

PROPOSAL TO VARY CONDITIONS OF ENVIRONMENTAL LICENCE ON ADJACENT LAND



The Environment Protection Authority (EPA) regulates South Australian business and industry. Environmental licenses are the EPA's fundamental tool to control risks, reduce waste and environmental impacts.

A licence contains *conditions* the licence holder must meet to minimise potential harm to the environment and community. Licence conditions may relate to outcomes (including discharge limits, management plans or environment improvement programs), infrastructure (such as stack heights and bunding) or prohibitions, process or procedural requirements (eg not accepting toxic wastes).

From time to time, licence conditions may need to be varied to reflect new technology, changes in operational or environmental requirements or upon analysis of monitoring data etc.

This letter aims to briefly explain the nature of the variation and provide a mechanism for you to notify the EPA of your concerns or issues. Please note that it is not possible to address all issues in operational, scientific and layman terms in a single letter, therefore contact details of the EPA authorised officer responsible for this licence are included below for you to seek further information on your specific areas of interest.

What is the proposed variation about?

A current Environmental Authorisation is held by Adelaide Brighton Cement (licence EPA 1126), located at Victoria Road, Peterhead.

This proposed variation to licence conditions is a result of Adelaide Brighton Cement Limited has applied to the EPA to vary their licence. Currently there is a licence limit of no more than 10% plastic in the demolition wood waste used as an alternate fuel for the cement kilns. Adelaide Brighton Cement have applied to raise this limit to up to 20% plastic in the demolition wood waste.

There is a procedure in place documented in the site licence that specifies the steps that have to be taken to have such a change approved. This procedure includes conducting a trial and providing a post-trial report to the EPA.

This procedure has been followed and the EPA has assessed and accepted the post-trial report. The EPA is satisfied that there are no adverse impacts from the increase in the plastic content and is proposing to alter the site licence to allow the increased plastic content.

The EPA will also update old conditions of the licence to reflect new standard conditions.

Details of the conditions to be revoked and imposed are available on the EPA website industry update page at http://www.epa.sa.gov.au/business_and_industry/industry-updates/adelaide-brighton-cement

How do you make a written submission to the EPA?

If you wish to make a written submission, please either post it to the EPA, GPO Box 2607, Adelaide SA 5001, or alternatively, you can submit your comments online to <mailto:epalicensing@sa.gov.au>. All comments should be address to the EPA Notifications Officer, and received **no later than 28th March 2017**.

The EPA will consider all submissions when considering this variation to licence conditions and may contact you if additional information is required. A summary of all submissions (with personal details removed) will be provided to Adelaide Brighton Cement for their response. If the EPA is satisfied that community concerns and issues are appropriately addressed, a varied licence may be issued thereafter.

For further information on this matter, please contact EPA licence coordinator, Gerard Hocking on (08) 8204 1281 or epainfo@sa.gov.au (attn: Gerard Hocking).