



WASTE FACILITY RECEIVES CONDITIONAL APPROVAL FOR OPERATIONAL CHANGES

29 April 2020

The state's Independent Planning Commission has approved with conditions operational changes at a western Sydney waste management facility.

Bingo Industries applied to modify its existing planning approval to increase the proportion of annual waste that can be landfilled at its Genesis Waste Facility at Eastern Creek.

It also sought to extend its hours of operation so that it can accept waste from roadworks and other large-scale infrastructure projects and amend current noise limits.

The Department of Planning, Industry & Environment finalised its whole-of-government assessment of the modification application in February this year and it came to the Commission for determination because there were more than 25 public objections (62 objections).

Commissioners Ilona Millar (Panel chair), Tony Pearson and Dr Peter Williams were appointed to consider the matter and make a final decision.

Due to social distancing rules introduced to reduce the spread of COVID-19 (Coronavirus), the Panel met via videoconference with the Applicant, the Department, Blacktown City Council and the NSW Environment Protection Authority.

The Commissioners also undertook a virtual inspection of the waste facility by 'live' videoconference, while each visited the nearby suburbs of Eastern Creek, Erskine Park and Minchinbury in person to better understand the site in the context of its surrounds.

A scheduled public meeting was cancelled due to COVID-19 restrictions and the Commission instead encouraged interested individuals and groups to provide their comments in writing.

Key concerns raised in submissions included air quality, noise and traffic impacts.

After carefully considering all the evidence and weighing the community's views, the Commission has today (Wednesday 29 April 2020) determined to approve the modification application, subject to conditions.

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In its Statement of Reasons for Decision, the Commission noted the conditions of consent “were designed to:

- *prevent, minimise and mitigate adverse impacts;*
- *set standards and performance measures for acceptable environmental performance;*
- *require regular monitoring and reporting, and*
- *provide for the ongoing environmental management of the [Waste Management Facility].”*

The Commission’s Statement of Reasons for Decision can be read in full here:

<https://www.ipcn.nsw.gov.au/projects/2020/02/genesis-waste-management-mod6>

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