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PROPOSED LANDFILL TO BOOST LOCAL YORK ECONOMY

SITA Australia (SITA), the developers of the proposed state-of-the-art Allawuna Farm landfill facility have announced that the proposal will provide work for up to 24 full time employees, together with a range of training opportunities. The proposal will also be a significant boost to the local economy with up to \$7million being spent upfront in development and up to \$8million each year in construction and operating costs.

This week SITA mailed out an information booklet to York residents detailing the key features of the proposal, including the economic benefits, environmental investigations and proposed traffic management measures. The booklet also outlines the planning process and opportunities for community members to have their say.

As Australia's leading waste, recycling and resource recovery provider, SITA are proposing to develop a highly engineered landfill facility on cleared cropland, located away from homes and other sensitive areas, subject to stringent environmental management. SITA lodged a referral document with the EPA earlier this year for the proposed landfill development and this has been on exhibition.

Community and stakeholder consultation has been an important part of the proposal to date, WA General Manager for SITA, Nial Stock said;

"Many community members have attended SITA's information sessions, subscribed to our mailing list and visited our sites. This proposal is subject to a detailed and rigorous approvals process. It is important that we continue to keep the community informed and provide opportunities to ensure the communities feedback is heard and considered".

SITA is committed to providing high quality, timely information about the proposal in a range of easily accessible ways, including the website, fact sheets, the information booklet, and a dedicated email address and phone line. SITA also intends investing in a range of social and environmental initiatives, Mr Stock said;

"This proposal will incorporate SITA's commitment to social and environmental outcomes by supporting a range of local initiatives. We are currently in discussions with a number of local organisations to identify appropriate opportunities. In addition, we will be forming a Community Reference Group to ensure strong community relationships with local residents".

Importantly, the proposal will also deliver a range of recycling initiatives, including the capture of landfill gas with the potential to power up to 3000 homes. Efforts will also be made to recycle wherever possible and divert material from landfill, including the potential for additional resource recovery measures on site.

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