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Dear Mr Foster

Thank you for your correspondence dated 5 August 2021 regarding Petition No. 002 relating to the Dardanup Waste Precinct and Landfill. Responses to the information requested are detailed below.

*Landfill Planning*

I have been advised by the Department of Water and Environmental Regulation (the Department) that the infrastructure audit and needs analysis associated with the State Waste Infrastructure Plan (now referred to as Action 6.1 under the *Waste Avoidance and Resource Recovery Strategy Action Plan 2021-22*) is expected to be completed in September 2021. Development of the plan is now underway and I understand that public consultation is anticipated to begin in early 2022.

The development of guidance for waste infrastructure planning (now referred to as Action 6.2 under the *Waste Avoidance and Resource Recovery Strategy 2030 Action Plan 2021-22*) will be structured to complement the development of the State Waste Infrastructure Plan in 2022. As this will ultimately be Western Australian Planning Commission (WAPC) policy, the development of a final draft, release of documents and public consultation processes will be undertaken by the Department of Planning, Lands and Heritage and WAPC.

Development of the Better Practice Landfill Guidelines has been deferred while the amendments to the *Environmental Protection Act 1986* (EP Act) are implemented and Environment Online delivered. The Department is working towards development of the Guidelines in 2022.

## *Cleanaway Facility*

The Department is currently finalising the licence review for the Banksia Road Waste Management Facility (BRWMF). The Department has engaged and sought advice from a large number of stakeholders as part of the review of the BRWMF licence, including a public session in Dardanup in January 2021.

It is anticipated that the review will be finalised and published in the next two months. To date, the review has not identified any emissions associated with the landfill that cannot be controlled through licence conditions to effectively mitigate risks to the environment and public health.

Once the licence review is issued, the Department's decision will be advertised and community stakeholders will be notified of the outcome. Any amendments to the licence made by the Department as a result of the review will be publicly advertised and will be subject to the normal appeal provisions under the EP Act.

Inspections to assess compliance with the landfill levy were undertaken at the premises in May 2021 and August 2021. There were no levy issues identified during either of these inspections.

An inspection took place on 25 August 2021. The inspection identified improvements on waste acceptance criteria and improved stewardship at the site. One non-compliance was identified regarding the freeboard of the leachate ponds and a second potential non-compliance where further verification is required. A new fence was identified at this inspection to contain windblown waste.

The Department continues to receive and investigate complaints relating to the BRWMF. In 2021 to date, there have been 28 complaints made to the Department, 14 related to wind-blown waste, 11 to odour, two to dust and one to noise.

## *Additional information*

On 1 April 2021, Cleanaway referred the Banksia Road Landfill, Dardanup, construction and operation of landfill cells 9, 10 and 12A to the Environmental Protection Authority (EPA) under Part IV of the EP Act. The EPA determined to assess the proposal and set the level of assessment at Assess-Referral Information with additional information required. The EPA also set a four-week public review period for the referral and additional information. The proponent has not yet provided the additional information.

A works approval application for the construction of new landfill cells 9, 10 and 12A was also submitted to the Department on 7 April 2021 under Part V of the EP Act. The works approval application has been placed on hold pending the outcome of the EPA's assessment under Part IV of the EP Act.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide advice on this Petition.

Kind regards



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