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### **Modification Request to Woodlawn Bioreactor site (MP\_100012 MOD1 and DA Q91/00233 MOD2)**

The Tarago and District Progress Association (TADPAI) thanks you for providing the opportunity to comment on the response to submissions lodged by Veolia.

TADPAI have met with a representative of Veolia to discuss our concerns, but we have not seen the additional information lodged at Attachment A until reviewing the written response.

We now understand that the proposal is a temporary workaround pending development of a new leachate treatment plant, with the new treatment plant to be built and implemented in 2017.

TADPAI has been told by the Veolia representative that the odour being experienced more frequently by residents of the area around the Woodlawn Bioreactor is as a result of excess leachate being retained in the mine void. The way to solve the issue is to allow treated leachate to be removed from the mine void, although there is a reluctance by Veolia to quantify the period in which an improvement will be evident and the extent in terms of reduction in frequency of odour incidents in the surrounding community.

On the basis that the ongoing odour issues can only be minimised by allowing Veolia to remove and treat leachate from the mine void, and that a permanent leachate treatment facility is constructed before the end of 2017, TADPAI agrees to the proposed modification.

In reviewing Attachment A, TADPAI rejects the assertion in section 3.1 that:

“Regulatory authority guidelines for odorous impacts of gaseous process emissions are not designed to satisfy a ‘zero odour impact criteria’”

TADPAI believes that statements of this type are muddying the waters in terms of expectations of Veolia with regard to odour emissions. In the case of Woodlawn, the Minister’s requirements are specific. Section 22 of the Ministers Approval for the Woodlawn Development Application states that:

“The proponent shall not cause or permit the emission of offensive odours at any residence on privately owned land.”

So TADPAI proposes that the following approval conditions be placed on Veolia

1. Veolia to meet with TADPAI on a regular basis, no less than every 3 months to review reported odour incidents, incident resolution, gas capture details and proposed changes in bioreactor operations.

2. A review process be established to ensure adequate resolution of all odour incidents with support of the EPA.

**Other issues**

There are other issues requiring attention in Attachment A:

- Figure 3.3 appears to show the same chart twice, rather than 2 charts showing Windroses Goulburn Airport 5 years and 2015.
- The receptor mentioned on page 24 as being north of the Bioreactor doesn't appear to be marked on any of the images in figures 4.1 through 4.5
- The email address on page 2 is misspelled.
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Appendix B shows substantial detail of the weather station at Goulburn Airport, 30 kilometres from the Woodlawn site, but the same information is not provided for the weather station at Woodlawn, from which it is assumed the Woodlawn Windroses were developed.

**In Summary**

TADPAI agrees to the modification request subject to the conditions above being attached to the approval.

Yours Sincerely  
Neil Shepherd  
Secretary  
Tarago and District Progress Association Inc.