

*Southern Waste Solutions*

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To the Editor  
The Mercury Newspaper  
By email: [mercuryedletter@dbl.newsltd.com.au](mailto:mercuryedletter@dbl.newsltd.com.au)

Dear Sir,

It is reasonable that the local community wants more information about the proposed creation of a Category C waste disposal cell at the Copping landfill site.

While Southern Waste Solutions undertook all the appropriate steps to gain approval for the facility, including writing to adjoining landowners and statutory consultation, it is clear that many in the local community feel they were not adequately informed.

Southern Waste Solutions has been operating the Copping site for over a decade, during which time it has been subject to regular independent environmental testing and has always met or exceeded the required standards.

The Copping site will not process any liquids such as alkalis, paints, solvents, pesticides or oil. Industrial sludges are already accepted at the landfill subject to stringent Department of Environmental Protection approvals and clinical waste has been disposed at the site for several years, but only after it has been treated to a level of general waste.

I would like to take this opportunity to assure the community that we will continue to keep them fully informed of developments as this project proceeds and should they wish to find out more, information is available on our website at: <http://epa.tas.gov.au/regulation/southern-waste-solutions-category-c-cell-copping-landfill>.

Yours sincerely,

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