

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) Eastern Metropolitan Regional Council (ABN 89 631 866 056)
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ASCOT WA 6104

PROPOSAL TO WHICH THIS NOTICE RELATES:

APCr Immobilisation Plant and Interim Disposal Solution
Assessment No. 2337

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:

- addition of one new Class IV monocell that only accepts immobilised APCr waste
- development envelope will be increased by approximately 1.5 ha.

The amended proposal content document and figures are attached.

SUMMARY OF REASONS

- The proposed amendment includes the addition of one new dedicated Class IV monocell that will only accept immobilised APCr waste and is estimated to be constructed within two years.
- Acceptance of the environmental review document (ERD) for public review is yet to occur. Any potential significant impacts associated with the proposed amendment would be included in the version of the ERD release for the public review period.
- The development envelope will increase by 1.5 ha and the cell located in a cleared area, adjacent to an area of remnant vegetation.
- No new factors are introduced by the amendment.
- While there is no clearing for the addition of the monocell, it is located adjacent to bushland. Noting that edge effects to this bushland are likely to already be occurring, it is expected that flora and vegetation would not be significantly affected.

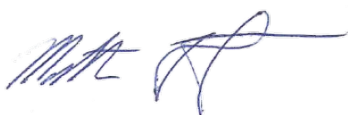
- Any impacts to terrestrial fauna utilising the monocell area are likely to be similar to current onsite fauna issues and would be addressed via existing management measures.
- There is the potential for increased impacts to inland waters and terrestrial environmental quality from seepage of leachate containing metals and salts.
- The proposed monocell is located adjacent to existing landfill operations. There may already be impacts to soils and groundwater from the existing operations, but these are not well known as the monitoring is sparse in this area.
- The Department of Water and Environmental Regulation (DWER) have advised that the proposed primary and secondary lining and the leachate recovery system of the monocell adequately addresses potential risks of contamination to groundwater.
- It was noted that some information was lacking, including a description of leachate collection and storage information. Additional information is likely to be sought prior to accepting the ERD.

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.



Prof. Matthew Tonts
Delegate of the Environmental Protection Authority
CHAIR

24 July 2023

Attachment 1- Amended proposal content document