

Works Approval Process – Recovered Energy Australia, energy from waste, Laverton North

Development Assessments Unit

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Environment
Protection
Authority Victoria



EPA's Role

Regulate pollution to create a healthy environment



The determining authority for Works Approval Applications

What is a Works Approval?

- EPA's Works Approvals aim to **prevent pollution** by ensuring that a business' works are constructed according to best practice standards.
- Document issued by EPA permitting subject to certain conditions, the construction of a plant, installation of equipment or the modification of a process. Requires physical works
- Under the provisions of the Environment Protection Act 1970, certain "scheduled" activities/premises must apply for a WA. A WA is required for industrial and waste management activities that will result in one or more of the following:
 - A discharge of waste to the environment (to air, a waterway or land)
 - An increase in, alteration to, an existing discharge
 - A change in the way waste is treated or stored
- Ongoing operations of "scheduled activities" may require a licence under the EP Act.
- The licence controls ongoing emissions after best practice works have been implemented

Legislative framework

- Environment Protection Act 1970
- Environment Protection (Scheduled Premises) Regulations 2017
- State Environment Protection Policies (SEPP)
 - Air Quality Management
 - N-1 (noise from industry)
 - Waters
- Waste management policies
- Relevant Guidelines
 - Demonstrating best practice (1517)
 - Energy from waste (1559)

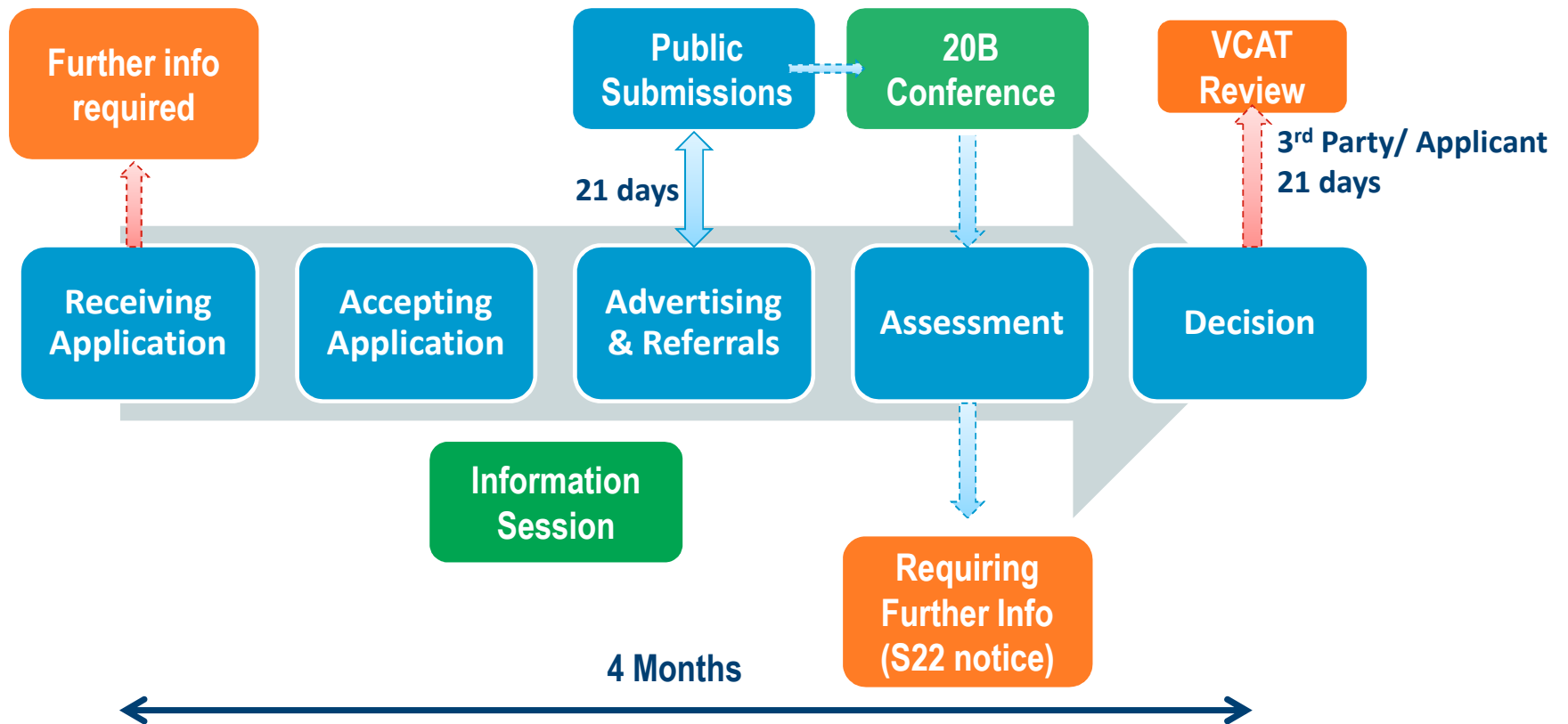


Issues

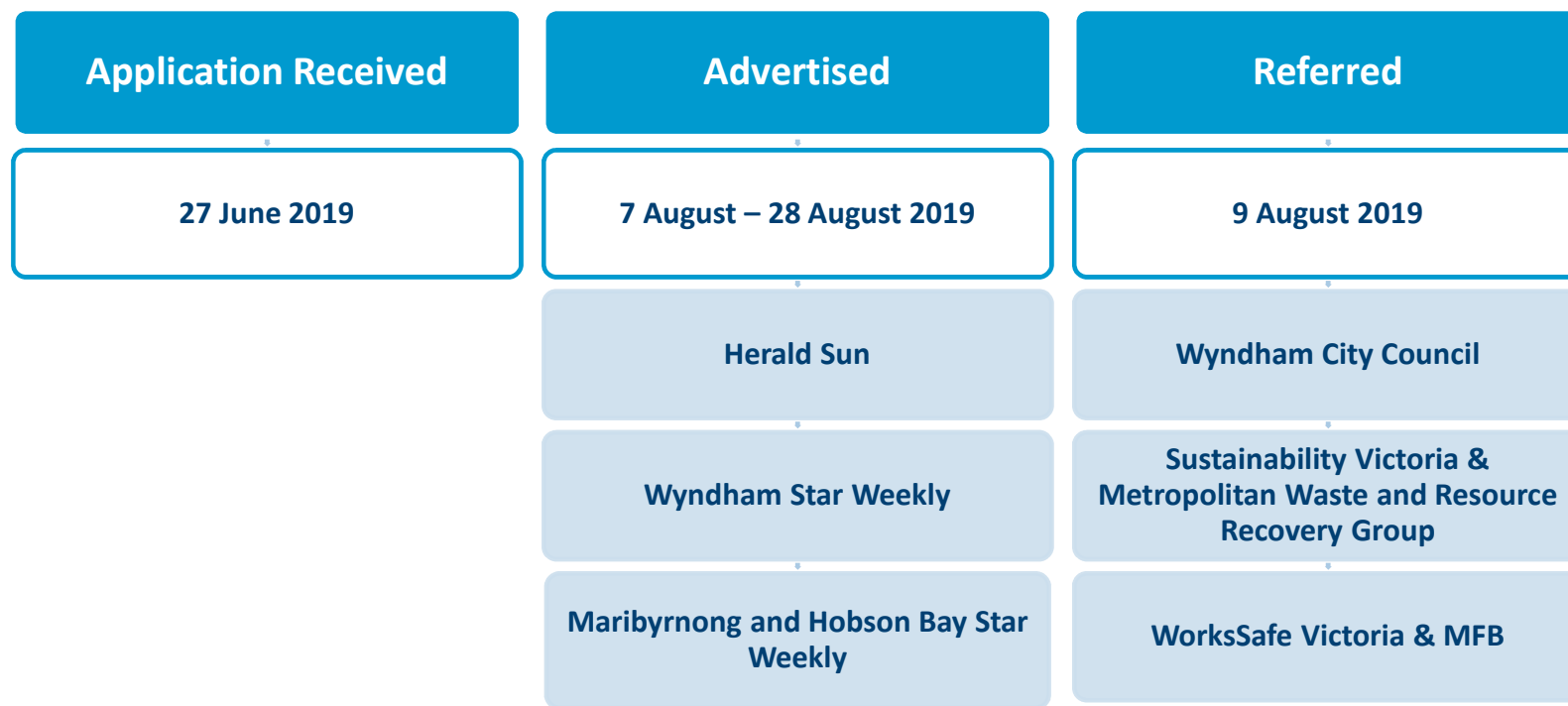


- Impact of air/odour emissions
- Impact of noise emissions
- Waste management hierarchy
- Best practice standards for energy from waste facilities

Works Approval Process



Recovered Energy Australia– Process to Date



Works Approval next steps

1

- Once the comments period closes all submissions will be taken into account and further information may be requested from the proponent if necessary

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- Completion of Technical Assessment:
 - Compliance against legislation
 - Analysis of key issues to determine likelihood of adverse impacts

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- Once decision made to approve or refuse: Notification to submitters and publish the decision on the Engage Victoria website.

Making a Submission

All comments must be made in writing by the closing date 28 August and should include:

- your contact details
- the application number (1003297) and applicant name
- your comments

Email - works.approvals@epa.vic.gov.au

Or by mail: **EPA Victoria**
 GPO Box 4395
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Questions

Register your email address to enable EPA to keep you informed of any updates or notifications

Further details contact 1300 372 842

