

MINUTES OF THE SOUTHERN JOINT REGIONAL PLANNING PANEL MEETING HELD AT GREATER HUME SHIRE COUNCIL ON THURSDAY, 22 AUGUST 2013 AT 3.00PM

PRESENT:

Pam Allan	Chair
Terri O'Brien	Panel Member
Allen Grimwood	Panel Member
Denise Osborne	Panel Member
Brent Livermore	Panel Member

IN ATTENDANCE

Colin Kane	Greater Hume Shire Council
David Smith	Greater Hume Shire Council

APOLOGY: Nil

The meeting commenced at 3.00pm.

1. Acknowledgement to Country

The chair acknowledged the traditional custodians of the land.

2. Declarations of Interest

Allen Grimwood - Non-pecuniary – noted that has had business dealings with two persons presenting for the application but that these dealings do not relate to the subject development application

Terri O'Brien - Non-pecuniary – is employed for occasional casual work as a Town Planner at Habitat Planning who peer reviewed the Council report but had no involvement in that peer review.

Brent Livermore - Non-pecuniary - Have had dealings with both Habitat Planning and EDM group (Peter O'Dwyer) on planning matters for various councils but no dealings with regard to this matter

3. Business Items

ITEM 1 - 2012STH026 – Greater Hume – DA42-12/13 – Infrastructure – Resource Recovery Composting Operation – 92 Pattersons Road, Gerogery

4. Public Submission

Mayor Heather Wilton
Deputy Mayor Doug Meyer
Peter O'Dwyer
Jennifer Hughes

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Tanya Schramm Trethowan	Addressed the panel against the item
Leon Martin	Addressed the panel against the item
Mike Scollard	Addressed the panel against the item
Marion Taylor	Addressed the panel against the item
Margaret Pierce	Addressed the panel against the item
Dave Watson	Addressed the panel against the item
Jill Coghlan	Addressed the panel against the item
Mark Verbaken	Addressed the panel for the item
Clr Don Chambers (Indigo Shire)	Addressed the panel for the item
Peter Briggs	Addressed the panel on behalf of the applicant
Stuart Masters	Addressed the panel on behalf of the proponent
Alan Bradbury	Addressed the panel on behalf of the land owner

5. Business Item Recommendations

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Motion:

That the Southern Joint Regional Planning Panel refuse the application for DA42-12/13 Infrastructure – Resource Recovery Composting Operation – 92 Pattersons Road, Gerogery for reasons listed as grounds for refusal in the assessment report with the following additional reasons:

16. *The proposed development is defined as a waste and resource management facility and is prohibited in zone RU1 Primary Production under Greater Hume LEP 2012, which at the time of lodgement of the DA was imminent, despite being a permitted use in the zone by SEPP (Infrastructure) 2007. The proposal is not consistent with the objectives of the RU1 zone in particular to encourage sustainable and diverse primary industries, minimise fragmentation of resource lands and to maintain the rural landscape character of the land.*
17. *The panel is exercising the precautionary principle, that is, where there are threats of serious or irreversible damage to the community's ecological, social or economic systems, a lack of complete scientific evidence should not be used as a reason for postponing measures to prevent environmental degradation. Conflicting expert evidence, for example regarding odour impacts and impact on groundwaters and receiving waters, means that there is no certainty that serious or irreversible damage will not occur if the proposed development were to proceed.*

Moved Allen Grimwood **Seconded** Denise Osborne

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6. The meeting concluded at 5.22pm

Endorsed by



The Hon. Pam Allan
Chair, Southern Joint Regional Planning Panel
29 August 2013