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SITA LODGES EPA REFERRAL DOCUMENT FOR NEW LANDFILL FACILITY AT YORK

SITA Australia (SITA), Australia's leading specialist in waste management, recycling and resource recovery announced today that it has lodged a Referral Document with the Western Australia Environmental Protection Authority (EPA) for a proposed landfill facility at Allawuna Farm, St. Ronans, 18 km west of the York Township.

The proposed landfill is expected to accept between 150,000 and 250,000 tonnes of waste per annum once operational, and represents a significant capital investment in the local community. Initial development of the facility will be in the vicinity of \$7million, with a further \$10million per annum estimated for ongoing construction requirements and operating costs.

In addition to the wider economic benefits this investment will bring to the region, the facility will also provide direct employment for a number of locals whilst also utilising local suppliers for maintenance, equipment and supplies where possible. It would also provide residents of the Shire of York a best practice waste disposal facility within their area. As part of the proposal SITA will also be upgrading the turn off into Allawuna Farm from the Great Southern Highway.

The existing SITA landfill in South Cardup is nearing capacity and a new landfill is required to be operational by 2016 to replace it. Subject to obtaining the necessary approvals, it is anticipated that the proposed York landfill will commence operations in 2014 or 2015.

SITA's WA State General Manager, Nial Stock, stated;

"SITA is pleased to take the next step towards developing this essential infrastructure, which will contribute towards the overall sustainable waste management solution for Perth and surrounding regions. SITA recycled more than 150,000 tonnes of waste from its WA operations alone last year. However, landfills remain an essential part of the overall waste management solution since not all waste streams can be effectively or fully recycled."

The proposed site was chosen following a detailed investigation of nineteen potential landfill sites. The site at St. Ronans was considered the most appropriate as site characteristics included a large buffer distance between the landfill and the nearest residents, proximity to existing road infrastructure and the best possible protection for ground and surface water. Importantly, additional truck movements generated as a result of the proposal will represent less than 3% of existing traffic volumes on the Great Southern Highway.

Mr Stock further stated;

"Lodgement of the EPA Referral Document is an important first step in obtaining the appropriate approvals for this proposal. SITA landfills are highly engineered and this facility has been designed using the latest technology and in accordance with the current best practice standards to limit the impact on the environment. Where practicable we have also taken advantage of site specific benefits to surpass the requirements of the best practice guidelines."

Community and Stakeholder consultation has been an important component of this proposal with a comprehensive program of meetings, public presentations, mail outs, advertisements, public displays and site tours all having been undertaken in developing the EPA Referral Document. SITA has considered community feedback in its project design and will be continuing to actively engage with the community and key stakeholders as part of the approvals process.

The Referral Document will now be considered by the regulators who have 28 days to make their assessment.



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Further information

More information on the project, including the EPA Referral Document, is available on SITA's website at www.sita.com.au/community-education/community-news

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