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**Letter of Clarification
Organics Processing Facility Wanatta Lane Wolumla CNR-79557**

I refer to the application received by the Environment Protection Authority (EPA) 10 March 2025 for general terms of approval (GTA) for a new organics processing facility located at Wanatta Lane Wolumla (the Premises) and the subsequent GTA document 1657492 dated 11 March 2026 emailed to Bega Valley Shire Council (Council) on this same date. I also refer to the email request received by the EPA 7 May 2026 and the meeting between Council and the EPA on 8 May 2026.

Special Condition E1 – Composting Volumes

E1.1 No more than 15,000 tonnes per annum of Food and Garden Organics (FOGO) can be received and composted at the premises.

E1.2 The licensee can apply to the EPA to increase the capacity of the FOGO composting to 30,000 tonnes per annum.

E1.3 An application to increase the capacity of FOGO composting up to 30,000 tonnes per annum must include:

- a. An odour assessment conducted in accordance with the EPA's *Approved methods for the modelling and assessment of air pollutants in NSW*. The odour assessment be based on:
 1. i. Site specific odour sampling for all odour sources at the premises.
 2. ii. Meteorological data that has been validated against meteorological data at the premises and/or modelling that incorporates site specific meteorological data into the modelling scenarios.
- b. An analysis of any odour complaints received, and the actions taken to address the complaints.
- c. Any site-specific odour surveys undertaken to investigate and/or verify any odour complaints received.
- d. Where odour complaints have been received, the application must benchmark the odour mitigation and management practices against best practice.
- e. A demonstration, based on items a to d that the premises can comply with the no offensive odour provisions of the POEO Act (Section 129).

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Clarification

As part of the application received on 10 March 2025 the EPA assessed the Environmental Impact Statement dated 18 December 2024 and subsequent additional information submitted on request of the EPA for the nominated DA amount of 30,000 TPA.

The GTA document dated 11 March 2026 included Special Condition E1 on the basis that the planning application was for a total of 30,000 TPA which was proposed by the applicant to be implemented as a 2-stage approach.

The EPA considered it important to include Special Condition E1 to align with the proposed staged approach of a stage 1, 15,000 TPA operating capacity and provide an opportunity to use real time data and information in a site-specific odour assessment (identified in E1.3(a)(i)). The odour assessment would be undertaken to demonstrate that offensive odour impacts will not occur at 30,000 TPA and would be used to support an application to the EPA to vary the licence to increase the licensed annual tonnage processing capacity.

For clarity, the EPA's GTA condition E1.3 refers to a licence application to go from 15,000 TPA to 30,000 TPA and not a development assessment application.

If you have any questions about this request, please contact Hannah Copeland via email at info@epa.nsw.gov.au.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Matthew Rizzuto', written over a light blue horizontal line.

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