

Decision making in the works approval process

Public engagement in the process

Environment Protection Authority Victoria (EPA) actively seeks submissions from community and other stakeholders by:

- advertising all applications in local newspapers
- allowing applications to be downloaded from the EPA website: epa.vic.gov.au.

The works approval process includes a public comment stage, designed to identify any community concerns early when they can most readily be resolved, and may also include a meeting of interested parties.

EPA takes public submissions into account when deciding whether to approve a works approval application.

REFUSING A WORKS APPROVAL

Grounds for EPA refusing a works approval include:

- a statutory referral body objects to the application
- the application does not comply with relevant state environment protection policies and waste management policies
- the applicant is, in the opinion of EPA, not a fit and proper person
- the proposal would be inconsistent with the *Statewide Waste and Resource Recovery Infrastructure Plan* or a relevant regional waste and resource recovery implementation plan
- the proposal would result in pollution or an environmental hazard.

REVIEWING A WORKS APPROVAL DECISION

Within 21 days of the date of EPA's decision, the applicant or a third party can seek a review by the Victorian Civil and Administrative Tribunal, if either object to:

- a decision to issue a works approval
- conditions in a works approval, or
- a decision to refuse an application.

GRANTING OF A WORKS APPROVAL

When a works approval application is approved, the works can commence – subject to the works approval holder having local government planning approval.

For further information call EPA on 1300 372 842 (1300 EPA VIC).



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