

**RECORD OF APPLICANT BRIEFING**

HUNTER AND CENTRAL COAST REGIONAL PLANNING PANEL

**BRIEFING DETAILS**

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| <b>BRIEFING DATE / TIME</b> | Thursday, 15 September 2022, 3:30pm and 4.00pm |
| <b>LOCATION</b>             | 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**

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| <b>IN ATTENDANCE</b>            | Alison McCabe (Chair), Juliet Grant, Sandra Hutton and Roberta Ryan |
| <b>APOLOGIES</b>                | Christine Buckley   |
| <b>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</b> | Jason Pauling   |

**OTHER ATTENDEES**

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| <b>COUNCIL ASSESSMENT STAFF</b> | Rosie Turner, Glen Mathews and Scott Fatches |
| <b>DEPARTMENT STAFF</b>         | Carolyn Hunt and Lisa Foley                  |

**KEY ISSUES DISCUSSED**

- Referral of additional information to the EPA undertaken, with no change to original response provided – being that additional measures need to be considered.
- Site inspected by EPA, with Environmental Site Audit (ESA) yet to be finalised (possibly end of September) and to identify any required site improvements.
- Peer Review completed, with a copy provided to the applicant and is publicly available. It identified:
  - Current odour emissions for the facility are much higher (up to 713%) than what was modelled in the 2016 GHD report.
  - Revised odour dispersion modelling to be undertaken for 2021 TOU report to support claims for 40% odour reduction.
  - Recommendation for meteorological data from the site to be used in future modelling as calm wind conditions have been under-predicted.
- Modification will need to demonstrate compliance with EPA requirements and to address any discrepancies between the approved development and current proposal, noting that substantial amendments may be required following revised odour dispersion modelling.
- Council will be shortly sending an RFI.
- Applicant to advise Council within 21 days of its request, as to whether they proposed to amend the application to respond to the peer review and EPA concerns.
- In the event that the applicant advises that there will be no further amendment – the matter be reported to the Panel based on the current information.

**TENTATIVE DETERMINATION DATE SCHEDULED FOR:** December 2022

**Planning Panels Secretariat**

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