



Department of Primary Industries

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Dear Mr Kane

Thank you for referring the Development Application (DA 42-12/12) concerning the proposed Organic Composting Facility at Gerogery to this agency for comment.

At the Planning Focus Meeting on 8 June 2012 I generally raised the issues of weeds and other pest destruction via the composting process.

At the same meeting I specifically raised the issue of phylloxera and the implications concerning the distribution of composed material.

The Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) gave only brief coverage of this issue although the reference that the composting process would satisfy/meet the Australian standard gave reassurance.

While Gerogery facility is located in a 'Phylloxera Infected Zone' (as I indicated at the meeting) there are implications for the final product being distributed to "Phylloxera Exclusion Zone" areas.

Such action is likely to need accreditation.

To clarify this issue the proponents should contact Elizabeth Yeatman, Acting senior Regulatory Inspector on 02 4464 6006 or 0411 139 585.

There are no other outstanding issues of interest to this Department provided the operation is constructed and managed as detailed in the EIS.

Yours sincerely

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Resource Management Officer

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