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Sent: Thursday, 6 November 2008 11:31:02 AM
To: Fred Dobbs
Subject: DA23042/98 s96 application to increase truck movements

Fred,

Thank for the copies of the submissions in relation to the proposed modification. We are pleased to provide the following responses to the submissions received:

S & C Dederer

1. Concerns that Nurses Road is not of sufficient width to cater for truck movements – The proper access for trucks accessing the site is via Hallards Road after turning off Wisemans Ferry Road Trucks are directed not to use Nurses Road. A sign has been provided by the operators at the entry from Hallards road directing all vehicles to turn left (south) when exiting the site so as to travel towards Wisemans Ferry Road. Council have installed a 3 tonne load limit on Hallards Road to the north of the access point to prevent heavy vehicle movement over that part of the road. It should be noted that there are other uses in the area which generate heavy vehicle movements which may be the trucks noted by these residents (The reference to B-Double Trucks in the submission is evidence of this as no B-Doubles travel to/from the Central Mangrove Waste facility). We would note that while the company requires trucks to use certain routes, the drivers are contractors who cannot always be controlled by the company. The creation of load limits on Nurses Road (in a similar manner to that provided on Hallards Road) may be a suitable measure to address this issue.
2. Concerns about the intersection of Hallards Road – This concern appears to be related to trucks which turn at the Hallards Road/Wisemans Ferry Road Intersection. This intersection is suitable for heavy vehicle movements and was subject to road works required under the current consent. This intersection is also used by heavy vehicles making deliveries to/from the juice factory at that corner.

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1. No use of Nurses Road – The points detailed in response to Dederer are relevant here.
2. Issues of burning on-site – While not related to the proposed modification, no waste is burnt on the site. If fires do break out, the company has a fire truck on-site to quickly extinguish and control fires. The RFS are called as a matter of course, however, any fires have been controlled by on-site staff.
3. Disposal of putrescible waste at the site – Only non-putrescible waste is deposited at the site as per the conditions of consent.
4. A copy of a letter from the operators to the golf club in relation to this issue is attached for your information.

Muggleton

1. Adequacy of Infrastructure for trucks – As discussed previously there are trucks using the surrounding roads and the number of trucks for Central Mangrove Waste make up a small proportion of these. Works at the Hallards Road/Wisemans Ferry Road intersection were required as part of the consent so as to be suitable. Hallards road has a wide formation up to the entry top the facility and the entry intersection is suitable for truck turning and is in a good state of repair.
2. Width of Hallards Road – Hallards road has a wide seal and shoulders which provide ample room for the passing of heavy vehicles as can be seen in the following photograph.



3. road maintenance – As can be seen in the above photo, the section of road between the facility entry and the juice factory is in a good state of repair while being subject to existing truck movements. We have previously addressed this issue in our submission with the suggestion that operators are open to considering an appropriate levy or maintenance program.

Please find attached a map which shows the proposed haulage routes to/from the facility. The primary access shall be for large loads, while smaller loads from private contractors may use the other routes provided.

Please call me if we can be of any further assistance.

Regards

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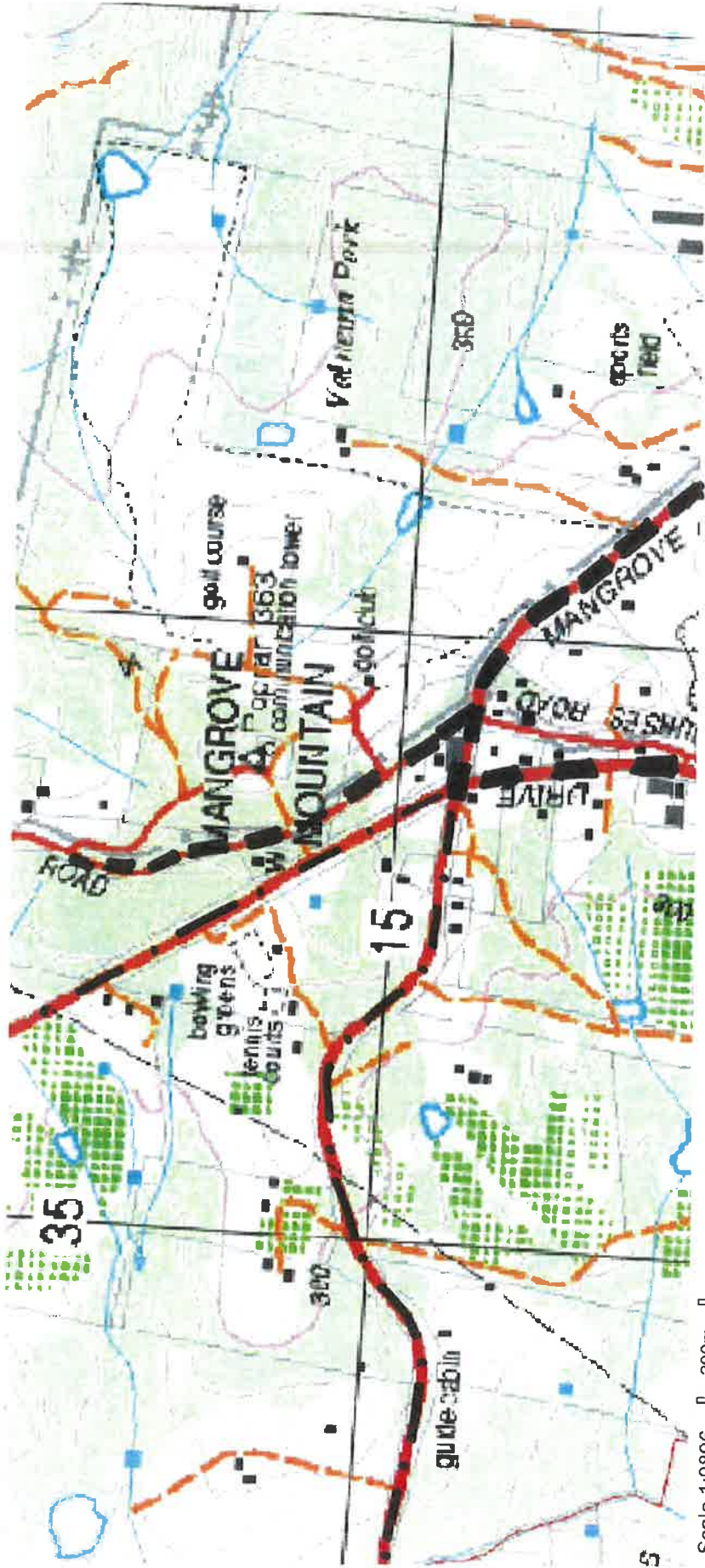
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- Pathway Access (20 Tonne Loads)
 - Possible Loads (5 Tonne Loads)

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25th October 2008

The secretary- Manager,
Mangrove Mountain Memorial Club
18 Hallards Road
Central Mangrove 2250

Dear Gary,

The Course Committee asked for our comments on the matters raised in a letter to you from Mangrove Mountain Districts Community Group Inc dated 5th October concerning our application to Gosford City Council to increase the number of truck movements to the site.

We agree that no trucks should use Nurses Road and we ask the drivers not to. However, this is not a matter we can control or police. If the Council were to impose a weight limit on Nurses Road, such as exists on the northern end of Hallards Road, that should resolve the matter, but we stress that the solution is in Council's hands.

Under the terms of our licence from the EPA, we cannot and do not accept normal - or putrescible - household waste. Please be assured we are very strict on this. We can - and do - accept dry, or non- putrescible which is generated from households. The sort of stuff you see outside homes waiting to be collected when Council announce a clean-up. We also accept other dry waste, such as builders' waste, provided it is not putrescible.

I would note that the government has made quite a number of changes to the definition of non- putrescible waste over the past few years, increasing the number of waste items which fit into the definition.

On the issue of fires, we are required to have our own firefighting truck on the site. Since we took over 12

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months ago I understand there have been 3 fires where we have called the RFS as a matter of course, but in each case our men had the fire under control, if not extinguished, by the time the brigade arrived.

We are very conscious of the obligations imposed on us by Council, the EPA and the Dept. of Water & Energy both in relation to the water catchment area and generally and we will continue to comply with our obligations in that regard.

Yours etc.,


T.I. Johnston
Director