

Proposed Resource Management Facility

Cleanaway is a leading Australian waste management and recycling company. We are proposing to build and operate an enclosed Resource Management Facility (RMF) at 50 Quarry Road, inside the existing Erskine Park industrial area. The project will be developed in two stages; the first being a Waste Transfer Station, and the second being a Resource Recovery Facility.

We're committed to engaging with the community throughout this process, keeping you informed and listening to your feedback. In this newsletter, we provide details about the findings of the environmental studies we have conducted, and outline the next steps in this process.

What we've heard from you...

At our community drop in session in May and through phone calls and emails, a number of inquiries about our proposal were received.

Key areas of concern raised were:

- Potential odour from the facility
- Increase in truck numbers on local roads
- Clarity on what is being proposed at the site

Over the last number of months, we have conducted a range of investigations to ensure that the proposed facility will avoid unacceptable impact on our neighbours. The results of these assessments are set out in the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS), which is currently being finalised.

In the meantime, we've addressed the most commonly raised questions here.

What exactly is being planned for the site?

Overall, we are proposing to develop a Resource Management Facility in two stages. The first stage of is a Waste Transfer Station, where waste would be brought into the facility, consolidated into larger loads and then transferred to a licensed waste management facility.

The second stage would be a Resource Recovery Facility, where we would recover valuable materials from the waste that's brought onsite for recycling.

This differs from the existing site which operates as a licenced landfill with waste disposed of on site.

What about odour?

We know odour is your number one concern and that we must have controls in place to manage it.

Following the community consultation event in May, we revisited our approach to odour and will voluntarily set ourselves an odour performance standard beyond that required by legislation. This was done to achieve our objective of avoiding adverse impact on surrounding communities.

Since then significant work has gone into achieving this stringent performance standard by further developing our odour management strategy, the key features of which include:

- Containing odour within the building by receiving and loading waste within an enclosed building and incorporating fast-acting doors
- Cleaning the air with a scrubbing system (proven technology)
- Controlled dispersion of the cleaned air through a specially designed air ventilation system

Detailed assessments have demonstrated that this approach not only meets compliance standards, it also achieves the more stringent performance standard set by Cleanaway.

Within the first 12 months of operations, a monitoring process will be undertaken to verify odour predictions and refine the odour management measures. A third party independent audit of our environmental management commitments will also be undertaken during this time.



Artist's impression of the proposed facility.

Should the EIS be approved by the DP&E and EPA, the above commitments would be legally binding.

How will traffic be managed?

We appreciate that the number of trucks already on local roads is a concern to those living and working around Erskine Park, and so traffic management is also a key feature of our EIS.

When the Waste Transfer Station is operating at its full design capacity, which would take several years to realise, it would receive approximately 200 waste deliveries with around 30 waste transfer trucks departing the site each day.

This sounds like a big number. However, when you consider that the adjoining Erskine Park Landfill will stop operating by the time the transfer station would open, the net increase in waste deliveries and transfers would be approximately 70 per day at peak operations.

Transfer vehicles can access the motorway network from the site using dedicated heavy vehicle routes along Mamre Road and Erskine Park Road to the M4 and Erskine Park Link Road to the M7. Cleanaway has committed to use the Erskine Park Link Road to the M7 to avoid the residential areas further along Erskine Park Road and Mamre Road and to take advantage of dedicated new road infrastructure currently under construction. This will minimise the interaction with local traffic.

What happens next?

We are in the process of finalising the (EIS) for the proposed Waste Transfer Station. Our EIS takes into account all the feedback we have received from members of the community since we first started consultation in December 2014.

Before we lodge the EIS, we will be hosting an Information Session to give members of the local community another opportunity to understand what we're proposing, ask questions and provide feedback. Details are as follows:

- **Date:** Monday 12 October 2015
- **Time:** 4pm to 8pm
- **Venue:** Erskine Park Community Centre
57 Peppertree Drive, Erskine Park

Following the consultation session, the EIS will be placed on Public Exhibition by the DP&E.

During the Exhibition, we'll set up an information kiosk at local shopping centres to give you further opportunity to ask questions and provide feedback.

Members of the public will also be invited to make a submission to the Department regarding the proposal. At the end of the Exhibition period, we will then prepare a response to the submissions received and this will be used by the Department, along with the EIS, as the basis of making a planning decision.

In the meantime, if you have any questions regarding the proposal, please let us know using the contact details below.

If you would like more information, or to receive project updates, you can:

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