Notice

Environmental Protection Act 1994

Environmental Evaluation

Notice of decision on an environmental report for an environmental investigation

This notice is issued by the administering authority pursuant to section 326G(4) of the Environmental Protection Act 1994 to advise you that the administering authority has decided to accept an environmental report for an environmental investigation.

The Mulgrave Central Mill Company Pty Ltd
47 Gordon Street
Gordonvale QLD 4865

Your reference: EPPR00390613

Our Reference: 101/0009102, C-CPLRC-100008829, E-100072540

27 April 2023

Take notice: that under the *Environmental Protection Act 1994* (the Act), a notice of decision to accept an environmental report for an environmental investigation is issued to The Mulgrave Central Mill Company Pty Ltd (ACN 009 657 032) (you) by the administering authority. The administering authority is the Chief Executive of Department of Environment and Science (the department).

The notice of decision to accept an environmental report for an environmental investigation is issued in respect to the activities by The Mulgrave Central Mill Company Pty Ltd on land described as Lot 102 on Plan SP279534, Lot 184 on Plan NR5231, Lot 11 on Plan RP835454, and Lot 12 on Plan RP835454 (the licensed place) situated at 47 Gordon Street, Gordonvale.

The decision

The decision to accept an environmental report about a stated matter is based on the following grounds:

1. A notice to conduct or commission an environmental investigation was issued to you by the department on 16 December 2020 (ref. E-100022326) on the grounds that an event has happened causing environmental harm while an activity was being carried out and an activity or proposed activity is causing, or is likely to cause environmental harm.
2. Following an internal review, a varied notice to conduct or commission an environmental investigation was issued to you by the department on 2 February 2021 (ref. E-100072540).
3. The notice to conduct or commission an environmental investigation (the Notice) was then amended by the department on 9 June 2021 (ref. E-100072540).
4. A draft Air Quality Monitoring Program (AQMP) was submitted to the department on 12 April 2021, in accordance with requirement 1 of the Notice. The department provided comments regarding the draft AQMP on 18 May 2021.
5. A final AQMP was submitted to the department on 11 June 2021. The department provided further comments regarding the final AQMP on 15 June 2021.

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6. You responded to these further comments on 22 June 2021 and an updated final AQMP was submitted to the department on 9 July 2021.
7. In accordance with the AQMP, preliminary air dispersion modelling of emissions was undertaken and submitted to the department on 10 September 2021.
8. In accordance with the AQMP, stack testing and meteorological monitoring was undertaken during 2021 and 2022 crushing seasons, and ambient particulate matter monitoring was undertaken in 2022.
9. An Environmental Report was submitted to the department by you on 30 January 2023, in accordance with requirement 4 of the Notice, with the accompanying recipient declaration provided on 2 February 2023.
10. Preliminary review of the Environmental Report identified matters requiring further information to enable the department to assess environmental obligations under the Notice. A Notice requesting further information was issued to you by the department on 13 February 2023.
11. You provided submissions on 27 March 2023 as required under the Notice requesting further information. This submission included an updated Environmental Report, dated 27 March 2023, with updated appendices.
12. Review of the updated Environmental Report identified that the information provided therein is sufficiently comprehensive and you have satisfied the requirements of the Notice. The department has decided to accept the Environmental Report under section 326G(4)(a) of the *Environmental Protection Act 1994*.

The department acknowledges your proactive improvements to mill processes, including a reduction in the use of waste oil in boiler operations. It is my understanding that this has reflected in the positive outome of this environmental evalulation and I encourage you to continue to look for improvements to reduce your environmental risk and impact to the surrounding community.

Additionally I encourage you to contact the department's Energy and Extractive business centre on EnergyandExtractive@des.qld.gov.au or call on 07 3330 5715 to discuss options of amending your environmental authority to reflect best practice. A pre-lodgement meeting with the business centre may explore options to amend your environmental authority via an application to amend or amendment by agreement.

Review and appeal

The provisions regarding reviews of decisions and appeals are found in sections 519 to 539 of the Act.

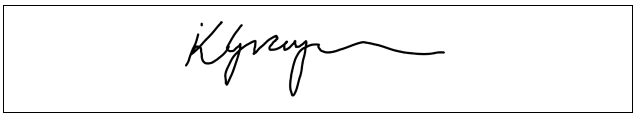
For further information about reviews and appeals see the information sheet, Internal review and appeals (ESR/2015/1742) available on the Queensland Government website at www.qld.gov.au, using the publication number (ESR/2015/1742) as a search term.

A person whose interests are or would be adversely affected by a decision of the department may also be able to request a statement of reasons for a decision or a statutory order review under the *Judicial Review Act 1991*.

You may have other legal rights or obligations and should seek your own legal advice.

Should you have any queries in relation to this notice, please contact Kristen Corkill of the department on telephone number 07 4222 5334.

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Signature

27 April 2023

Date

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