Media release

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Have your say on the expansion of a waste and recycling facility at Lucas Heights

A proposal to expand the existing waste and recycling facility at Lucas Heights is on exhibition for community feedback.

The Department of Planning and Environment is keen to hear the community’s views on the application which seeks to increase the quantity of waste processed at the Lucas Heights Resource Recovery Park by 410,000 tonnes to 1,140,000 tonnes per year by:

- increasing the capacity of the existing landfill by 8.3 million cubic metres and extending the life of the landfill from 2025 to 2037
- increasing the approved quantity of waste landfilled by 275,000 tonnes to 850,000 tonnes per year
- relocating the existing garden organics facility and increasing the capacity of green waste by 25,000 tonnes to 80,000 tonnes per year
- constructing an advanced resource recovery technology facility to recover resources (such as steel and organics) from up to 200,000 tonnes of general solid waste per year
- rehabilitating the site after closure in 2037 to create 124 hectares of parkland for future community use.

A spokesperson for the Department of Planning and Environment said the local community always has an opportunity to share their views.

“Community consultation is an integral part of the planning process and the applicant will have to respond to the feedback we receive and this is taken into consideration when we develop our recommendations,” the spokesperson said.

“It’s easy to participate by going online and we encourage everyone to take a look and have their say.”

To make a submission or view the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS), visit www.majorprojects.planning.nsw.gov.au.

Submissions can be made from Friday 6 November until Friday 18 December 2015.

Written submissions can also be made to:

Department of Planning and Environment
Attn: Director –Industry Assessments
GPO Box 39
Sydney NSW 2001

The application and EIS is also available to view in person at:

- Department of Planning and Environment, 23-33 Bridge Street, Sydney
- Sutherland Shire Council, 4-20 Eton Street, Sutherland
- Nature Conservation Council, Level 2, 5 Wilson Street, Newtown

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