



MINISTER FOR ENVIRONMENT

STATEMENT THAT A PROPOSAL MAY BE IMPLEMENTED (PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION ACT 1986)

WOODCHIP EXPORT PROPOSAL

McLEAN CONSOLIDATED PTY LTD
GERSOR PTY LTD

This proposal may be implemented subject to the following conditions:

1. The proponent shall adhere to the proposal as assessed by the Environmental Protection Authority and shall fulfil the commitments made (copy of commitments attached).
2. The proponent shall not chip whole logs and shall only chip sawmill wastes. "Sawmill wastes" means waste material resulting from sawn timber production, consisting of slabs, offcuts, dockings and boxed hearts rejected in normal sawmilling operations.
3. The proponent shall obtain a licence under Part V of the Environmental Protection Act for the operation of the Denmark sawmill. This licence shall include noise emissions, gaseous emissions and water emissions. The fee for this licence shall be determined by the Minister for Environment, and shall be essentially consistent with the scale of fees contained in the Environmental Protection Regulations 1987.
4. Approvals for the proponent's woodchip operations based on State Forest resource shall be linked specifically to the duration of the Timber Production Strategy and Forest Region Management Plans. Approvals issued to the proponent shall be reviewed no later than at the expiry of the present Management Plans (presently planned for February 1998).

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5. No transfer of ownership, control or management of the project which would give rise to a need for the replacement of the proponent shall take place until the Minister has advised the proponent that approval has been given for the nomination of a replacement proponent. Any request for the exercise of that power of the Minister shall be accompanied by a copy of this statement endorsed with an undertaking by the proposed replacement proponent to carry out the project in accordance with the conditions and procedures set out in the statement.

~~Barry Hodge, MLA~~
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LIST OF COMMITMENTS BY THE PROPONENT

1. All resource required for this proposal will be salvage logs from State Forest, apart from a limited allocation of general purpose sawlogs.
2. A new licence will be sought for the export of woodchips produced from private property plantation resource.
3. The Company will establish transportation routes in consultation with, and to the satisfaction of, the Main Roads Department and local Authorities.
4. The Company will ensure that trucks carrying logs, timber or woodchips to or from the mill will not exceed 50 kilometres per hour through the main townsite, from the Denmark bridge to the Ocean Beach turnoff.
5. McLean Consolidated will continue to co-operate with the Shire of Denmark and the Main Roads Department to realign the entrance of Cussens Road of the South Western Highway, to the satisfaction of those two bodies.
6. Should any significant road use conflicts arise McLean will in consultation with Main Roads Department and the appropriate local authority review alternative routes or practices to overcome the problem.
7. Should noise emission problems arise, potential exists for acoustic treatment of various components of the sawmill and chipmill to reduce emissions that might be causing offence.
8. The Reece burner will continue to be managed in the same manner as it has in the past.
9. Should complaint be received regarding water quality downstream of the sawmill McLean Consolidated will correct any problem attributable to its activities.
10. If a dust problem arises in the log stockpile area, the area would be sprayed with water to minimise the problem.
11. The Company will if necessary undertake additional vegetation planting to screen the mill site.
12. Runoff from the woodchip stockpile at the port will be directed to a sump to prevent direct discharge into Princess Royal Harbour.
13. Should dust from the stockpile or loading operation at the port prove to be a problem the Company will use water sprays to overcome the problem.



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3. The proponent shall obtain a Works Approval and Licence under Part V of the Environmental Protection Act for the proposed expansion and operation of the North Greenbushes sawmill. This licence shall include noise emissions, gaseous emissions and water emissions. The fee for this licence shall be determined by the Minister for Environment, and shall be essentially consistent with the scale of fees contained in the Environmental Protection Regulations 1987.
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1. The mill design will be completed in accordance with Standards Association of Australia in all respects and in particular will recognise industrial noise legislation.
2. Environmental matters associated with the mill will be fully respected. A large number of trees will be planted around the the mill site to reduce the effect of noise and dust on people living in the locality.
3. There will be no chemical processes involved in the conversion of our timber.
4. There will be a significant reduction in smoke emission from Whittakers existing burner.
5. All conditions attached to the Shire of Bridgetown-Greenbushes' approval of Town Planning Scheme No 4 Amendment No 2 (North Greenbushes Townsite - Extension of Industrial Zoning) will be met by the company.