

INVITATION

The Environmental Protection Authority (EPA) invites people to make a submission on this proposal. The environmental impact assessment process is designed to be transparent and accountable, and includes specific points for public involvement, including opportunities for public review of environmental review documents. In releasing this document for public comment, the EPA advises that no decisions have been made to allow this proposal to be implemented.

Perdaman Chemicals and Fertilisers Pty Ltd proposes to construct a leading edge technology urea production plant, using coal as feedstock, in the proposed Shotts Industrial Park, about 7.5 km east of Collie in south-west Western Australia. This project will transport urea via rail for shipment from Berth 5 at the Bunbury Port. The proposed plant would have a nominal production capacity of 6,200 tonnes per day (TPD), equating to 2.0 million tonnes per annum (mtpa). Included in the proposal is provision for construction of a new water pipeline adjacent to an existing water pipeline, from Wellington Dam to the project site and the construction of an eight km coal conveyor in an existing electricity distribution infrastructure corridor. In accordance with the *Environmental Protection Act 1986*, a **Public Environmental Review (PER)** has been prepared which describes this proposal and its likely effects on the environment. The PER is available for a public review period of **8 weeks from Monday 28 September 2009**, closing on **Tuesday 24 November 2009**.

Comments from government agencies and from the public will assist the EPA to prepare an assessment report in which it will make recommendations to government.

Where to get copies of this document

Hard copies of the PER may be purchased for \$10 or a CD version may be obtained from:

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Level 4, 172 St Georges Terrace
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08 9429 5111

The document may be accessed through Perdaman Chemicals & Fertilisers' website at www.perdaman.com.

Why write a submission?

A submission is a way to provide information, express your opinion and put forward your suggested course of action - including any alternative approach. It is useful if you indicate any suggestions you have to improve the proposal.

All submissions received by the EPA will be acknowledged. Electronic submissions will be acknowledged electronically. The proponent will be required to provide adequate responses to points raised in submissions. In preparing its assessment report for the Minister for Environment, the EPA will consider the information in submissions, the proponent's responses and other relevant information. Submissions will be treated as public documents unless provided and received in confidence, subject to the requirements of the *Freedom of Information Act 1992*, and may be quoted in full or in part in each report.

Why not join a group?

If you prefer not to write your own comments, it may be worthwhile joining with a group or other groups interested in making a submission on similar issues. Joint submissions may help to reduce the workload for an individual or group, as well as increase the pool of ideas and information. If you form a small group (up to 10 people), please indicate all the names of the participants. If your group is larger, please indicate how many people your submission represents.

Developing a submission

You may agree or disagree with, or comment on, the general issues discussed in the **PER** or the specific proposals. It helps if you give reasons for your conclusions, supported by relevant data. You may make an important contribution by suggesting ways to make the proposal more environmentally acceptable.

When making comments on specific proposals in the **PER**:

- clearly state your point of view;
- indicate the source of your information or argument if this is applicable;
- suggest recommendations, safeguards or alternatives.

Points to keep in mind.

By keeping the following points in mind, you will make it easier for your submission to be analysed:

- attempt to list points so that issues raised are clear. A summary of your submission is helpful;
- refer each point to the appropriate section, chapter or recommendation in the **PER**;
- if you discuss different sections of the **PER**, keep them distinct and separate, so there is no confusion as to which section you are considering;
- attach any factual information you may wish to provide and give details of the source. Make sure your information is accurate.

Remember to include:

- your name and address,
- date; and
- whether you want your submission to be confidential.

The closing date for submissions is: **Tuesday 24 November 2009.**

The EPA prefers submissions to be made electronically using one of the following:

- the submission form on the EPA's website: www.epa.wa.gov.au/submissions.asp;
- by email to submissions.eia@dec.wa.gov.au.

Alternatively submissions can be

- posted to: Chairman, Environmental Protection Authority, Locked Bag 33, CLOISTERS SQUARE WA 6850, Attention: Digby Drake-Brockman; or
- delivered to the Environmental Protection Authority, Level 4, The Atrium, 168 St George's Terrace, Perth, Attention: Digby Drake-Brockman; or
- faxed to (08) 6467 5562.

If you have any questions on how to make a submission, please ring the EPA assessment officer, Digby Drake-Brockman on 6467 5435.