

Monday, 6 August 2012

### **Have your say on proposed landfill expansion in the Illawarra**

The public is being invited to comment on a proposed expansion of the Whytes Gully landfill, south of Wollongong, which is being exhibited by the NSW Department of Planning and Infrastructure.

Wollongong City Council is proposing to expand its operations at the existing Whytes Gully Resource Recovery Park at Kembla Grange by constructing a new landfill cell adjacent to the existing landfill area and then filling over the existing landfill cells. The proposal would include:

- Creation of around 6 million cubic metres of additional landfill capacity;
- Accepting up to 180,000 tonnes of waste per year; and
- Progressive landfill rehabilitation and revegetation of the finished landform.

The environmental assessment is being publicly exhibited for one month from **Monday 6 August to Friday 7 September 2012**.

Submissions received during the public exhibition period, along with the proponent's response to submissions, will be made available on the department's website and will be carefully considered as part of the department's assessment of the project.

The proponent was required to address a number of issues in the environmental assessment including waste management, potential impacts on soil and water, air quality and odour, greenhouse gas emissions, biodiversity, traffic and noise.

To comment on the proposal, members of the public are invited to inspect the project's environmental assessment online at <http://majorprojects.planning.nsw.gov.au> or during regular business hours at:

- **Department of Planning and Infrastructure** - Information Centre, 23-33 Bridge Street, Sydney;
- **Department of Planning and Infrastructure** – Southern region office, Level 2, 84 Crown Street, Wollongong;
- **Wollongong City Council** – 41 Burelli Street, Wollongong; and
- **Nature Conservation Council** – Level 2, 5 Wilson Street, Newtown.

Submissions will be made publicly available. Those who do not want their name or other personal details to be made available should clearly state this in their submission.

Submissions can be:

- Faxed to (02) 9228 6455;
- Posted to Major Projects Assessment, Department of Planning and Infrastructure, GPO Box 39, SYDNEY NSW 2001; or

- Emailed to [plan\\_comment@planning.nsw.gov.au](mailto:plan_comment@planning.nsw.gov.au) or via the entry for the project on the department's website <http://majorprojects.planning.nsw.gov.au>

**Media contact:** Laurel-Lee Roderick, (02) 9228 6128 or 0429 153 139

Note: The Department of Planning and Infrastructure is issuing this media release to encourage the community to take part in the planning process. However, it is the role of the proponent (either through its documents published on our website or otherwise) to provide further specific details about the proposal.