

## ***Environmental Protection Act 1986*** **Section 43A**

### **NOTICE OF DECISION TO CONSENT TO AMEND A REFERRED PROPOSAL DURING ASSESSMENT**

#### **PERSON TO WHOM THIS NOTICE IS GIVEN**

- (a) Tassal Operations Pty Ltd (ABN: 106 324 127)  
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#### **PROPOSAL TO WHICH THIS NOTICE RELATES:**

Ocean Barramundi Expansion Project, Assessment No. 2343

#### **DECISION**

Pursuant to s. 43A of the *Environmental Protection Act 1986* (EP Act), the Environmental Protection Authority (EPA) gives approval to the assessment of the proposal being completed in respect of the proposal as amended in accordance with the proponent's request being:

- removal of the proposed nurseries
- removal of six of the thirteen proposed development areas of aquaculture
- two of the remaining development areas being reduced in size
- reduction of the total development area from 1,213 hectares to 817 hectares
- reduction of the expected maximum total annual standing biomass of fish from 30,000 tonnes to 17,000 tonnes

The amended proposal content document and figures are attached.

#### **SUMMARY OF REASONS**

- The change in development envelope and the removal of all finfish nurseries will remove impacts associated with the proposal to the key environmental factor of flora and vegetation.
- The change in development envelope, removal of nurseries and reduction in sea leases will decrease impacts to the key environmental factors of marine environmental quality, benthic communities and habitats, marine fauna and social surroundings.
- There are no new environmental factors likely to be significantly affected as a result of the amendments, and no additional EPA functions need to be performed to assess the amended proposal.

- The amendment would not, if the proposal were already approved, be a significant amendment. In considering this, the effects of the amendment on its own, the effect of the amendment in the context of the existing referred proposal, cumulative and holistic impacts have been considered.
- The amended proposal will be substantially the same character as the existing referred proposal.

**EFFECT OF THIS NOTICE:**

1. The assessment of the proposal is to be completed in respect of the proposal as amended in accordance with the decision set out in this notice.
2. The proposal as amended in accordance with this notice is taken to have been referred to the EPA under s. 38 of the EP Act.

**RIGHTS OF APPEAL:**

There are no rights of appeal under the EP Act in respect of this decision.



**Ms Lee McIntosh**  
**Delegate of the Environmental Protection Authority**  
DEPUTY CHAIR

13 June 2024

**Attachment 1- Amended proposal content document and figure/s showing the proposal**