



SARA reference: 2205-28746 SRA  
 Council reference: D/50-2022  
 Applicant reference: -

9 December 2022

Chief Executive Officer  
 Rockhampton Regional Council  
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Attention: Aidan Murray

Dear Sir/Madam

## SARA response—North Rockhampton Sewage Treatment Plant

(Referral agency response given under section 56 of the *Planning Act 2016*)

The development application described below was confirmed as properly referred by the State Assessment and Referral Agency (SARA) on 11 May 2022.

### Response

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Outcome:	Referral agency response – with conditions.
Date of response:	9 December 2022
Conditions:	The conditions in <b>Attachment 1</b> must be attached to any development approval.
Advice:	Advice to the applicant is in <b>Attachment 2</b> .
Reasons:	The reasons for the referral agency response are in <b>Attachment 3</b> .

### Development details

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Description:	Development permit	Material change of use for utility installation and environmentally relevant activity 63 (sewage treatment)
SARA role:	Referral Agency.	
SARA trigger:	Schedule 10, part 5, division 2, item 8 (Planning Regulation 2017)	

Development application for a material change of use for an environmentally relevant activity

Schedule 10, Part 9, division 4, subdivision 2, table 4 (Planning Regulation 2017)

Development application for a material change of use near a State transport corridor or that is a future State transport corridor

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Assessment Manager: Rockhampton Regional Council

Street address: 108 Lakes Creek Road; 4 Goodsall Street, The Common; 75 Reaney Street, The Common; 45 Reaney Street, The Common; 0 Reaney Street

Real property description: 279SP326310; 2RP618797; 186LN1397; 134LN1166; 2SP296977

Applicant name: Rockhampton Regional Council

Applicant contact details: PO Box 1860  
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Environmental Authority: This referral included an application for an environmental authority under section 115 of the *Environmental Protection Act 1994*. Below are the details of the decision:

- Approved
- Reference: P-EA-100346533
- Effective date: 1 January 2025
  - Prescribed environmentally relevant activity (ERA): ERA 63 - Sewage Treatment

If you are seeking further information on the environmental authority, the Department of Environment and Science's website includes a register. This can be found at: [www.des.qld.gov.au](http://www.des.qld.gov.au)

## Representations

An applicant may make representations to a concurrence agency, at any time before the application is decided, about changing a matter in the referral agency response (s.30 Development Assessment Rules) Copies of the relevant provisions are in **Attachment 4**.

A copy of this response has been sent to the applicant for their information.

For further information please contact Carl Porter, Principal Planning Officer, on 07 4924 2918 or via email [RockhamptonSARA@dasilgp.qld.gov.au](mailto:RockhamptonSARA@dasilgp.qld.gov.au) who will be pleased to assist.

Yours sincerely



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Manager Planning

cc Rockhampton Regional Council, [projects@rrc.qld.gov.au](mailto:projects@rrc.qld.gov.au)

enc    Attachment 1 - Referral agency conditions  
Attachment 2 - Advice to the applicant  
Attachment 3 - Reasons for referral agency response  
Attachment 4 - Representations provisions  
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## Attachment 1—Referral agency conditions

(Under section 56(1)(b)(i) of the *Planning Act 2016* the following conditions must be attached to any development approval relating to this application) (Copies of the plans and specifications referenced below are found at Attachment 5)

No.	Conditions	Condition timing
<b>Material change of use</b>		
Schedule 10, part 5, division 2, item 8 (Planning Regulation 2017)—The chief executive administering the <i>Planning Act 2016</i> nominates the Director-General of Department of Environment and Science to be the enforcement authority for the development to which this development approval relates for the administration and enforcement of any matter relating to the following condition(s):		
1.	Development authorised under this approval for ERA 63 must be undertaken generally in accordance with NORTH ROCKHAMPTON SEWAGE TREATMENT PLANT - SITE GENERAL ARRANGEMENT, GHD, 05.06.20, Drawing No 42-21051-G003, Rev 0.	Prior to the commencement of use and to be maintained at all times

## Attachment 2—Advice to the applicant

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<b>General advice</b>	
1.	Terms and phrases used in this document are defined in the <i>Planning Act 2016</i> its regulation or the State Development Assessment Provisions (SDAP) v3.0. If a word remains undefined it has its ordinary meaning.

## **Attachment 3—Reasons for referral agency response**

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(Given under section 56(7) of the *Planning Act 2016*)

### **The reasons for SARA's decision are:**

- The proposed development is for the expansion of the North Rockhampton Sewage Treatment plant.
- The proposed development site is adjacent to a railway and a state-controlled road (Lakes Creek Road).
- The proposed development will not have a detrimental impact on the railway or Lakes Creek Road.
- The proposed development includes an Environmentally Relevant Activity (sewage treatment).
- The proposed development complies with the relevant parts of State code 1: Development in a state-controlled road environment.
- The proposed development complies with the relevant parts of State code 2: Development in a railway environment.
- The proposed development complies with the relevant parts of State code 22: Environmentally relevant activities with the application of a condition.

### **Material used in the assessment of the application:**

- The development application material and submitted plans
- *Planning Act 2016*
- Planning Regulation 2017
- The *State Development Assessment Provisions* (version 3.0), as published by SARA
- The Development Assessment Rules
- SARA DA Mapping system
- State Planning Policy mapping system

## **Attachment 4—Change representation provisions**

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## **Attachment 5—Approved plans and specifications**

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# Development Assessment Rules—Representations about a referral agency response

The following provisions are those set out in sections 28 and 30 of the Development Assessment Rules<sup>1</sup> regarding **representations about a referral agency response**

## Part 6: Changes to the application and referral agency responses

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### 28 Concurrence agency changes its response or gives a late response

- 28.1. Despite part 2, a concurrence agency may, after its referral agency assessment period and any further period agreed ends, change its referral agency response or give a late referral agency response before the application is decided, subject to section 28.2 and 28.3.
- 28.2. A concurrence agency may change its referral agency response at any time before the application is decided if—
- (a) the change is in response to a change which the assessment manager is satisfied is a change under section 26.1; or
  - (b) the Minister has given the concurrence agency a direction under section 99 of the Act; or
  - (c) the applicant has given written agreement to the change to the referral agency response.<sup>2</sup>
- 28.3. A concurrence agency may give a late referral agency response before the application is decided, if the applicant has given written agreement to the late referral agency response.
- 28.4. If a concurrence agency proposes to change its referral agency response under section 28.2(a), the concurrence agency must—
- (a) give notice of its intention to change its referral agency response to the assessment manager and a copy to the applicant within 5 days of receiving notice of the change under section 25.1; and
  - (b) the concurrence agency has 10 days from the day of giving notice under paragraph (a), or a further period agreed between the applicant and the concurrence agency, to give an amended referral agency response to the assessment manager and a copy to the applicant.

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<sup>1</sup> Pursuant to Section 68 of the *Planning Act 2016*

<sup>2</sup> In the instance an applicant has made representations to the concurrence agency under section 30, and the concurrence agency agrees to make the change included in the representations, section 28.2(c) is taken to have been satisfied.

## Part 7: Miscellaneous

### 30 Representations about a referral agency response

- 30.1. An applicant may make representations to a concurrence agency at any time before the application is decided, about changing a matter in the referral agency response.<sup>3</sup>

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<sup>3</sup> An applicant may elect, under section 32, to stop the assessment manager's decision period in which to take this action. If a concurrence agency wishes to amend their response in relation to representations made under this section, they must do so in accordance with section 28.

