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To the Editor
The Mercury Newspaper
By email: mercuryledletter@dbl.newsltd.com.au

Dear Editor,

Southern Waste Solutions (SWS) will continue to listen to community feedback and take the time to explain the C-cell proposed for the Copping landfill site to anyone seeking further information on the development.

We received just under 50 submissions during our extended community engagement period last month and are now in the process of reviewing these before preparing our own submission to the Environment Protection Authority (EPA).

In addition, we will also forward the EPA a database of all the questions we received from the community as well as our responses for their records.

It has been a valuable process to listen to the community's concerns about the proposal and we feel that many initial fears have been allayed through the extended communication period.

During September we held a public meeting, set up a website with background documentation, issued regular *Community Query* updates to local community representatives and responded directly to queries as we received them.

One issue raised by a number of people was air quality monitoring and as a result we are now examining the possibility of altering our monitoring program to include air emissions.

We are also looking at establishing a Community Reference Group to keep the community informed on the status and progress of the project and to take input on the day-to-day operations of the C-cell.

We thank the community for their feedback and we will continue to provide regular updates throughout the review process on our website at <http://swstas.com.au>.

Yours sincerely,

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