

Bettergrow Oberon – Modification to include composting



Background

In December 2019, Borg Plantations was granted development approval by the Western Regional Planning Panel to establish a Timber/Bark Processing and Landscape Supply Facility at 24 & 26 Endeavour Rd, Oberon (DA10.2019.43.1). The development consent allowed for up to 99,000 tpa of bark, sawdust and timber to be processed into mulch and landscape supplies at the site.



The site will be operated by Bettergrow Pty Ltd, a Borg owned company. As part of the proposal, the approved development under DA10.2019.43.1 will be amended to include windrow composting operations, which will compost up to 40,000 tonnes per annum of garden organics from kerbside collections. The balance of materials to be received and processed at the site will still comprise wood material, including pine bark residuals, sawdust and clean pallets. The total material accepted at the site for processing will remain up to 99,000 tpa. The site footprint remains the same. However, the site layout and operations will change to accommodate the additional processing operations.

Summary

The modification to the original development will enable;

- The receipt and processing of 59,000 tonnes of suitable timber, bark and sawdust
- The receipt and composting of 40,000 tonnes of organic green waste
- The output of mulches, blended composts and other landscape materials

Indicative Project Timeline

December / January 2020-2021

- Preparation and lodgement of Preliminary Environmental Assessment
- Secretary's Environmental Assessment Requirements (SEAR's) for modified development



February-May 2021 (currently here)

- Preparation of Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)
- Stakeholder consultation
- Detailed design
- SEE lodgement to the Department of Planning, Industry, and Environment (DPIE) adequacy for review
- Public Exhibition



June-August 2021

- DPIE Assessment and determination



September 2021

- Proceed to operation

Issue	Current consent (DA10.2019.43.1)	Proposed amendment	Change
Waste material received for processing	Up to 99,000tpa of timber, bark and sawdust	Up to 99,000 tpa organic waste consisting of up to 40,000tpa of garden organics and the remainder as timber, bark and sawdust.	No change in total amount received. Facility to receive garden organics, as well as timber, bark and sawdust
Processing operations	Wood shredder - primary shredder Wood shredder - secondary shredder Trommel screen Magnet separator	Wood shredder - primary shredder Wood shredder - secondary shredder Trommel screen Magnet separator Compost windrows - turned regularly Compost maturation windrows - static	Compost windrows - turned regularly Compost maturation windrows - static.
Stormwater treatment	1.5ML On-site Detention Basin (OSD)	Increase size of OSD, and other water treatment measures to be confirmed	Larger On-site Detention Basin and other water treatment measures to be confirmed. Stormwater management plan to be updated
Western boundary	20m wide earth berm and landscaping along western boundary	10m wide earth berm and landscaping along western boundary	Reduction in earth mound along western boundary.

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Site Locality



Local Communities, Employment and Economic Opportunities

The Proposal site is located within the Oberon Industrial Area, 850m from the closest current dwelling.

Nevertheless, Bettergrow is dedicated to working with local communities to ensure that all residents are kept informed, and are currently engaging with the local community to inform and improve the final development before it is submitted to the Department of Planning and Environment for assessment.

The community will also have an opportunity to provide feedback during the formal exhibition period after the EIS is submitted to the Department. The EIS will be exhibited for a minimum of 30 days.

The development will provide many benefits to businesses in the Oberon area. When fully operational Bettergrow will employ up to 10 staff at the site which will provide jobs for the local community and surrounds.

Associated supply businesses will also benefit from the operation of the site. The facility will assist the NSW government to achieve its goals to increase the diversion of waste from landfill disposal through the development of strategic recycling infrastructure.

Technical Studies

An Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) is being prepared by Bettergrow to assess the environmental and socio-economic impacts of the amended proposal. A range of technical studies have been undertaken in support of the EIS, including:

- Air Quality and Odour
- Noise
- Traffic
- Water quality and hydrology

These technical studies will be summarised in the EIS and will be available to the public during the exhibition period.

For more Information

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