

# **Decision Report**

# **Application for Works Approval**

#### Part V Division 3 of the Environmental Protection Act 1986

Works Approval Number W6703/2022/1

Applicant ACN	Enviroclean (Victoria) Pty Ltd 144 794 347
File number	DER2022/000299
Premises	Warthog Workshop Washers Unit 8 51 Prindiville Drive WANGARA WA 6065 Legal description Lot 8 on Plan 75890 Certificate of Title Volume 2931 Folio 567 As defined by the premises map attached to the issued works approval
Date of report	06/09/2022

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Works approval granted

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# 1. Decision summary

Enviroclean (Victoria) Pty Ltd (applicant) submitted an application for a works approval under Division 3 Part V of the *Environmental Protect Act 1986* (EP Act) to establish a facility for the recycling of degreaser under Category 39 (Chemical or oil recycling) in Schedule 1 of the *Environmental Protection Regulations 1987*. This decision report documents the assessment of potential risks to the environment and public health from emissions and discharges during the construction and operation of the premises. As a result of this assessment, works approval W6703/2022/1 has been granted.

## 2. Scope of assessment

### 2.1 Regulatory framework

In completing the assessment documented in this decision report, the Department of Water and Environmental Regulation (department) has considered and given due regard to its regulatory framework and relevant policy documents which are available at <u>https://dwer.wa.gov.au/regulatory-documents</u>.

### 2.2 Application summary and overview of premises

On 10 June 2022, the applicant submitted an application for a works approval to the department under section 54 of the *Environmental Protection Act 1986* (EP Act). The application is to establish Warthog Workshop Washers, a facility for recycling of degreaser (narrow -cut kerosene) on Prindiville Drive in an industrial area of Wangara (premises) approximately 450m from nearest residence.

The applicant has been operating a solvent distilling operation in Bibra Lake since 2017 (L9047/2017/1) and is relocating to the new premises in Wangara. The applicant manufactures, leases and sells workshop part washers to mechanical workshops. The washers are periodically serviced and used solvent containing mineral oils is transported to the recycling facility where the applicant will use a sealed still to distil the solvent thereby producing clean solvent and waste oil. Clean solvent is returned to parts washing machines and waste oil is disposed of to a licenced facility for recycling or destruction.

The premises relates to the category 39, chemical or oil recycling and assessed production capacity of 15 tonnes per annum under Schedule 1 of the *Environmental Protection Regulations 1987* (EP Regulations) which are defined in works approval W6703/2022/1. The infrastructure and equipment relating to the premises category and any associated activities which the department has considered in line with *Guideline: Risk Assessments* (DWER 2020) are outlined in works approval W6703/2022/1.

## 3. Risk assessment

The department assesses the risks of emissions from prescribed premises and identifies the potential source, pathway and impact to receptors in accordance with the *Guideline: Risk Assessments* (DWER 2020).

To establish a risk event there must be an emission, a receptor which may be exposed to that emission through an identified actual or likely pathway, and a potential adverse effect to the receptor from exposure to that emission.

## 3.1 Source-pathways and receptors

#### 3.1.1 Emissions and controls

The key emissions and associated actual or likely pathway during premises construction and operation which have been considered in this decision report are detailed in Table 1 below. Table 1 also details the control measures the applicant has proposed to assist in controlling these emissions, where necessary.

Table 1:	Proposed	applicant	controls
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Emission	Sources	Potential pathways	Proposed controls		
Construction					
Noise	Works construction of bunds and installation of equipment	Airborne/Wind	Works only involve movement of mobile equipment and installation of bunds Works will be conducted inside a building Separation distance sufficient.		
Operation					
Odour	Stored solvent and distillation.	Airborne/Wind	Still is sealed vacuum still. Transfer of liquids by vacuum IBCs sealed when not in use.		
Leaks and spills of solvent	Stored IBCs Still	Direct discharge to land or stormwater infrastructure	Bunding to be installed both to contain the stored solvent and still and to bund the entire workshop. Bund to comply with AS1940.1917 Additional bunded pallet for IBCs		

#### 3.1.2 Receptors

In accordance with the *Guideline: Risk Assessment* (DWER 2020), the Delegated Officer has excluded the applicant's employees, visitors, and contractors from its assessment. Protection of these parties often involves different exposure risks and prevention strategies, and is provided for under other state legislation.

Table 2 below provides a summary of potential human and environmental receptors that may be impacted as a result of activities upon or emission and discharges from the prescribed premises (*Guideline: Environmental Siting* (DWER 2020)).

# Table 2: Sensitive human and environmental receptors and distance from prescribed activity

Human receptors	Distance from prescribed activity	
Residential Premises	450 metres from boundary of premises	
Environmental receptors	Distance from prescribed activity	
Underlying groundwater (non-potable purposes)	Approx. 36 m	

### 3.2 Risk ratings

Risk ratings have been assessed in accordance with the *Guideline: Risk Assessments* (DWER 2020) for each identified emission source and takes into account potential source-pathway and receptor linkages as identified in Section 3.1. Where linkages are in-complete they have not been considered further in the risk assessment.

Where the applicant has proposed mitigation measures/controls (as detailed in Section 3.1), these have been considered when determining the final risk rating. Where the delegated officer considers the applicant's proposed controls to be critical to maintaining an acceptable level of risk, these will be incorporated into the works approval as regulatory controls.

Additional regulatory controls may be imposed where the applicant's controls are not deemed sufficient. Where this is the case the need for additional controls will be documented and justified in Table 3.

Works approval W6703/2022/1 that accompanies this decision report authorises construction and time-limited operations. The conditions in the issued works approval, as outlined in Table 3 have been determined in accordance with *Guidance Statement: Setting Conditions* (DER 2015).

A licence is required following the time-limited operational phase authorised under the works approval to authorise emissions associated with the ongoing operation of the premises i.e. solvent recycling. A risk assessment for the operational phase has been included in this decision report, however licence conditions will not be finalised until the department assesses the licence application.

Risk events				Risk rating <sup>1</sup>				
Sources / activities	Potential emission	Potential pathways and impact	Receptors	Applicant controls	C = consequence L = likelihood	Applicant controls sufficient?	Conditions <sup>2</sup> of works approval	Reasoning
Construction	Construction							
Installation of still and bunds for IBCs	Dust	Air/windborne pathway causing	Residences 460 m north	Refer to Section 3.1	C = Slight L = Rare <b>Low Risk</b>	Y	N/A	Short duration and minor works within an existing building to install new equipment. Site located within industrial area.
	Noise	impacts to health and amenity		Refer to Section 3.1	C = Slight L = Rare Low Risk	Y	N/A	No construction phase noise or dust impacts expected therefore no controls specified in the works approval
Operation	Operation							
(including time-limited-operat	ions operations)							
	Odour	Air/windborne pathway causing impacts to amenity	Residential premises 460 m north and surrounding businesses	Refer to Section 3.1	C = Slight L = Unlikely Low Risk	Y	Condition 1	Activity is small scale with equipment (containers and still) located in a building. Site located in an industrial area. Offsite odour impacts not expected if applicant implements proposed controls.
Distilling narrow cut kerosene for parts washing machines	Spills of hydrocarbon solvent	Overland runoff potentially causing ecosystem disturbance or impacting surface water quality	Local stormwater infrastructure	Refer to Section 3.1	C = Moderate L = Unlikely <b>Medium Risk</b>	Y	Conditions 1, 6	Potential for impacts to soil and groundwater, however activity is small scale, located within industrial area and applicant has proposed acceptable design controls for bunding and containment.

#### Table 3: Risk assessment of potential emissions and discharges from the premises during construction, and operation

Note 1: Consequence ratings, likelihood ratings and risk descriptions are detailed in the Guideline: Risk Assessments (DWER 2020).

Note 2: Proposed applicant controls are depicted by standard text. **Bold and underline text** depicts additional regulatory controls imposed by department.

# 4. Consultation

Table 4 provides a summary of the consultation undertaken by the department.

#### Table 4: Consultation

Consultation method	Comments received	Department response
Application advertised on the department's website on 15/07/2022	None received	NA
City of Wanneroo – referral as direct interest stakeholder	City of Wanneroo advised on 02/08/2022 that proposal did not require planning approval and had no comments / objections.	NA
Applicant provided with draft decision for comment	Applicant responded with no comments and waived the 21 day period.	NA

# 5. Works approval controls

Based on the assess risk outcomes, the delegated officer determined that the applicant's proposed controls were adequate and acceptable to manage the risk of unacceptable impacts from emissions and discharges. The works approval will specify conditions consistent with the applicant's proposed controls as specified in the works approval. This includes design controls to ensure the required bunding and containment outcomes and also time limited operation requirements to authorise the assessed volume of degreaser and ensure that waste materials are stored appropriately.

## 6. Decision

Based on the assessment in this decision report, the delegated officer has determined that a works approval will be granted, subject to conditions commensurate with the determined controls and necessary for administration and reporting requirements. The delegated officer's decision took into account the following:

- Size and scale of the proposed activity, including that it will be located within a building with sealed equipment;
- Location within an industrial area and approx. 460m from the nearest residential receptor;
- The main risk of impacts is associated with potential soil or groundwater impacts through seal. Conditions on a works approval and future licence consistent with the applicant's proposed controls can adequately manage the risk of potential impacts.

The works approval will require the applicant to submit a compliance report at the completion of construction and authorise up to 180 calendar days of time limited operations while the applicant applies for a licence. Subject to compliance reporting and the licence application, the delegated officer expects the conditions of a future licence to be consistent with time limited operational conditions on the works approval.

## References

- 1. Department of Environment Regulation (DER) 2015, *Guidance Statement: Setting Conditions*, Perth, Western Australia.
- 2. Department of Water and Environmental Regulation (DWER) 2020, *Guideline: Environmental Siting*, Perth, Western Australia.
- 3. DWER 2020, Guideline: Risk Assessments, Perth, Western Australia.

# Appendix 2: Application validation summary

Application type		SECTION 1: APPLICATION SUMMARY					
	Application type						
Works approval	$\boxtimes$						
Date application received	9 Jur	ne 2022					
Applicant and Premises details	·						
Applicant name/s (full legal name/s	) Envir	oclean (Victoria) Pty	/ Ltd				
Premises name	Wartl	hog workshop wash	ers				
Premises location	Unit 8	3 51 Prindiville Drive	Wangara				
Local Government Authority	City o	of Wanneroo					
Application documents							
HPCM file reference number:	DWE	RDT616170					
Key application documents (additional to application form):		onse to written plan orting documentatio ription of works	•				
Scope of application/assessment	t						
Summary of proposed activities or changes to existing operations.		Installation of solvent distilling equipment and IBC containers with portable bunds.					
	Proposed design ca	d production or apacity	Proposed changes to the production or design capacity (amendments only)				
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Has the applicant obtained all relevant planning approvals?	Yes 🛛 No 🗆	Approval:
Has the applicant applied for, or have an existing EP Act clearing permit in relation to this proposal?	Yes 🗆 No 🛛	No clearing is proposed.
Has the applicant applied for, or have an existing RIWI Act licence or permit in relation to this proposal?	Yes 🗆 No 🛛	Licence / permit not required.
Does the proposal involve a discharge of waste into a designated area (as defined in section 57 of the EP Act)?	Yes 🗆 No 🖂	Name: N/A
Is the Premises situated in a Public Drinking Water Source Area (PDWSA)?	Yes 🗆 No 🖂	Name: N/A
Is the Premises subject to any other Acts or subsidiary regulations (e.g. Dangerous Goods Safety Act 2004, Environmental Protection (Controlled Waste) Regulations 2004, State Agreement Act xxxx)	Yes 🛛 No 🗆	Dangerous Goods Safety Act 2004 Environmental Protection (Controlled Waste) Regulations 2004.
Is the Premises within an Environmental Protection Policy (EPP) Area?	Yes □ No ⊠	
Is the Premises a known or suspected contaminated site under the <i>Contaminated Sites Act 2003</i> ?	Yes □ No ⊠	Classification: N/A Date of classification: N/A