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Attention: Mr Jacob Lia

26 March 2025

Dear Mr Lia

**Development Consent Modification Application (DAM0118/2024) – Proposed Extended Hours of Operation - Dunmore Resource Recovery Centre – Shellharbour City Council**

I am writing to you with regard to the development consent modification application, DAM0118/2024, for the Dunmore Resource Recovery Centre located at Buckleys Road, Dunmore, being Lot 1 DP 110135 (the Premises) for extended hours of operation. The Environment Protection Authority (EPA) regulates the scheduled activities at the Premises via Environment Protection Licence no. 12903 (the Licence) held by Shellharbour City Council (the Licensee).

Following consultation with Shellharbour City Council, as the consent authority, and further to the EPA's correspondence dated 4 March 2025 (EPA ref: DOC25/185044), the EPA has reviewed the proposed extended hours of operation and supports a trial, for at least 12 months, of the revised hours by the inclusion of new conditions in the Licence. The EPA has considered the following, amongst other things, in proposing licence conditions to permit a trial of the revised hours:

1. Recent repair/reinstatement works of the maturation pad undertaken at the Premises.
2. Recent inclusion of operating conditions in the Licence aimed at improving the operation and environmental performance of the maturation pad at the Premises; and
3. Recent reduction in odour complaints reported to the EPA from the surrounding community.

The EPA has attached proposed licence conditions in **Attachment A** that could permit a trial via the Licence if the modification application to extend the hours of operation is approved and will supersede the hours of operation in EPA's General Terms of Approval dated 7 May 2015 (Notice no. 1527988). At the completion of the trial period the Licensee may seek to permanently modify the operating hours by applying to vary the Licence if they can demonstrate good environmental performance and compliance with the Licence during the trial period.

The EPA recommends that an approval condition(s) is included in the modified development consent that facilitates a trial of the extended hours of operation to provide the Licensee with an opportunity to demonstrate improved environmental performance and compliance with the Licence.

If you have any further questions about this issue, please contact Tracey McAndrew on 4224 4124.

Yours sincerely



**Greg Newman**  
Unit Head

Attachment A: Proposed Licence Conditions for Environment Protection Licence no. 12903

## Hours of Operation

1) The premises may operate between the following hours:

Day	Hours of Operation
Monday to Friday	External operations: 7.30am to 4pm Internal operations: 7.30am to 4pm
Saturday, Sunday and public holidays (excluding Christmas Day and Good Friday)	External operations: 8am to 4pm Internal operations: 8am to 4pm

2) Between 11 April 2025 and 11 April 2026\*, the composting facility may operate with the extended operating hours, as a trial, as detailed below. The trial is subject to the following parameters (a) and b)) being met throughout the trial period:

- i) Compliance with all conditions of Environment Protection Licence number 12903, including completion of Pollution Reduction Programs; and
- ii) Good odour performance (no to minimal odour impacts reported by the surrounding community).

Day	Hours of Operation
Monday to Friday	External operations: 7am to 6pm Internal operations: 6am to 6pm
Saturday, Sunday and public holidays (excluding Christmas Day and Good Friday)	External operations: 7am to 4pm Internal operations: 6am to 6pm

*\*The period stated in this proposed licence condition is subject to change pending the submission of a licence variation application by the Licensee and the EPA's review of the application.*