

## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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### **NEW OWNERS ANNOUNCE IMPROVEMENT PLANS FOR BROOKLYN ORGANIC COMPOSTING FACILITY**

SITA Environmental Solutions, new owner of the Organic Resource Recovery Facility in Bunting Road, Brooklyn, has commenced a major clean-up of the site and instituted new management practices to reduce odour emissions.

SITA State General Manager, Daniel Fyfe, said SITA is aware that under its previous management the site had produced strong odours that disturbed local residents.

“Unlike SITA, the previous owner did not have immediate access to facilities to remove and store stock-piled compost material. As a result, they were forced to let the material build up at the site, which was a major contributor to the offensive odours,” Mr Fyfe said.

“SITA took over the facility in August and we plan to manage its operations efficiently and with minimum environmental impact.

“We have already removed more than 2,000 cubic metres of oversize material and 1,000 cubic metres of unscreened compost to clear the site in the lead-up to the busy spring period.

“In addition, we have purchased specialised equipment and screened 2,000 cubic metres of stockpiled unscreened compost to create final product for sale.”

As well as these immediate steps, SITA is also investigating longer term operational and environmental improvements to the site which will minimise its impact on local residents.

“SITA is committed to improving the operations of the site and communicating its plans with the local community,” said Mr Fyfe.

“We have already met with local community groups, EPA Victoria, and Maribyrnong, Brimbank and Hobsons Bay councils.

“We will continue this dialogue and keep the community informed of improvements to the site at each stage of the process.”

*SITA Environmental Solutions, a SUEZ Environment subsidiary, provides weekly services to over 43,000 commercial and industrial clients and more than 800,000 households across Australia*

*SITA's services include domestic, commercial & industrial waste collection; waste assessments; resource recovery and recycling options; processing of organic materials into compost; renewable energy facilities; hygiene services; waste treatment; and product destruction.*

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