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SITA Australia considers next step on Allawuna Farm Project

SITA Australia will consider lodging an appeal against the decision by the Wheatbelt Joint Development Assessment Panel (JDAP) not to grant development approval for the Allawuna Farm Project.

“The JDAP decision is disappointing as SITA remains confident the landfill is a safe, suitable and appropriate development for the proposed site,” SITA WA State General Manager Nial Stock said.

“We will now pause to review the detail of the decision and in doing so determine whether to exercise our right to call for a review by the State Administrative Tribunal.”

Mr Stock said rigorous planning had gone into the \$8 million project including comprehensive environmental assessments.

“Allawuna Farm was selected as the best option following an extensive review of close to 20 potential sites. It is the most suitable location for the facility with the location off the Swan Coastal Plain, separation from ground and surface water, large buffer zones between the nearest houses and its distance from the York township,” Mr Stock said.

Located almost 20 kilometres from York at St Ronan’s on the Great Southern Highway, the proposed project accounts for less than four per cent of the 1516 hectare Allawuna Farm, which will remain a working farm.

SITA is committed to ensuring that the facility does not detract from the heritage and appeal of the Shire of York. It won’t be visible from key local areas due to it sitting behind two ridgelines and being screened by vegetation.

In addition, about 350 hectares of remnant bushland would be maintained by SITA indefinitely on the site.

Independent modelling concludes that local businesses will also benefit from direct and in-direct expenditure related to the project of \$9 million annually.



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