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Dear Ms Harras

Re Proposed s75W Modification (MP 07_0146 MOD 2) – Riverina Oils and BioEnergy

I refer to your letter, received by electronic mail on 17 September 2015, to the Environment Protection Authority (EPA) requesting our comments on the proposed increase in oilseed processing from 165,000 tonnes to 200,000 tonnes per annum at the Riverina Oils and BioEnergy facility at 177 Trahairs Road, Wagga Wagga.

The EPA has reviewed the environmental assessment provided and determined that the licence conditions of Environment Protection Licence No. 13097 adequately address the key issues identified by the EPA.

It is understood from the information provided that there is a potential for an increase in odour and volatile organic carbon (VOC) emissions from the operations following the proposed modifications.

The emission of VOCs are predicted to meet the relevant ground level concentration criterion. The EPA notes the environmental assessment indicates there is the potential to exceed the licence limit for VOCs. Should VOC emissions from the proposed modification exceed the licence limits then additional controls must be implemented to ensure compliance is achieved at all times with the licence limit for VOCs.

Recent odour monitoring undertaken in April 2015 established compliance with the relevant odour performance criterion, described in the EPA's *Technical Framework - Assessment and Management of Odour from Stationary Sources in NSW* (November 2006), at all nine sensitive receptors. A copy of this document can be found online at - <http://www.epa.nsw.gov.au/resources/air/20060440framework.pdf>. The recent odour monitoring was given greater weight in the air quality impact assessment as it represented stable operating conditions. It should be noted the proponent must not cause or permit offensive odours from their operations at all times in order to comply with Section 129 of the *Protection of the Environment Operations Act, 1997*.

In relation to noise emissions the proposed modification must meet existing noise limits specified in the Environment Protection Licence and ensure that during construction, noise is managed in accordance with the *NSW Interim Construction Noise Guideline*. A copy of this guideline can be found online at - <http://www.epa.nsw.gov.au/resources/noise/09265cng.pdf>

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These comments relate to the development as proposed in the documents and information provided. In the event that the development is modified either by the applicant prior to the granting of consent or as a result of the conditions proposed to be attached to the consent, it will be necessary to consult with the EPA about the changes before the consent is issued. This will enable us to determine whether additional conditions are required in light of the changes.

If you have any further enquiries about this matter please contact Chris Burton by telephoning 02 6022 0609.

Yours sincerely



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