



Corrimal Coke works receives approval from the Environment Protection Authority to surrender its EPA licence.

Community Newsletter February 2018

Illawarra Coke Company Pty Ltd

In the November 2017 Corrimal Coke Works Community Newsletter, we provided an update on our application to the Environment Protection Authority (EPA) to surrender our EPA licence.

As the Corrimal Coke Works ceased operations in 2014, there is no requirement for the Coke Works to continue to hold its EPA licence. After a thorough review by the EPA, supported by consultation with Wollongong City Council, Neighbourhood Forum 4 and a letter box drop to local residents, the EPA has approved the surrender of our EPA licence. Wollongong City Council will take over the environmental regulation of the Corrimal Coke Works property.

Included overleaf is a copy of the surrender notice received from the EPA. The letter documents the observations made by the EPA in considering the Corrimal Coke Works application to surrender its EPA licence.

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We are committed to ensuring the local community is kept updated.

+ **Please register online to receive project updates via email and stay informed.**

▶ Website: corrimalcokeworks.com.au **▶ Email:** info@corrimalcokeworks.com.au

Kate Strahorn | Director, Illawarra Coke Company Pty Ltd

Approval of the Surrender of a Licence



Licence - 125

ILLAWARRA COKE COMPANY PTY LIMITED
ABN 85 000 009 807
Suite A1/674 Old Princes Highway
SUTHERLAND NSW 2232

Attention: Ruth Churchill

Notice Number 1557642
File Number EF13/3130
Date 01-Feb-2018

APPROVAL OF THE SURRENDER OF LICENCE NO. 125

BACKGROUND

The following licensee(s):

ILLAWARRA COKE COMPANY PTY LIMITED

applied to the Environment Protection Authority ("EPA") to surrender Environment Protection Licence No. 125 ("the licence") issued under the Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997 ("the Act"). The licence authorises the carrying out of activities at 27 RAILWAY STREET, CORRIMAL, NSW, 2518.

- A. The EPA received the application on 13-Sep-2017.
- B. The EPA regulates the premises under Environment Protection Licence, number 125.
- C. In 2014 the premises ceased coke production operations.
- D. The licensee has decommissioned the former coke production areas of the premises and undertaken a soil and groundwater contamination assessment.
- E. The soil and groundwater contamination assessment:
 - o identified limited onsite chemical contaminants (consistent with coke-making) that were contained within the boundaries of the premises. This currently poses no threat to the local community
 - o found no offsite migration of contaminants in either soils, surface water or groundwater
 - o determined that no immediate land remediation was considered necessary at this time
- F. Further assessments may be required to demonstrate the suitability of the land for the proposed future land uses, and identify, if any remediation is required to support these uses.
- G. The assessment was reviewed by an independent site auditor accredited by the EPA under the Contaminated Land Management Act.

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- H. The EPA and the licensee have undertaken public consultation on this licence surrender process including a letter box drop, stakeholder meetings and presenting at a community meeting.

APPROVAL OF THE SURRENDER OF A LICENCE

1. The surrender of the licence is approved.
2. The approval of the surrender is subject to the following conditions:
 - a) The licensee must provide the EPA with an Annual Return in relation to compliance with the conditions of the licence during the period beginning on the last licence anniversary date and ending on the date that the surrender of the licence takes effect as set out in point 3 below.
 - b) The Annual Return must be supplied to the EPA within 60 days of the date from which this notice operates (see note at the end of this notice).
 - c) The content and form of the Annual Return must be in accordance with the applicable reporting conditions in the licence before it was surrendered.
 - d) The Annual Return must be signed in accordance with the applicable reporting conditions in the licence before it was surrendered.
3. Except as provided by section 84(2) of the Act, the approval of the surrender of the licence by this notice operates from the date of this notice.

William Dove 1 February 2018

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Unit Head Regulation

Metropolitan - Illawarra

(by Delegation)

INFORMATION ABOUT THIS NOTICE

- On the date that the surrender of your licence takes effect the current licence fee period comes to an end. However, the surrender of your licence does not affect your liability to pay fees owing to the EPA for that licence fee period or for any earlier licence fee period.
- If you have not already paid the administrative fee for the licence fee period which has just come to an end on the surrender of your licence you must still do so. The administrative fee for a licence fee period must be paid no later than 60 days after the beginning of that licence fee period (clause 36(1) of the *Protection of the Environment Operations (General) Regulation 2009*).

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- Any load-based fees payable in relation to the licence fee period ending on the surrender of the licence must be paid no later than 90 days after the surrender of the licence takes effect (clause 37(1) of the *Protection of the Environment Operations (General) Regulation 2009*).
- Details provided in this notice will be available on the EPA's Public Register in accordance with section 308 of the Act.
- The reporting period on your Annual Return must be filled in to reflect the appropriate dates beginning on the last licence anniversary date and ending on the date that the surrender of the licence takes effect.
- The completed Annual Return must be sent by Registered Post no later than 60 days from the end of the reporting period to:

Regulatory and Compliance Support Unit
Environment Protection Authority (EPA)
PO Box A290
SYDNEY SOUTH NSW 1232

- This notice is issued under section 80(1) of the Act.

Appeals against this decision

- You can appeal to the Land and Environment Court against this decision. The deadline for lodging the appeal is 21 days after you were given notice of this decision.

When this notice begins to operate

- The surrender of the licence specified in this notice begins to operate immediately from the date of this notice, unless another date is specified in this notice.
- If an appeal is made against this decision to approve the surrender of the licence and the Land and Environment Court directs that the decision is stayed the decision does not operate until the stay ceases to have effect or the Land and Environment Court confirms the decision or the appeal is withdrawn (whichever occurs first).