site Biofilters to treat odour given that air emissions from the modified DDG Pelletising Plant would be directed to the Biofilters. I note both the EPA and Planning and Infrastructure (P&I) are now satisfied that the issue can be addressed if the Biofilters capacity is verified before construction of the DDG Pelletising Plant. If the Biofilters are found to have insufficient capacity to cater for the DDG Pelletising Plant, additional odour treatment controls or modification to the existing odour controls will be required. Both EPA and P&I are satisfied that odour emissions at the facility are likely to reduce following the operation of the DDG Pelletising Plant.

I also noted that the application does not involve any increase in the production capacity or increase in the generation of wastewater.

I am satisfied that the assessment report has identified the key issues and addressed them in a satisfactory manner. The recommendation for approval subject to condition is reasonable. The modification application is approved as recommended subject to conditions. The file and signed instrument of approval are returned.

Yours sincerely



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