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Dear Professor Tonts

## **Referral of Proposal – Construction and Operation of Banksia Road Landfill Cells 9, 10 and 12A**

### **Background**

Cleanaway Solid Waste Pty Ltd (Cleanaway) operates the existing Banksia Road Putrescible Landfill site (the Facility) located at Lot 2 on Plan 65861, Crooked Brook in the Shire of Dardanup approximately 10 km southeast of the City of Bunbury and 3.7 km southeast of the town of Dardanup.

The facility holds a current Environmental Protection Licence number L8904/2015/1, which has been assessed as a “prescribed premises” Category 64, under Schedule 1 of the *Environmental Protection Regulations 1987*. The site is also licensed under Category 61 (liquid waste facility); however, the Category 61 prescribed activity is not subject of this correspondence.

Construction of the current landfill commenced in 2000, and since then nine approved cells have been commissioned, with the tenth approved cell currently under construction. Associated with the ongoing use of the site, Cleanaway intends to develop three additional landfill cells (Cells 9, 10 and 12A) within the existing boundary of the prescribed premises.

Cleanaway strongly believes that Cells 9, 10 and 12A can be effectively assessed and permissioned under the provisions of Part V of the *Environmental Protection Act 1986* (the Act), as has been the case to date.

However, following consultation with a Decision Making Authority and considering the ongoing concerns raised by the Dardanup community, Cleanaway is referring the Banksia Road Landfill Construction and Operation of Cells 9, 10 and 12A (the Proposal); as outlined below.

## **Proposal**

Cleanaway is proposing the continuation of existing activities that have been previously approved to be constructed and operate under the Part V provisions of the Act.

Specifically, this proposal is for the following activities:

- Progressive construction and operations of Cells 9, 10 and 12A over a six to seven year period; and,
- Construction and operation of associated surface water control infrastructure within the excavated voids of Cell 9 and 10.

The Proposal will be limited in extent to the existing Premises boundary. There will also be no increase to existing approved throughput, or removal of remnant native vegetation associated with implementation of the Proposal.

The Proposal is a continuation of existing construction and operational practices with no material changes to what is or has been carried out on site.

Information provided in the suite of attachments below serves to address both operational and construction environmental impacts occurring on the site and to address off-site visual impacts, and to assist EPA's consideration of whether the Proposal is significant:

- Signed form for the referral of the Proposal to the EPA
- Copy of lease to be provided
- Attachment 1 - Works Approval Application and supporting documentation 12A, 9&10
  - Details specific design and construction aspects of the Proposal
- Attachment 2 - Stormwater Licence Amendment with Stormwater Management Plan
  - Currently going through a Part V assessment.
- Attachment 3 - Site Groundwater Investigation Summary report
- Attachment 4 - 2020 Ground Water Monitoring Summary Report
- Attachment 5 - Dust Management Plan
- Attachment 6 - Environmental Management Plan
- Attachment 7 - CWY Dardanup Landfill Fire Control Process
- Attachment 8 - Works Approval Noise Report
- Attachment 9 - Summary Noise Report in response to Part V decision document (Note 1)

Note 1 - Cleanaway understands that DWER has carried out a detailed noise assessment of the site and was deemed to be compliant with the *Environmental Protection Noise Regulations 1987* (the Noise Regulations). Cleanaway has not been formally provided the outcome of this monitoring; however, this report may be available through the Compliance and Enforcement Directorate within DWER.

A landscape and visual assessment report is being compiled and will be provided on completion.

## **Conclusion**

As outlined above and as addressed in the suite of attachments, the implementation of the Proposal will not:

- significantly impact the social surrounds of the area
- require disturbance outside the existing approved Premises boundary;
- increase the existing approved annual throughput; or
- remove native vegetation.

Cleanaway has considered the significance of the Proposal, and on this basis is of the view that the likely environmental impacts associated with the proposal are not significant, does not warrant a formal assessment and can be managed under the current Environmental Licence issued under the Part V provisions of the Act.

Cleanaway looks forward to the outcome of your assessment and would greatly appreciate the opportunity to discuss the Proposal in a meeting.

If you have any question on the above please do not hesitate to contact Les Egerton (Senior Environmental Business Partner) on 0499 333 283 or via email [les.egerton@cleanaway.com.au](mailto:les.egerton@cleanaway.com.au).

Yours sincerely



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Attachments: Supporting information