



Media Statement
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Review of community feedback on the C-cell continues

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.

Just under 50 submissions were received by SWS during an extended community engagement period initiated by the company last month to address community queries about the C-cell.

SWS Chief Executive Officer Christine Bell said the company was now in the process of reviewing the submissions received before preparing its own submission to the EPA.

"Once we've completed our review process, we will send our submission to the EPA along with a database of all the questions we received from the community as well as our responses for their records," Ms Bell said.

"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 this 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 its feedback and we will continue to provide regular updates throughout the review process on our website at <http://swstas.com.au>."

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