

Applying for an EPA works approval

What is a works approval?

A works approval is a document issued by Environment Protection Authority Victoria (EPA). It permits, subject to certain conditions, the construction of a plant, installation of equipment or modification of a process.

Approval is required for industrial and waste management works that may result in:

- discharge of waste into the environment (air, water or land)
- an increase in, or alteration to, an existing discharge, or
- a change in the way waste is treated or stored.

OBTAINING A WORKS APPROVAL

Applicants must demonstrate the works:

- are permitted by the land use planning scheme and/or have a valid planning permit
- will not adversely affect the interests of any person other than the applicant
- will not adversely affect the quality of any segment of the environment
- comply with relevant state environment protection policies, regulations and guidelines, and
- will comply with environment protection principles within the Environment Protection Act.

ASSESSING A WORKS APPROVAL APPLICATION

EPA has up to four months to assess and decide on a works approval application.

During that time EPA:

- seeks submissions from the community and other stakeholders
- assesses the potential impact of the works against the requirements of
 - » the Environment Protection Act
 - » the state environment protection policies, and
 - » other policies and guidelines.

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