

RECORD OF SITE VISIT AND BRIEFING

HUNTER AND CENTRAL COAST REGIONAL PLANNING PANEL

BRIEFING DETAILS

BRIEFING DATE / TIME	Thursday, 12 May 2022, 11am and 12pm Site inspection undertaken during briefing
LOCATION	On site

BRIEFING MATTER

PPSHCC-121 – Lake Macquarie – DA/1940/2013/B - 367 and 413 Wilton Rd, Awaba - Waste management facility – modification to composting technology

PANEL MEMBERS

IN ATTENDANCE	Alison McCabe (Chair), Juliet Grant, Sandra Hutton
APOLOGIES	Christina Buckley and Roberta Ryan
DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST	Jason Pauling

OTHER ATTENDEES

COUNCIL ASSESSMENT STAFF	Nicole Sellen, Rosie Turner and Glen Mathews
DEPARTMENT STAFF	Leanne Harris

KEY ISSUES DISCUSSED

- Site overview and context including receivals area, compost rooms and existing stockpiles.
- Modification will not result in any changes to capacity, truck movements etc.
- Complaints received from surrounding residential areas.
- Original consent required an Environment Protection Licence with odour control conditions.
- Two EPA responses received (attached) which raise significant concern for the Panel and the Panel may seek a briefing with the EPA on the basis of the concerns being raised.
- The Panel need to understand the full history of the site including:
 - o original consent
 - o previous modification
 - o licence conditions
 - o odour monitoring
 - o status of the odour control implementation plan
 - o nature of complaints received and when odour concerns first arose.

The Panel expects the applicant to be responsive the to the EPA comments and explore all relevant technology to address the current odour issues in a timely manner.

Given the EPA are suggesting that further significant modifications to the current operation may be required to address the odour issues, the Panel will seek a further briefing with the Applicant and Council in June to discuss the response and status of the application

PANEL, APPLICANT AND COUNCIL BRIEFING: 23 June 2022.