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ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION AUTHORITY

6 August 2014

The Secretary
Standing Committee on Community Development
Parliament of Tasmania
Parliament House
HOBART TAS 7000

Dear Mr Casimaty,

Please find attached a submission to the Standing Committee on Community Development in the form of a time line of relevant events in recent regulation of the Triabunna site.

Please also find attached relevant documents, outlined below as requested by the committee:

- Document 01 – Permit No. 3389;
- Document 02 – Environment Protection Notice (EPN) No. 7942/1;
- Document 03 – EPN No. 8631/2;
- Document 04 – Letter from the Director, Environmental Protection Authority (the Director) to Triabunna Investments Pty Ltd dated 18 October 2013;
- Document 05 – Decommissioning and Rehabilitation Plan, Site of Triabunna, Triabunna Investments Pty Ltd dated January 2014;
- Document 06 – Letter from the Director to Mr Alec Marr dated 4 February 2014;
- Document 07 – Letter from the Director to Triabunna Investments Pty Ltd dated 29 May 2014;
- Document 08 – EPN 8631/3;
- Document 09 – EPN 9035/1;
- Document 10 – Letter from the Tasmanian Planning Commission to the Director dated 6 June 2014;
- Document 11 – Letter from the Director to the Tasmanian Planning Commission dated 20 June 2014;
- Document 12 – Letter from Spring Bay Mill to the Director dated 24 June 2014; and
- Document 13 – Letter from the Director to Spring Bay Mill dated 3 July 2014.

I advise that I accept the invitation to appear before the committee.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Alex Schaap', written over a horizontal line.

Alex Schaap
DIRECTOR, ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION AUTHORITY

**WRITTEN SUBMISSION – THE HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY STANDING COMMITTEE ON
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**

**PUBLIC HEARING IN RELATION TO THE INQUIRY INTO THE TRIABUNNA WOODCHIP
MILL AND FUTURE DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE TRIABUNNA REGION**

- 25 July 2011: formal notification of sale of Triabunna Chip Mill by Gunns Limited to Triabunna Investments Pty Ltd, while activity in suspended operations.
- 12 August 2011: formally advised by Triabunna Investments Pty Ltd that they were now responsible for the activities at 555 Freestone Point Road, Triabunna.
- 20 October 2011: Environment Protection Notice (EPN) No. 8631/2 issued to Triabunna Investments as the new person responsible for the former Gunns Limited Triabunna Chip Mill.
 - Condition R4 requires that The Land be maintained and monitored while operations are suspended. If activity substantially ceased for 2 years or more, rehabilitation of The Land must be carried out in accordance with requirements of the EPN as if the activity has permanently ceased.
 - Condition R1 requires written notification to be provided to the Director, EPA within 30 days of becoming aware of any event or decision which is likely to give rise to the permanent cessation of operations.
 - Condition R3 requires that a draft Decommissioning and Rehabilitation Plan (DRP) be submitted to the Director, EPA, for approval within 30 days of notification of cessation.
- 10 October 2013: formal notification provided by Triabunna Investments to EPA of permanent cessation of operations of the Triabunna Chip Mill.
- 18 October 2013: formal acknowledgment of notification of permanent cessation was provided to Triabunna Investments. Guidelines for preparing a DRP were provided and sixty days given to draft and submit the DRP.
- 13 December 2013: draft DRP for Triabunna Chip Mill submitted to EPA for approval.
- 8 January 2014: site inspection and meeting carried out by EPA Division Environmental Officer to discuss/inspect adequacy of submitted draft DRP.
- 13 January 2013: final draft DRP for Triabunna Chip Mill submitted to EPA for approval.
- 4 February 2014: DRP for Triabunna Chip Mill approved by Acting Director, EPA.
- 29 May 2014: EPN Nos. 8631/3 and 9035/1 issued to Triabunna Investments for the decommissioning and rehabilitation of the Triabunna Chip Mill.
- 24 June 2014: site inspection carried out by EPA Division Environmental Officer to inspect DRP progress. No major issues identified.

- 24 June 2014: letter to EPA from Triabunna Investments requesting extension of time to complete DRP requirements.
- 3 July 2014: letter to Triabunna Investments, approving an extension of time (until 31 October 2014) to complete DRP requirements.



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