

Project Summary

Project: Log Depot/ Yard @ 172 Yarowkabra, Soesdyke-Linden Highway

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Description of site

According to the lease, this area is 5 acres designated for industrial purposes, situated at Lot 172 Yarowkabra Agricultural Layout, Soesdyke-Linden Highway.

It is located immediately off the highway (western Boundary). Neighbours to the east is a Dara Sawmill, to the north is Mahase and Sons Sawmill and to the south is Deoraj Sawmill. There are recent residences a little over 1km away. There is a map layout on the lease (a copy of which is attached).

Project Design/ Operation

Activities- this is a log depot where logs are being stored for transshipment to a final destination. The site has been in use since 2014 and it is fully developed for this purpose.

There is no further capital that needs to be invested in the operation. There is an average of 4 hours of work per week at the site and so no need for any additional workers.

Truck bring logs to the site which are offloaded by the truck drivers using a loader stored at Dara Sawmill, east of the site. These logs are prepared using a chain saw and re-loaded onto truck to continue to their final destination.

During the operation there is a small amount of wood ends and sawdust being produced as wastes. These are sold off to charcoal makers.

There is also a small amount of noise and dust from the chainsaw, loader and truck operations. Most of the operation is towards the back and behind the buffer reserves and as such does not affect traffic on the road.

There may be minimal oil leaks emanating from the trucks or loader. No major oil change is done at the site, however, if this ever occurs, then the waste oil is reused in the chain saw and the truck 'def' and axle systems.

The project has been in operation for the past 10 years and is likely to continue for the next 15 years.

The potential effect and ways of mitigation are discussed above.