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Southern Waste Solutions invites community to information session

Tasmanian waste management authority, Southern Waste Solutions, has invited the community to an information session to discuss the Copping Landfill, showcase drone footage of its new pilot wetlands treatment system and brief the community on upcoming projects.

The highly anticipated pilot wetlands system at is now running in test mode, demonstrating SWS' commitment to treat leachate for safe reuse rather than disposal, in line with world's best-practice environmental standards and resource recovery principles.

Southern Waste Solution Chief Executive, Christine Bell, said the information session would also give the community an opportunity to ask questions about the company's proposed new composting facility and landfill extension.

"Our landfill facility has come a long way since its inception, with two more exciting projects getting underway in the coming months," Ms Bell said.

"We will soon be undertaking a public consultation and approvals process for a new state-of-the-art in-vessel composting facility, to enable municipal and commercial organic waste to be recycled into a high-quality compost product, which can be used to enrich soil in farm fields and gardens.

"We will also be seeking approval for the extension of our landfill.

"Increased education around recycling and composting has resulted in many of us reducing our impact on the environment, feeding less and less rubbish into landfill. Despite this, there will always be certain materials that can't be reused, recycled or composted, meaning they must go to landfill."

As a result, Southern Waste Solutions must now expand its Copping Landfill to accommodate the next generation of waste.

"Our original application applied for landfilling on an area defined as Stage 1. The EPA decided to permit development of approximately half of the area applied for, which is now reaching capacity," Ms Bell said.

Southern Waste Solutions has recently submitted a new application to the Sorell Council and the Environment Protection Authority (EPA) to extend the landfill to Stage 1B, which does not increase the overall site footprint included in the original consultation process.

"Increasing our landfill capacity will see use of the facility optimised and allow local government authorities to better meet the needs of their communities through cost-effective delivery of waste management services," Ms Bell said.

"With all this exciting development soon to get underway, we would like to invite the community to attend an information session, offering an opportunity to ask any questions about the extension of the B-cell or construction of our state-of-the-art in-vessel composting facility.

"The design engineers behind the composting facility will be in attendance to present their vision for the site and answer any questions about this exciting new project."

Interested parties can secure a spot by calling Georgia Doering on 0400 957 383 or emailing georgia@timminsray.com.au.

More information can be found at <http://www.swstas.com.au/community-information-session>.

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