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Subject	Response to s50(3) Notice and s236 Conference of Interested Persons Report	Project Name	Prospect Hill International Lara Energy from Waste Project
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Copies to	Prospect Hill International website Engage Victoria website		

1. Introduction

Jacobs has prepared this Memorandum in conjunction with Prospect Hill International (PHI) in response to a request for further information from EPA via a Section 50(3) Notice (s22 Notice under *Environment Protection Act 1970*) and the Section 236 Conference of Interested Persons Report by Capire (s20B Conference under *Environment Protection Act 1970*). The EPA has requested that PHI provides further supporting information to respond to:

- Submissions received by EPA regarding the Works Approval Application (WAA) during the public advertisement period
- The s236 Conference of Interested Persons Report and the Chair's recommendations

PHI has appreciated the engagement and interaction with the community, agencies and other stakeholders during the course of this project. During these difficult times with the COVID-19 pandemic, it has been unfortunate that we have not been able to have more face-to-face interactions with stakeholders as we had planned. PHI's consultation program will continue into the future, hopefully with more opportunity for face-to-face engagement with everyone.

2. Response to Section 50(3) Notice

As part of the Works Approval Application process, the Application was advertised for an extended period from 24 March to 28 April 2021 and public and referral agency submissions were sought. During this period EPA received 63 submissions. Key aspects and concerns raised in the submissions were¹:

¹ As detailed in EPA's Section 50(3)/Section 22 Notice

- Human health risks or hazards
- Air emissions
- Site selection and buffer or separation distance to nearest residences
- Incineration of waste undermining the recycling industry or state and local waste management policies
- Greenhouse gas emissions from the facility over the life of the project
- The concept model for the proposal and lack of detailed designs of the facility
- Waste contamination affecting neighbouring land and residences
- Traffic management and impacts on local road networks
- Visual impact of the facility and stack

PHI's responses to the concerns/issues raised by each of the submitters have been tabulated and presented in Appendix A of this Memo.

3. Response to referral agency submissions

A number of referral agencies provided comments on the Works Approval Application. These agencies included:

- Barwon Water
- City of Greater Geelong
- Metropolitan Waste and Resource Recovery Group (MWRRG)
- Sustainability Victoria
- Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning (DELWP)
- WorkSafe Victoria

PHI's responses to the issues and queries raised by each of these referral agencies have also been tabulated and presented in Appendix A of this Memo.

4. Response to s236 Conference of Interested Persons Report

On 13 July 2021, a Conference of Interested Persons was convened by Capire on behalf of EPA. Prior to the Conference, PHI held an Open House Information Session to provide the community with an opportunity to ask questions about the project and raise any concerns. PHI attended with Jacobs, with a

team of eight specialists available to discuss and answer questions across any topic related to the proposed project.

For the Conference itself, PHI had Director Ken Smith and Jacobs consultant Roger Winders conduct a presentation to the community. Ken Smith and Roger Winders also made themselves available for a Q&A session at the end of the Conference.

Following the Conference, Capire produced a report summarising the Conference and making recommendations. PHI's responses to the issues and queries raised during the Conference and responses to Capire's recommendations have been tabulated and presented in Appendix B of this Memo.

5. Conclusion

PHI is pleased to be developing the EfW project and appreciates the opportunity to engage with the local community, general public, local businesses and government agencies. We have provided thoughtful and comprehensive responses to each and every question and comment that has been put to EPA and PHI.

We have also provided mechanisms for anyone to get in contact with us, should they seek additional information (please refer to our website: <https://prospecthill.com.au/>). We look forward to a time when COVID-19 restrictions are eased and when we can continue our engagement with the community and agencies in a face-to-face manner.

6. List of Appendices

Appendix A: Prospect Hill EfW Project_Memo_Response to s22 Notice & s236 Conference Report_Appendix A - Submitter responses

Appendix B: Prospect Hill EfW Project_Memo_Response to s22 Notice & s236 Conference Report_Appendix B - Capire s236 Conference responses

Appendix C: Energy from Waste facilities in major global cities

Yours Sincerely,

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