

Development Licence assessment summary

Environment Protection Act 2017



Application number	APP004462
Applicant name	MONSBENT PTY LTD
ACN	002820117
ABN	93002820117
Registered address	Pitcher Partners NSW PTY LTD MLC Centre Level 22 19-29 Martin PL Sydney NSW 2000 Australia
Development activity, address and proposal	A08 (Waste to energy) and F02 (Fibreboard) 42 Benalla-Yarrowonga Road Benalla 3672 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Proposal to install a Wet Electrostatic Precipitator (WESP) and 10 MW Heat Plant to control emissions from two dryers at their particleboard manufacturing plant.
Decision	Licence issued
Decision date	18 May 2022
Delegated decision maker	Name: Quentin Cooke Position: Team Leader, Approvals, Permissions

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Application overview

MONSBENT PTY LTD is a Registered company based at 42 Benalla-Yarrowonga Road, Benalla, 3672. On 26/10/2021, MONSBENT PTY LTD applied to Environment Protection Authority Victoria (EPA) for a development licence under section 50(1)(c)(i) of the *Environment Protection Act 2017* (Act). The proposal is to install a Wet Electrostatic Precipitator (WESP) and 10 MW Heat Plant installed to control emissions from two dryers at their Particleboard manufacturing plant. The relevant prescribed activities set out in the table in Schedule 1 to the Environment Protection Regulations 2021 are items 12 (A08 - Waste to energy) and 49 (F02 - Fibreboard).

Community consultation and submissions

Under section 52 of the Act, a notice of application for the development licence was published on 24 November 2021 on the EPA Vic website (via Engage Vic), as well as in the Benalla Ensign newspaper. The notice was published on Engage Vic for 15 business days, ending on 14 December 2021. Staff from the NE Region also personally letterboxed notice of the application to all the residences and businesses with a 1 km radius of the Facility, comprising approximately 20 sites. No submissions were received through the EPA Portal or via Engage Vic from the public during the consultation period.

Assessment and decision

On 18 May 2022 the development licence was issued under section 69(1)(a) of the Act. The development licence is subject to conditions. The F02 (Fibreboard) and A08 (Waste to energy) activities are proposed to be undertaken in a way that meets environmental standards.

EPA assessed the application against all requirements under section 69(3) of the Act, section 17 of the *Climate Change Act 2017* and the *Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities Act 2006*.

The application was formally referred to the relevant responsible authority (Benalla Rural City Council) and relevant Traditional Owners (Yorta Yorta Nations Aboriginal Corporation). Comments, where provided were taken into account in assessing the application.

Multiple email requests for further information were made under section 50(3) of the Act, which resulted in the 4 months statutory time limit for assessing the application being paused for an extended period.

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