



BRIEFING DETAILS

BRIEFING DATE / TIME	Thursday, 23 June 2022, 10.30am and 11.30am
LOCATION	MS Teams videoconference

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, Roberta Ryan and Christine Buckley
APOLOGIES	None
DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST	Jason Pauling

OTHER ATTENDEES

COUNCIL ASSESSMENT STAFF	Amy Regado and Elizabeth Lambert
DEPARTMENT STAFF	Leanne Harris and Carolyn Hunt
APPLICANT REPRESENTATIVES	Shaun Lawler (GHD) and Amrish Trivedi (Remondis)

KEY ISSUES DISCUSSED

Council Briefing

- Clarification of EPA issues with current operations of the site requested (noting EPA declined invitation to Panel meeting) and whether proposal will result in operational improvements
- Request for Information issued in May regarding:
 - Additional measures to address odour
 - Detailed background of the site regarding odour
 - Dust suppression measures
- Applicant response to RFI was limited to water sprayers for dust suppression measures, written response to odour management impacts and limited details of previous site approvals. No engineering or physical changes proposed (ie. amendment to windrow technology or inclusion to cover the facility)
- Additional information has been referred internally, with Council to re-refer additional information to the EPA to consider odour impacts
- Council reliant on the EPA for technical odour expertise
- Independent odour expertise may be required to peer review and provide specific advice

Applicant Briefing

- Interpretation of EPA request for information is resulting for change in EPA staffing.
- Site audit undertaken of existing facility, with additional information being provided as per approval requirements (ie. management plans)
- Current operations are complying with odour requirements in the POEO Act, with compliance confirmed utilizing the 2016 modelling
- Draft Odour Management Strategy waiting Council approval.
- Windrow turners will provide additional oxygen to the rows, with odour unit indicating a 40% improvement resulting from the proposal
- Windrow turner and maturing of compost material will result in time efficiencies and significant odour benefits

Next Steps

- Council to provide submitted additional information to the EPA and confirm the commentary in previous correspondence in regard to non-compliance has been met.
- Council to request details of EPA site audit on 08/04/22
- Independent peer review of odour is recommended

TENTATIVE DETERMINATION DATE SCHEDULED FOR: To be scheduled.