

Letter

Environmental Protection Act 1994

Finalisation of an Environmental Protection Order

This letter of finalisation of an environmental protection order is issued by the administering authority to advise that the environmental protection order issued pursuant to section 360 of the Environmental Protection Act 1994 is no longer in effect.

Inghams Enterprises Pty Limited (ACN 008 447 345)

Level 4, 1 Julius Avenue
NORTH RYDE NSW 2113

Your reference: EPPR00405713

Our reference: C-CPLRC-100389662 / 101/0007410 / STAT-E-100537980

Monday, 8 July 2024

To whom it may concern

Take notice: that on Monday, 8 July 2024 under the *Environmental Protection Act 1994* (the Act) the administering authority issued an environmental protection order (EPO) to Inghams enterprises Pty. Limited ACN 008 447 345 (you). The administering authority is the Chief Executive of the Department of Environment and Heritage Protection (the department).

The EPO was issued in respect to your Environmental Authority EPPR00405713 authorising environmentally relevant activity (ERA) 25 – meat processing (1c) processing, not including rendering, more than 50,000t of meat or meat products on land described as Lot 5 on SP225274 at 50 Goodman Place, Murarrie, QLD 4172 (the premises).

A. Requirements

The requirements of this EPO were:

1. You **must immediately cease** releasing contaminants from the pond network to **waters**.
2. By **8 December 2023**, you must enlist the services of an Appropriately Qualified Person (AQP) to investigate a treatment and/or disposal method for the contaminated water in the pond network.
3. By **31 January 2024**, you must ensure that the AQP engaged in Requirement 2 develops and implements a Water Management Plan, with the assistance of relevant Inghams representatives.

The Water Management Plan must contain relevant completion timeframes.



You must provide a copy of the Water Management Plan to the department for review.

The Water Management Plan, as a minimum must include the following –

- I. Appropriately scaled maps and plans to show the locations of all ponds, depicting the relevant water courses, potential sources of contamination, control points, containment structures, channels, diversions, pipes, pumps, and monitoring facilities and structures, monitoring points, and access routes to control and monitoring points.
- II. The quantity of the proposed pump to trade waste (average, minimum and maximum daily discharge volume).
- III. Monthly assessment regarding the likely quality of water or wastewater in each pond.
- IV. Water balance strategies to facilitate adequate freeboard and design capacity to prevent overtopping during expected rainfall events and leakage to ground or surface waters.

B. Compliance with the requirements

In determining compliance with these requirements of the EPO, the department has considered:

- Requirement 1 has been met, as contaminants generated onsite are now being lawfully disposed of via a trade waste agreement.
- The department considers the enlisting of Senversa because of requirement 2 to be an appropriately qualified person.
- The department has received and reviewed the Water Management Plan. The water management plan includes:
 - Scaled maps and plans of all ponds, relevant water courses, potential sources of contamination etc,
 - The quantity of the proposed pump to trade waste,
 - Monthly assessments regarding the quality of water/wastewater in each pond; and
 - Water balance strategies.
- During a site inspection held on 20 June 2024 Inghams representatives confirmed the following:
 - Offsite releases ceased on 28 September 2023, with no further offsite discharges since this date;
 - Reverse Osmosis (RO) brine is discharged to trade waste, via an agreement with Queensland Urban Utilities;
 - A flow metre has been installed to measure how much wastewater is discharged to trade waste;
 - All ponds are monitored on a weekly basis;
 - Pond 2 is tested prior to discharge;
 - Sludge sampling has occurred, as such Ingham's is waiting on a report for sludge management recommendations;
 - A weather station has been installed onsite;


- The cover on the Covered Anaerobic Lagoon (CAL) was identified in September 2023 as requiring maintenance, with your Environmental Authority condition A4 requiring the lagoon to be free of gaps or holes to prevent any uncontrolled release of biogas to the atmosphere. Inghams have advised that his repair will occur in July 2024.
- Trade waste pits are cleaned out monthly.

C. Obligations

The department has determined that Inghams Enterprises Pty. Limited has satisfied the requirements of the EPO. Accordingly, this letter serves as a notice that this EPO is finalised and no longer in effect.

Inghams Enterprises Pty. Limited is reminded of their responsibility to comply with conditions contained in Environmental Authority EPPR00405713.

Should you have any queries in relation to this notice, please contact Sarah Rowe, Principal Environmental Officer on telephone number 07 4029 5276.



Signature

8/07/2024

Date

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