

Community Consultation Q&A's for Public Notification period and Community Information Sessions – July 2019



Submitted Changes to the Development Application Relating to the Redesign and Rehabilitation of Cleanaway's New Chum Waste Management Facility

Cleanaway is continuing to progress its plans to extend the life of its 10-year-old waste management facility at New Chum near Ipswich, which will allow it to continue to provide an essential waste management service to the community.

Changes to its June 2018 Development Application have been submitted to Ipswich City Council.

The changes to the Development Application include a reduction in the height and capacity of the extension, whilst still providing for much needed expanded waste management facilities at the site.

The community will have the opportunity to provide feedback on the changed application through public notification and community consultation. The application details can be reviewed at www.cleanaway.com.au/community/major-project/new-chum-landfill-ipswich-qld

or:

<http://pdonline.ipswich.qld.gov/pdonline>

The New Chum site receives waste, such as construction waste and dry commercial waste and soils, from the local Ipswich community as well as the broader community.

Q&A's

Q. What are the changes?

In the changed DA, Cleanaway has reduced the height of the planned expansion by 13 metres below the original extension application. This change was made in response to the submissions to the first round of public notification in November / December 2018. The changed DA still allows for the expansion of this much needed waste facility.

Q. Did ICC tell you to reduce the scale of the development proposed?

The change was made in response to submissions to the first round of public notification in November / December 2018. The Development Application is the result of a lot of hard work by our engineering and design team and based on feedback from multiple areas. The current facility is too small to continue to provide the service needed by the community. It requires an extension to allow us to continue to operate at current levels. We considered a wide range of stakeholders in the design of the extension.

Q. Will an extended facility mean increased impact on the community?

The company does not expect the redesign will see an increase in traffic volumes or volumes of waste daily. Furthermore, we have included additional engineering measures to further enhance the site's amenity and community outcomes which include rehabilitation of the adjacent buffer areas and increase to the community benefit fund to \$100k pa.

Q. Will it have a huge visual impact on the community?

The current approved maximum height of the New Chum waste management facility is 72 metres above sea level at its highest point. The proposed expansion will ultimately be 85 metres above sea level at the peak. Most of the landfill is proposed to be below 80 metres above sea level.

The landform will be progressively rehabilitated. Once rehabilitated, it will take a mound shape so many parts will be much lower than the peak height. There are existing mounds in the area which are higher than the proposed development.

The design minimises any potential impact on the community during operations using buffers, bunds, screens and other operational controls.

The rehabilitation of the landform and adjacent buffer areas will include endemic plant species to attract fauna like koalas to the area.

Q. Did you have to change the application based on ICC concerns?

It is expected that any Council will have questions and require further information in relation to a Development Application. Information requests traditionally seek more technical information and are a planned part of the process and an important Council function.

Our Application already included changes following a full community consultation process in April of 2018 and public notification completed in November / December 2018.

Cleanaway values its position in the area and works with Council and the community to ensure our growth aligns with their needs.

Q. Is the application and proposed extension Temporary Local Planning Instrument (TLPI) compliant?

The changed Development Application has been fully assessed against the TLPI and all the assessment requirements. It is considered to satisfactorily address all matters to support approval.

Q. How can the community find out more about the changes?

The application changes can be reviewed at our project website:

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or:

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The community will have the opportunity to provide feedback on the changed application through public notification and community consultation, including information sessions at the New Chum Education Centre. These will be held on Thursday 18 July between 3pm and 6pm and on Saturday 20 July between 11am and 2pm.

Q. Have you cancelled plans to develop recreational facilities and fill Void 10?

We will continue to discuss recreational facilities and the use of our buffer land including Void 10 with Council. The Void 10 area and sections of the non-operational area buffer land is not included in the Development Application. A plan for rehabilitation of this area will be developed in partnership with Council and the community.

Our information includes more specific detail on the buffer areas that will be rehabilitated as part of our proposal which will include enhancing local flora and fauna.

Q. Will the height of the expanded facility result in increased shadows over local residential areas?

No. We have no data to suggest there will be increased shadowing as the area already has higher points.

The Claypave Hill site, west of the proposed development, is above 100 metres above sea level and already impacts east to west and west to east sun at the lowest points of the day.

Q. Is the facility impacting wildlife and plant life?

The proposed rehabilitation strategy in the Development Application allows for the rehabilitation of a large section of the buffer area - the side closer to Collingwood Park. This rehabilitation will remove weedy plants to attract native fauna including koalas. Once the landfill is closed, the rehabilitation of the waste landform will also include endemic plants.

Q. Are endangered olive plants at risk from the facility?

The endangered olive plants are well outside the Cleanaway property and will be unaffected by the business. A detailed search by experts found no olive plants on the Cleanaway New Chum property.

They do however have the potential to grow on the Cleanaway site which Cleanaway has identified. The facility's overall development plan includes rehabilitation of the buffer area which will entail weed eradication and replanting of native endemic species.