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# Application to recycle used lead acid batteries

### **12 December 2019**

Environment Protection Authority Victoria (EPA) is assessing a Works Approval application for a Hazelwood battery recycling plant.

The development proposal, received from Chunxing Corporation Pty Ltd, seeks to process 50,000 tonnes per year of used lead acid batteries, to be recycled into 28,000 tonnes of refined lead per year. The proposal estimates 98 per cent of the lead, plastic and electrolyte (sulfuric acid) in batteries will be recycled.

The proposed facility, to be located at Crown Allotment 2047, Fourth Road, Hazelwood North, intends to operate 24 hours - 7 days per week with allowance for 30-40 days of maintenance per year.

EPA will assess the proposal against all relevant environmental policies and guidelines and consider any potential environmental and human health impacts

that could result from the proposed development, including, but not limited to, air emissions, noise and residual waste management.

Chunxing Corporation's full application is available online at:

https://engage.vic.gov.au/epa-works-approvals/ulab

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Members of the public are welcome to make submissions regarding the proposal during the extended submission period from 11 December until 24 January 2020. Submissions can either be emailed to works.approvals@epa.vic.gov.au (mailto:works.approvals@epa.vic.gov.au) or by mail to:

**EPA Victoria** 

**GPO Box 4395** 

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#### Information session

EPA is hosting a drop-in information session on 10 January 2020.

#### Details:

Hazelwood North Community Hall

Church Road, Hazelwood North (opposite Hazelwood North Primary School)

4pm - 8pm

RSVP: works.approvals@epa.vic.gov.au (mailto:works.approvals@epa.vic.gov.au)

Works Approvals are issued by EPA under the *Environment Protection Act 1970*. So They are required for industrial and waste management activities that have the potential for significant environmental impact.

A Works Approval permits plant and equipment to be installed, the operation of which will result in one or more of:

- the discharge of waste to the environment
- an increase in, or alteration to, an existing discharge
- a change in the way waste is treated or stored.

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