

11 August 2019 10:40am - Flinders Ports, EPA Licence 50556, Written Notification Pursuant to Condition 1.3.2 (b)

EPA Licence 50556 – Notified Turbidity HOLD Event, 10/08/2019, 22:42pm, in compliance with condition 1.3.2(c)

I refer to the notified Turbidity HOLD event:

- At Monitoring Point D1 which occurred at approximately 10:40pm on 10/08/2019 on the 15-day rolling median

Condition 1.3.2 of EPA licence 50556 requires that the Licensee must, where turbidity measured at either of the monitoring locations exceeds HOLD criteria, cease dredging, as soon as reasonably practicable, but no later than 3hours of turbidity exceeding HOLD criteria; and not recommence dredging until turbidity no longer exceeds HOLD criteria **(or unless otherwise approved in writing by the EPA)**.

Following notification of the above HOLD, Flinders Ports made a submission to the EPA (11 August 2019) to allow dredging to occur during the period of HOLD, which has been assessed and considered.

The EPA notes that D1 6-day rolling median is currently in ALARM, D2 6-day and 15-day rolling median are in ALARM and all are trending upwards at present. The EPA has assessed recent turbidity monitoring data, weather, tide conditions and forecasts.

DETERMINATION

The EPA hereby provides written approval for the undertaking of dredging FORTHWITH, in accordance with condition 1.3.2 (b) of EPA Licence 50556 as following:

- **Magnor (BHD) to dredge in Areas F and G only**
- **Gateway (TSHD) HOLD, no dredge activity**

The EPA will review all available data and discuss the HOLD situation with Flinders Ports at 9:00am tomorrow 12 August 2019, to determine the suitability of these approved controls during HOLD and any other information at that time.

The EPA reminds Flinders Ports of its obligations with regard to s25 of the *Environment Protection Act 1993*, which states:

- (1) A person must not undertake an activity that pollutes, or might pollute, the environment unless the person takes all reasonable and practicable measures to prevent or minimise any resulting environmental harm.

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