Community Consultation
Proposed H.W Greenham & Sons Tongala Rendering Plant

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Executive Summary and Recommendations

H.W Greenham & Sons Pty Ltd (Greenham) are planning to recommence rendering operations at their abattoirs at 2121 Finlay Road, Tongala after ceasing rendering at that location in 2004.

The new plant will process animal by-products currently trucked offsite, increasing the sustainability of the business and reducing road traffic.

Approvals for the proposed rendering plant will be required from Campaspe Shire Council and the Environment Protection Authority (EPA).

Greenham appointed Spence Consulting Group, an independent consultant to manage the community consultation process for the EPA Works Approval Process.

A thorough consultation and communication strategy was developed and executed in accordance with the EPA Approvals proposal pathway and utilising the International Association for Public Participation’s (IAP2) Public Participation Spectrum.

Feedback received through the communication and consultation process indicated support for the project, with no formal concerns identified or submitted.

This report details the process undertaken and feedback received on the proposed rendering plant.
Project Background

H.W Greenham & Sons Pty Ltd (Greenham) are planning to recommence rendering operations at their abattoirs at 2121 Finlay Road, Tongala after ceasing rendering at that location in 2004.

The new plant will process animal by-products currently trucked offsite, increasing the sustainability of the business and reducing road traffic.

The proposed rendering plant will be totally enclosed with roof mounted exhaust fans in a concrete and colorbond® building at the rear of the abattoirs with partial visibility from Finlay & Watsons Road. The closest residence to this facility is approximately 740 metres.

The proposed rendering plant will be designed in accordance with best available practice and methods.

It will be totally enclosed with roof mounted exhaust fans, with odour from the plant captured through hoods on all odour sources and sent to a bio-filter. The odour from the proposed rendering plant will be less than those from the existing abattoir and waste water treatment ponds.

Any noise sources (e.g. from additional machinery and pumps), will be acoustically treated to ensure no off-site noise issues (N.B. Watson Moss Growcott concluded that operation of the proposed facility can comply with the NIRV Recommended Maximum Noise Levels and project design objectives at each of the existing residential noise sensitive receptors during the EPA-defined day, evening and night periods without any additional noise control measures).

The proposed rendering plant will reduce the number of current truck movements entering and leaving the premises, from on average 5 daily truck movements associated with the rendering process to 2 truck movements.

EPA Requirements for Community Consultation

The community consultation process was undertaken in accordance with the EPA Approvals proposal pathway and utilising the International Association for Public Participation’s (IAP2) Public Participation Spectrum.

Based on assessment of the overall impact of the proposed rendering plant, the process undertaken followed the first two steps of the IAP2 Public Participation Spectrum:
Consultation and Communication Strategy

In preparation for the EPA Works Approval Application, a consultation and communication strategy was developed to guide the process and ensure stakeholder feedback contributed to the ongoing development of the proposed project.

The communication and consultation process undertaken was as follows:

A formal community consultation process was undertaken over a period of 28 days, commencing Wednesday 27th February 2019 and concluding Wednesday 27th March 2019.

Public notice of the project inviting stakeholder feedback was advertised as follows:

1. Herald Sun – Wednesday 27th February 2019
2. Kyabram Free Press – Wednesday 27th February 2019
3. Echuca Riverine Herald – Wednesday 27th February 2019

The advertisement directed interested parties on how to obtain additional details and provide feedback on the project (refer Appendix 1 for Herald Sun advertisement).

Details of the proposed rendering plant, a project factsheet (refer Appendix 2), plans, process for obtaining additional details and providing feedback (feedback form, refer Appendix 3) were uploaded to both the Greenham and Spence Consulting Group websites on Wednesday 27th February 2019.

In addition to the public notice, a project factsheet was distributed to all residences in the township of Tongala on Friday March 1st and plans for the project made available for viewing at the Tongala IGA, 31 Mangan St, Tongala (Appendix 4).
Nine local residences within close proximity to the proposed rendering plant were approached directly to provide details on the project and seek feedback on the 18th and 19th February. Refer to Appendix 5 for map of the residences contacted.

On March 8th, the three businesses nearest to the proposed plant were also visited seeking feedback on the project. The three businesses approached were Cop Rice, Sltec and Prestige Stainless.

A community drop-in session was undertaken at the Tongala Football and Netball Club between 4.00pm and 8.00pm on Wednesday 20th March 2019 as a mechanism to inform and consult the local community on the project and seek feedback.

**Feedback Received**

Feedback received through the communication and consultation process indicated support for the project, with no formal concerns identified or submitted.

Three community members attended the community drop-in session on 20th March, each stating that they had attended to hear about the proposal in more detail.

Questions in particular were raised in relation to the following aspects of the project:

1. Potential odours from the proposed plant
2. Changes to traffic around the area as a direct consequence of the plant
3. The creation of any new employment opportunities for the local community

Similarly, these items were the primary questions raised through the direct approach to the nine local residences and local businesses in proximity to the proposed plant.

On each of the key items identified, stakeholders were advised the following:

**Potential odours from the proposed plant**

The proposed rendering plant will be totally enclosed with roof mounted exhaust fans, with odour from the plant captured through hoods on all odour sources and sent to a bio-filter.

The independent Odour Impact Assessment Study undertaken for the proposed project by The Odour Unit, concluded that “the likelihood of adverse odour impacts from the operation of and emissions from the proposed plant is low and satisfies EPA guidelines”.

**Changes to traffic around the area as a direct consequence of the rendering plant**

The proposed rendering plant will reduce the number of current truck movements entering and leaving the premises related to the rendering process.

Currently on average five daily truck movements associated with the rendering process leave the plant for transport to Laverton North where the rendering process is undertaken. The proposed rendering plant will reduce this to two daily truck movements.
The creation of any new employment opportunities for the local community

The proposed rendering plant is expected to create four new employment opportunities at Greenhams Tongala facility.

All those engaged identified that they were satisfied with the information received regarding the proposed facility and that they had no specific concerns with the proposal.

The three community members who attended the community drop-in session indicated their support for the project proceeding.

Conclusion

A thorough consultation and communication strategy was undertaken in accordance with the EPA Approvals proposal pathway and utilising the International Association for Public Participation’s (IAP2) Public Participation Spectrum.

Based upon the consultation undertaken and feedback received, no concerns were identified in relation to the proposed rendering operations at H.W Greenham & Sons Pty Ltd abattoirs at 2121 Finlay Road, Tongala.
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**Environment Protection Act 1970
Licence Amendment Application**

Environment Protection Authority (EPA) Victoria has received the following application to issue a works approval or licence which permits work to be undertaken which will result in a discharge of waste to the environment which results in or may result in an existing discharge.

g30s367 Schutz Australia Pty Ltd of 13-15 Burr Court Laverton North Victoria 3212 are seeking approval for their upgraded wastewater treatment plant. The plant treats wastewater from the washing of used small volume refillable containers and IBCs. Vacuum distillation technology replaces treatment by flocculation and settling. Water is distilled from wastewater and discharged to sewer, resulting residues are removed off-site by a licensed waste transfer company.

A copy of this application, including plans, specifications and other information can be downloaded from our website at www.epa.vic.gov.au under ‘Works approval and licence applications open for comment’. Interested persons may make their comments within 30 days of the date of advertisement, comment in writing on the application and may request in writing to be notified if the works approval/issue is amended. All comments must be made by email to works.approvals@epa.vic.gov.au or by mail to EPA Victoria GPO Box 3496 Melbourne Victoria 3002.

Please note that any comments which will usually be made publicly available. Further details please contact 1300 372 842.

**PROPOSAL TO UPGRADE AN EXISTING MOBILE PHONE BASE STATION AT:**

380 Bourke Street, Melbourne, 3000 VIC

**Teistra Site ID: Melbourne 380 Bourke St**

- The proposed works include the removal of three (3) existing panel antennas and the installation of three (3) new panel antennas (each no more than 500kg in weight) using existing |E|, |L|, |P| and |L| mounts and |P| and |L| antenna poles. The installation of three (3) new All antennas on proposed longer mounts, the installation of these |L| antennas on plate mounts, and the relocation of Panel Poles.

- This notification is undertaken in accordance with the requirements of Section 7 of the Mobile Phone Base Station Deployment Code 2018.

- A community drop-in session has been scheduled to allow interested persons to learn more about the project, speak to our technical experts and provide feedback.

Details of the session are as follows:

- Where: 380 Bourke Street, Melbourne 3000, 3rd Floor
- When: Thursday, 28 March, 2019, 4pm to 6pm
- Where: 380 Bourke Street, Melbourne 3000

Feedback received will help inform the application for an EPA works approval for the project. Details of the project and contact details are available at www.greenham.com.au/feedback.html.

**PETER JOHN ANTHONY WESCOMBE also known as PETER JOHN SIMMONS and PETER MATTHEWS**

It is in the estate of the above-named, who was born in Launceston on 10 January 1942 and died on 7 April 2018 in Swanport,

World William James Matthews

Or anyone claiming by or through, under or in, the estate of the above mentioned, that unless notification of such claim is received by the Public Trustee within 30 days of the publication hereof the said Public Trustee may declare the same unclaimed in any way which, regard to such a claim or interest pursuant to Section 65 of the Public Trustee Act ‘99.’

Take Notice that unless notification of such claim is received by the Public Trustee within 30 days of the publication hereof the said Public Trustee may declare the same unclaimed in any way which, regard to such a claim or interest pursuant to Section 65 of the Public Trustee Act ‘99.’

Call 13 11 13

David Roberts

Chief Executive Officer

Public Trustee

440 Collins Street

Dated this 25th day of February 2019.

**HERITAGE VICTORIA**

**HERITAGE ACT 2017**

**Registered Heritage Place Heritage Place Number 3592588**

**DUNMORE HOUSE 395 BLACK STREET BRIGHTON**

Please take notice that an application under Section 34(1) of the Heritage Act 2017 has been made to Heritage Victoria by a person known as Dunmore House Brighton Pty Ltd. The application is for the revocation of the designation of Heritage Place Number 3592588.

A copy of the application can be found at www.heritage.vic.gov.au or at the offices of Heritage Victoria, 273 Pinel Street, South Melbourne, Victoria 3205.

The application is on public exhibition for 20 days, from 26 February 2019.

Any person has the opportunity to make representations to the Heritage Council in respect of the application in writing and by 16 March 2019.

Applicant Dunmore House Brighton Pty Ltd

**Proposed HW Greenham & Sons**

**Tongola Rendering Plant - Community Consultation**

HW Greenham & Sons Pty Ltd are proposing to recommence operations at their abattoir at 2131 Finley Road, Tongala after ceasing in 2004.

The new state of the art plant will process animal body parts currently trucked offsite, increasing the sustainability of the business and reducing road traffic. Approval is required from Campaspe Shire Council and EPA Victoria.

The planning application was submitted on 27th March 2019. The community is invited to comment on the planning proposal by 27 March 2019.

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Factsheet: Proposed HW Greenham & Sons Rendering Plant

HW Greenham & Sons Pty Ltd (Greenham) are planning to recommence rendering operations at their abattoirs at 2121 Finlay Road, Tongala after ceasing rendering in 2004.

The new state of the art plant will process animal by-products currently trucked offsite, increasing the sustainability of the business and reducing road traffic.

What is rendering?

Rendering is a process that involves crushing and 'cooking' animal materials into stable, useable products such as tallow and bone meal that is used in the manufacture of soaps and stock feeds.

The proposed rendering plant will be enclosed, with odour captured at the source and directed to a bio-filter. All stages of processing will strictly comply with EPA Victoria standards.

What will the rendering plant look like?

The proposed rendering plant will be fully enclosed in a concrete and colorbond® shed at the rear of the abattoirs with partial visibility from Finlay & Watsons Road. The closest residence to this facility is approximately 700 metres.

Are there any impacts?

The proposed rendering plant will be designed in accordance with best available practice and methods.

It will be fully enclosed, with odour from the plant captured through hoods on all odour sources and sent to a bio-filter. The odour from the proposed rendering plant will be less than those from the existing abattoir and waste water treatment ponds.

Any noise sources, e.g. from additional machinery and pumps, will be acoustically treated to ensure no off-site noise issues.

The proposed rendering plant will reduce the number of current truck movements entering and leaving the premises.

Are any approvals required?

Approvals for the proposed rendering plant will be required from Campaspe Shire Council and the Environment Protection Authority (EPA). Anyone interested will have the opportunity to object or raise issues with the Council or EPA.

An agreement will also be required with Goulburn Valley Water to accept waste water from the proposed plant.

Following approval, the plant is proposed to be built in the second half of 2019.

Where can I view the plans?

Plans of the proposed rendering plant and shed are available for viewing at:

IGA store, 31 Mangan Street, Tongala; or online at: www.greenham.com.au/feedback.html

How can I have my say?

Greenham has appointed an independent consultant, Spence Consulting Group, to manage the community consultation and prepare a report for the EPA. The Council planning permit application will be undertaken as a separate process.

Spence Consulting Group is seeking feedback on the proposed rendering plant. Your comments are requested by 27 March 2019.

A feedback form is available at: www.spence-consulting.com/greenham

You’re invited to a drop-in session

A drop-in session is planned at the Tongala Football & Netball Club between 4pm and 8pm on Wednesday 20 March 2019. Come down and discuss the proposal at Doug Nicholls Drive, Tongala Vic 3620.

You can view the plans, ask any questions you might have and complete a feedback form in person.

Questions?

If you have any questions, please contact Spence Consulting Group:

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PROPOSED HW GREENHAM & SONS RENDERING PLANT - FEEDBACK FORM

Do you have any concerns regarding the proposed rendering plant?

Yes / No

If so, what are these concerns?

How can we address these concerns?

Do you have any other comments or feedback?

Would you like to be kept informed on the progress of the project?  Yes / No

Please provide your contact details:

Address:

Name (optional):

Contact number (optional):

Email address (optional):
Appendix 4

Proposed HW Greenham & Sons Rendering Plant
Factsheet and Invitation for Feedback

Drop-in Information Session
4pm – 8pm, Wednesday 20 March 2019
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