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Dear David,

EASTERN CREEK ENERGY FROM WASTE FACILITY (SSD 6236) - RESPONSE TO ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Thank you for your letter dated 05 June 2018 in response to our previous correspondence clarifying the use of floc waste within the waste stream at the proposed Eastern Creek Energy from Waste Facility.

I would like to clarify that the applicant is not at this point in time proposing to amend the development application to remove floc waste as a component of the waste stream for the proposed facility. It is the applicant's position that based on the technical reporting, independent waste audits, and additional analysis of floc waste undertaken as part of the application to date, that the use of this waste component within the waste stream will not result in any adverse environmental impacts during the operational phase of the proposed facility.

The applicant acknowledges that one of the key technical reasons for refusal presented in the Department of Planning and Environment assessment report is associated with the design fuel waste and what is said to be a concern regarding floc waste as being a potentially hazardous waste stream which may result in harmful compounds being released from the facility.

As detailed in the Urbis submission dated 21 May 2018, and subsequent correspondence dated 25 May 2018, the applicant is acutely aware of the community perception and concerns associated with the use of floc waste within the proposed waste stream. The applicant does not concede that this concern is scientifically based having regard to the independent fuel composition audits and laboratory analysis of floc.

In response to your correspondence I can confirm that if the Independent Planning Commission (the Commission) indicated that the inclusion of floc as an element of the waste stream was an issue of primary concern, the applicant would make a formal request for amendment of the proposal to delete floc waste as an element of the waste stream.

An alternative to an amendment to the application, (and one which would address the community concerns regarding potential harm from floc waste) would be the inclusion of a condition in any approval that may be granted by the Commission. Such a condition could take the following form:

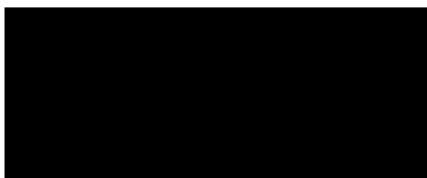


That the project details be amended to delete floc waste as a component of residual waste fuel until or unless the applicant demonstrates to the reasonable satisfaction of the EPA that the combustion of floc components presents no evidence of harm to human health or to the environment.

We request that the Commission have regard to the above in its assessment and determination of the application currently before it. We would be happy to discuss this further with the Commission and confirm the applicant's preparedness to amend the application to address the community concern if this was required by the Commission.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me at on (02)8233 7678 or by email cbrown@urbis.com.au.

Kind regards,



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Director