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Dear Mr Bartholomaeus

**MINISTERIAL STATEMENT 791 - 40 MEGA WATT BIOMASS POWER PLANT,  
SHIRE OF MANJIMUP**

Thank you for your email of 14 March 2014 regarding the implementation of the proposal for a 40 Mega Watt Biomass Power Plant in the Shire of Manjimup approved by Ministerial Statement 791.

The Office of the Environmental Protection Authority (OEPA) has reviewed your query and can advise that the proponent, Western Australia Biomass Pty Ltd, has continued to progress the development and implementation of its proposal.

Proposals assessed under the *Environmental Protection Act 1986* (EP Act) undergo a systematic and rigorous process by the Environmental Protection Authority (EPA). Significant expenditure is incurred by proponents in the preparation of reports for example environmental studies as part of the referral of the proposal to the EPA. The subsequent issuing of the proposal's environmental approval (Ministerial Statement) allows the proponent to then seek further secondary approvals and further financial investment decisions relevant to the implementation of the proposal.

These further approvals and financial investment decisions are at times not completed within the timeframe specified by the Ministerial Statement. Section 46 of the EP Act allows for the amendment of the conditions of the Ministerial Statement. This provision has been used to extend the timeframe for implementation to a number of proposals.

I can advise that a request to amend the timeframe for implementation under Section 46 of the EP Act has been received from Western Australia Biomass Pty Ltd by the OEPA on 24 March 2014.

Should you require further information on this matter please contact Mark Rust on 6467 0850.

Yours sincerely



**Mr Kim Taylor**  
GENERAL MANAGER

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cc: Caron Goodbourn, Regional Leader Environment Regulation, Department of Environment Regulation – South Coast