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Dear Mr Hanley

**Shoalhaven Starches Expansion Project (MP06\_0228-Mod-21)  
Response to Submissions**

I refer to the Modification Application for the Shoalhaven Starches Expansion Project (MP06\_0228-Mod-21). The notification period for the abovementioned modification application ended on Monday 27 September 2021. After careful consideration, the Department is requesting that you provided additional information.

Please note, the Department is still awaiting formal advice from the NSW Environment Protection Authority (EPA), Shoalhaven City Council, Fire and Rescue NSW and Natural Resources Access Regulator. All agency advice received by the Department on the modification application will be forwarded to you and made available on the Department's website at <https://www.planningportal.nsw.gov.au/major-projects/project/41436>.

Please provide the information, or notify us that the information will not be provided, by Friday 29 October 2021. If you cannot meet this deadline, please provide and commit to an alternative timeframe for providing this information.

If you have any questions, please contact Shaun Williams, on (02) 8275 1345/ at [shaun.williams@planning.nsw.gov.au](mailto:shaun.williams@planning.nsw.gov.au).

Yours sincerely,



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Attached: Request for Additional Information/Advice

# Attachment 1: Request for Additional Information/Advice

## General

1. The Statement of Environmental Effects (SEE) does not stipulate the predicted employment generation of the proposed modification. The Department requests further information on expected operational and construction employment numbers generated from the proposed modification.
2. The SEE does not provide the capital investment value (CIV) of the proposed modification works. The Department requests an approximate CIV of the proposed modification works be provided.

## Modification Description

3. Section 5.3 of the SEE identifies current foaming and capacity issues with existing fermenters requiring an additional two fermenters to be proposed to accommodate fermentation capacity. The Department requires further information to elaborate on the foaming overflow issues encountered by the existing fermenters and if the proposed additional fermenters are anticipated to encounter the same overflowing issues.
4. Furthermore, the Department seeks clarification on if the issues are temporary in nature and if the proposed additional fermenters would be made redundant long-term if foaming issues are rectified in the fermentation process. If the foaming issues are temporary in nature, the Department requests further information on any consideration of alternative measures undertaken to either resolve or mitigate the issue.

## Hazards and Risk

The Department has reviewed the Preliminary Hazard Analysis (PHA) alongside the SEE and can advise it has no issues with the hazards and risks associated with the proposed modification subject to all proposed safeguards and mitigation measures outlined in the PHA being adopted.