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The General Manager
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Attention: Sharon Langman

DA2019/143 – PROPOSED WASTE DISPOSAL FACILITY, LOT 7004 DP1028797 & LOT 7300 DP1149008, TUMBLONG RESERVE ROAD, TUMBLONG.

I refer to your correspondence regarding the subject Application which was referred to Transport for NSW for assessment and comment.

From the information provided it is understood that the proposal is for a non-putrescible waste disposal (landfill) facility on the subject site. The site is located on Tumblong Reserve Road approximately 3km north of the Hume Highway. Tumblong Reserve Road is a local road with a posted speed limit of 100km/h and is an approved B-Double route. The application is supported by an Environmental Impact Statement dated November 2019 prepared by Salvestro Planning and a Traffic Assessment dated September 2019 prepared by SECAsolution.

The landfill facility is proposed to service a single manufacturing business (Visy Mill) and is required to dispose of waste material generated from a materials recovery and manufacturing process. The proposal also involves the remediation of the subject site which has previously been used as a quarry. The proposed haulage route is from the Visy site south west of Tumut via the Snowy Mountains Highway, Gocup Road and the Hume Highway. The submitted documentation states that the proposal is for transport of 60,000 tonnes of waste per annum to the site, predominantly using truck and dog combinations. At peak times this will generate approximately 10 to 15 truck movements per day with approximately 4 movements in the peak hour.

The site relies on the transportation of waste material through the intersection of the Old Hume Highway and the Hume Highway at Tumblong. The Hume Highway is currently constructed as a 4 lane divided carriageway. The intersection is located within a 110 km/h speed zone. The intersection treatment on the Hume Highway is an at-grade intersection with a median crossover and no right turn and left turn deceleration lanes for the northbound leg of the Old Hume Highway. The submitted traffic assessment considers the use of B-Double heavy vehicles but states the central median crossover to access the Old Hume Highway from the Hume Highway is not adequate to accommodate the length of a stationary B-double vehicle. The traffic assessment does consider the potential access of B-Doubles to the site by suggesting that these vehicles travel past the intersection to the Old Hume Highway to the intersection of Rosedale road with the Hume Highway in order to perform a U-turn and then turn left to the Old Hume Highway from the Hume Highway. TfNSW does not support this option for road safety reasons.

Given the limited available storage within the median crossover on the Hume Highway at its intersection with Old Hume Highway it is considered appropriate that the approved haulage vehicles be restricted to a length comparable to a general access vehicle (19 metre truck and dog combination or 19 metre semi-trailer).

The submitted documentation provided indicates that the proponent intends to implement a traffic management plan and Drivers Code of conduct for the transportation of material to the landfill site. This plan should be prepared in consultation with the relevant road authorities (Council and Transport for NSW). Given the proposed continual haulage of material along the Old Hume Highway it would be appropriate that a road maintenance plan be developed and agreed upon between the applicant and Cootamundra-Gundagai Regional Council for the maintenance of the Old Hume Highway.

Transport for NSW emphasises the need to minimise the impacts of any development on the existing public road network and maintain the level of safety, efficiency and maintenance along the road network. Transport for NSW provides the following conditions for road safety reasons as the proposed development relies on access via the Hume Highway and its intersection with the Old Hume Highway within a 110 km/h speed zone.

Transport for NSW has assessed the Development Application based on the documentation provided and would raise no objection to the development proposal subject to the Consent Authority ensuring that the development is undertaken in accordance with the information submitted as amended by the inclusion of the following as conditions of consent (if approved):-

1. Access to the landfill site via the intersection of the Hume Highway and Old Hume Highway is restricted to general access vehicles only. The transportation of materials/goods to or from the landfill site is restricted to general access vehicles.
2. The Proponent shall keep accurate records of the amount of material imported to the site and associated traffic movement numbers to and from of the subject site (on a monthly basis). These records shall be made available on the operator's website at the end of each calendar year or at the request of either of the Cootamundra Gundagai Regional Council or Transport for NSW.
3. The Proponent shall prepare and implement a Transport Management Plan, in consultation with Council and Transport for NSW of the development and haulage of material. This plan shall focus on the management of traffic generated by the development, the potential impacts, the measures to be implemented, and the procedures to monitor and ensure compliance. As a minimum it shall address, but not necessarily be limited to, the following:
 - measures to ensure heavy vehicles adhere to the designated haulage route,
 - measures to maximise the use of a low frequency (regular) trucking schedule rather than an intermittently-high frequency (campaign) trucking schedule,
 - plans to address poor visibility due to adverse weather eg heavy rain periods, fog etc at the intersection of the Old Hume Highway with the Hume Highway,
 - contingency plans to address disruptions to haulage or closure of the haulage route,
 - measures to ensure that all loaded vehicles leaving the site are covered, and are cleaned of materials that may fall onto public roads,
 - details of procedures for receiving and addressing complaints from the community concerning traffic issues associated with truck movements to and from the quarry,
 - measures to be employed to limit disruption to other motorists, emergency vehicles and school bus timetables,
 - a Driver Code of Conduct to address such items as; appropriate driver behaviour including adherence to all traffic regulations and speed limits, safe overtaking and maintaining appropriate distances between vehicles, etc and appropriate penalties for infringements of the Code,
 - the management of worker fatigue during trips to and from the site,
 - appropriate vehicle maintenance and safety, and
 - procedures to provide for training and compliance with and enforcement of the plan.
4. Works associated with the development shall be at no cost to Transport for NSW.

Please be advised that under the provisions of the Environmental Planning & Assessment Act it is the responsibility of the Consent Authority to assess the environmental implications, and notify potentially affected persons, of any development including conditions.

Any enquiries regarding this correspondence may be referred to the Manager, Land Use, Transport for NSW (South West Region), Maurice Morgan, phone (02) 6923 6611.

Please forward a copy of the Notice of Determination for this Development Application to the Land Use -Transport for NSW at the same time as advising the applicant.

Yours faithfully



Per:
Lindsay Tanner
Director South West NSW