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### **SITA Australia to continue State Administrative Tribunal action on Allawuna**

SITA Australia will resume proceedings before the State Administrative Tribunal following the latest 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 Stock said.

The JDAP had first considered the project in April last year but requested another review of the proposal following discussions before the State Administrative Tribunal.

Mr Stock said rigorous planning had gone into the \$8 million project including comprehensive environmental assessments and a new works application to the Department of Environment Regulation, which included design and operational updates.

“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 site 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,” he said.

“We have undertaken vigorous environmental assessments of the area including the new works approval application to DER which reduces the landfill footprint by approximately 31 per cent, and the total volume of waste the facility receives by approximately 46 per cent.”

“We also reforecast the ‘life’ of the facility from approximately 37 to about 20 years.”

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

“We will now continue to outline to SAT the environmental robustness and sound planning which underpins the project,” Mr Stock said.

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