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## MEDIA RELEASE

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### **SITA welcomes decision to dismiss appeals against Allawuna Farm project**

SITA Australia (SITA) welcomes the WA Environment Minister Albert Jacob's decision to dismiss the appeals lodged against the company's proposed Allawuna Farm project.

Mr Jacob today determined the proposal does not warrant assessment under Part IV of the Environmental Protection Act 1986 and the Minister dismissed the appeals accordingly.

In July 2013 the EPA determined "the potential environmental impacts are not so significant to warrant formal environmental impact assessment".

SITA's General Manager in Western Australia, Mr Nial Stock, said rigorous planning underpinned the Allawuna Farm Landfill project and comprehensive environmental assessments had been undertaken as part of the development process.

"SITA's first preference is always to recycle the waste we receive. In WA, we operate facilities which divert more than 100,000 tonnes of collected waste going from landfill each year," said Mr Stock.

Located at St Ronan's on the Great Southern Highway, the proposed state-of-the-art, engineered landfill will accept residual waste which cannot be recycled and is essential to meet the region's future waste needs.

The proposed project accounts for less than four per cent of the 1516 hectare Allawuna Farm, which will remain a working farm.

Independent economic modelling indicates the Allawuna Farm project will deliver significant positive benefits for the local economy and the broader York region.

The estimated total construction cost of the facility is around \$8 million, of which it is estimated that \$4.2 million in labour, plant and materials could be sourced within the York region.

The development will also boost local employment by creating at least 24 new full time positions at the facility and within the waste haulage operation.

Local businesses will also benefit from direct and in-direct expenditure of \$9 million annually, which will provide a boost to the local economy.

SITA is committed to ongoing engagement with the community throughout the planning process and information about the proposal can be found at [www.sita.com.au](http://www.sita.com.au).

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