



Office of Environment & Heritage

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Dear Ms Gibson

Modification to Edmondson Park concept plan – remediation works (MP 10_0118 MOD 3)

I refer to your email of 18 July 2016 inviting comments from the Office of Environment and Heritage (OEH) on the above and advise that OEH is generally supportive of the proposed modification as it will enable the demolition and remediation of the redundant sewage treatment plant prior to the land being transferred to OEH in accordance the Conservation Agreement in relation to the development of the Edmondson Park Precinct.

With regard to the Environmental Assessment Report prepared to support the proposed modification, OEH provides the following comments and recommended consent conditions:

- Preferred remediation method (sections 3.5.3, 3.2 and 3.4) – The temporary stockpiles for demolition waste shown on Appendix D1, Remediation Works Plan, should be included in the Remedial Action Plan (RAP). Depending on the nature of contaminants, these stockpile areas may also need to be considered in the Validation Report and Site Audit Statement.
- Remedial works (section 3.6) – OEH's understanding is that the proposed containment cell is containment cell 2 as identified in the RAP.
- Final Landform (section 3.7) – The final landform of the remediated oxidation pond should ensure no ponding of water and be free draining without causing erosion. It is recommended a Final Landform Plan, prepared in consultation with OEH, be required to ensure these matters are adequately addressed.
- Conservation agreement (section 4.2.1) – It should be noted the Conservation Agreement is between the Commonwealth Government and NSW Government.
- Containment cell (sections 4.3 and 5.5.2) – It should be noted the proposed modification is for one containment cell only (not cells as stated).
- Final depth of top soil (section 5.1.2) – It is recommended variations in top soil depth over the containment cell be addressed in a Final Landform Plan as proposed above.

- Dewatering of oxidation ponds (section 5.2.1) – In addition to the water quality issues discussed with the dewatering of the oxidation ponds to Maxwells Creek, OEH is concerned about the potential spread of aquatic weeds. OEH is also concerned that the process and/or mechanism for dewatering the ponds is not clear. To ensure these issues are appropriately addressed, it is recommended a Dewatering Plan, developed in consultation with OEH, be required.
- Consultation with NPWS (section 5.10) – It should be noted that in consulting with National Parks and Wildlife Service (NPWS), a range of matters on the proposed remediation works have been considered to ensure land use outcomes are consistent with the requirements and objectives of the future regional park.

If you have any queries regarding this comments please contact Richard Bonner on 9995 6917 or richard.bonner@environment.nsw.gov.au.

Yours sincerely

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