

Attachment B





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I am writing to provide you with a copy of our October 2009 Project update. Since our last contact, we have been working closely with our team of consultants preparing designs and identifying the range of safeguards our project will need to achieve a satisfactory level of environmental impact upon the surrounding Orchard Hills Community.

The preparation of our *Environmental Assessment* and the supporting specialist studies is nearing completion and we thought it appropriate now that we have a better understanding of the Project design to update our neighbours prior to the forthcoming exhibition. I trust the overview of the Project and summary of the specialist consultant study outcomes are informative.

You will note that we have also included a feedback form for your completion and return. We welcome feedback on the content of the newsletter and offer to provide a CD of all project documentation for your review during the forthcoming exhibition.

Should you wish to discuss any component of the Project with me, please do not hesitate to contact me directly.

Yours sincerely,

RICK MILLER
Director



ORCHARD HILLS WASTE AND RESOURCE MANAGEMENT FACILITY

FEEDBACK FORM – OCTOBER 2009

Do you have any Comments or Questions on the October 2009 Newsletter?

Would you like to receive a CD of all Project- Related Documentation at the start of the exhibition period?

YES

NO

Name: _____

Address: _____

Please return this form by pre-paid post to:

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This newsletter is intended to provide an update for the Orchard Hills and district community on the progress of the proposed Orchard Hills Waste and Resource Management Facility.

Project Update

Orchard Hills Waste and Resource Management Facility

The *Environmental Assessment* for the proposed Project and the associated Specialist Consultant reports are approaching completion and will be placed on public exhibition in the near future.

Details of the exhibition will be provided to neighbours and other stakeholders to ensure everyone has an opportunity to comment on the information contained in the *Environmental Assessment*.

Prior to placing the various documents on public exhibition, Dellara is taking the opportunity through this update to provide an overview of the Project and the status of the various environmental studies.

Project Overview

The Orchard Hills Waste and Resource Management Facility would operate on the site of the former Erskine Park Quarry, a 60ha lot adjacent to Patons Lane approximately 1.1km off off Luddenham Road (see Figure 1).

The primary objective of the Project is to provide a facility to assist in the recovery of materials from waste that would otherwise be land-filled and also provide a repository for residual construction and demolition waste. The facility would assist to maximise the recovery of resources for future generations and to extend the operational life of landfills off site and the on-site waste emplacement.

The Project has also been designed with the following objectives.

- To progressively rehabilitate to provide a final landform suited for grazing, the planned long term land use for the area.
- To provide high quality raw materials (light-firing clay/shale) for the brick industry.
- Provision of local employment and economic benefits to the community throughout the life of the Project.

Project Need

The need for this Project is derived from environmental, social and economic benefits which include:

- rehabilitation of a commercially unviable clay/shale quarry that would provide a final landform consistent with the surrounding rural landscape;
- provision of a Waste Recycling Facility to support Penrith's growth as a Regional City to service the northwest sub-region;
- provision of a source of reusable building, construction and landscaping materials (in accordance with resource recovery exemptions, where applicable); and
- assistance in addressing the scarce commodity of landfill space currently approved and available in Sydney.

Dellara also wants to inform surrounding residents about the forthcoming exhibition and the opportunities to obtain a CD of all documentation.

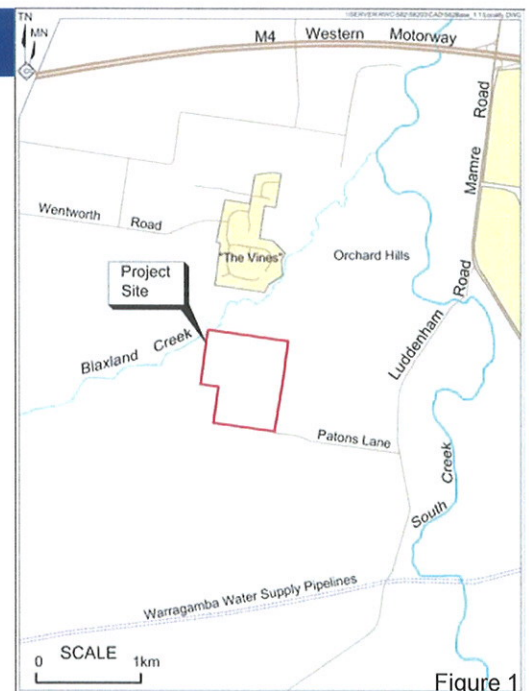


Figure 1

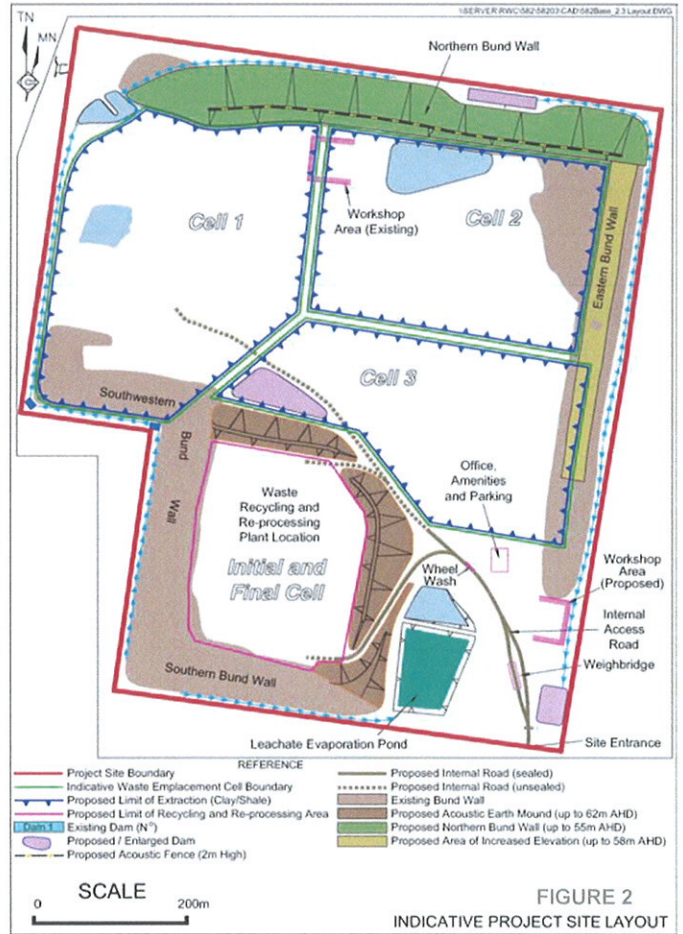
Site Layout

Figure 2 displays the following principal project components.

- A waste recycling and re-processing facility (approx. 5.6ha).
- An ancillary waste emplacement area divided into three cells
- An optimum clay/shale extraction area (within Cell 3).
- A network of site access roads providing access to the waste recycling and re-processing plant and active waste emplacement cell.
- Site offices, amenities, workshop, weighbridges and wheel wash.
- Amenity bunding, audio-visual mounding (around the waste recycling and re-processing area) and safety barriers. The principal bund wall would be the Northern Bund Wall created along the entire northern side of the Project Site.
- Various water management structures.

Employment

- Direct full-time employment opportunities for approximately 20 people.
- Direct part-time employment for approximately 10 contractors on site.
- Employment for estimated 10 to 15 truck drivers.
- Indirect employment through flow-on benefits including purchase of consumables and spending of employee wages.



Hours of Operation

Activity	Monday to Friday	Saturday
Waste Receipts and Recycled Products Despatch	6am to 5pm	8am to 4pm
Clay/shale Extraction Activities	7am to 6pm	8am to 5pm
Clay/shale Transportation	7am to 6pm	8am to 5pm
Waste Re-processing	7am to 6pm	8am to 5pm
Waste Emplacement Management	7am to 6pm	8am to 5pm

What studies have been carried out to guide the design of the Project?

A team of specialist consultants have prepared 12 detailed reports to guide the design of the Project. Existing conditions, proposed safeguards and controls and potential impacts have been assessed for those issues identified as being of greatest significance. The findings of each of these reports are summarised below.

NOISE

The proposed on-site activities would be audible under a range of meteorological and operational circumstances. Considerable care would be required by the Proponent and its contractor(s) / operators to ensure the range of proposed safeguards are fully implemented. The impacts upon the surrounding residents, particularly within "The Vines" estate would be acceptable with the adoption of these safeguards.

SURFACE WATER

The surface water assessment has established that the internal and external sediment dams, sumps and other controls would be sufficient to manage the surface water runoff under a range of rainfall events. It would be important, particularly when undertaking earthworks outside the perimeter bund walls to ensure all controls are fully functional at all times. Sufficient water would also be available on site to meet dust suppression requirements.

AIR QUALITY

The air quality assessment has established that dust generated by on-site activities and dust lift off from exposed areas would be elevated for a few days each year, particularly 24hr average PM₁₀ levels when background levels from other sources are high. Notwithstanding this, it is concluded that the proposed facility could be operated without causing adverse dust or odour impacts at the surrounding residences.

TRAFFIC ASSESSMENT

The traffic assessment has established that the increased heavy vehicle movements on Luddenham Road would not adversely impact upon the mid block roadway capacity or the performance of either Mamre Road or Patons Lane intersections. In addition, Patons Lane is proposed to be reconstructed in accordance with a previous development consent and construction certificate. The approved road design plans for Patons Lane would provide a sealed roadway to minimise dust generation, with a single lane in each direction.

VISUAL AMENITY

Both the existing and proposed elevated sections of the Project Site are, and would continue to be, visible from various locations, principally to the north and east of the Project Site. The Project has been designed with a range of visual controls, a number of which are indirectly related to proposed noise controls. These controls and the fact that most on-site activities would be well shielded behind the perimeter bund walls would ensure the visual impacts are acceptable.

Importantly, the long term rehabilitated landform suited to grazing purposes would be visually appealing (see Figure 3).

FLORA AND FAUNA

The flora and fauna assessments recognised the bulk of the Project Site has low ecological values although the riparian zone adjacent to Blaxland Creek requires protection. No adverse impacts are predicted on any threatened flora or fauna species or endangered ecological communities. Weed management on site would be an important component as the final landform is progressively revegetated.

GROUNDWATER

The groundwater investigations for the Project have established that with the adoption of well recognised procedures for leachate collection and management and the natural attributes of the clay/shale on site, the limited groundwater present (of poor quality) in the clay/shale would not be adversely impacted. Similarly, the comparatively low level of groundwater pumping from the on-site abstraction bore would have negligible impacts on other groundwater users.

ABORIGINAL AND EUROPEAN HERITAGE

The Aboriginal Heritage assessment identified two isolated Aboriginal artefacts near the eastern and northern boundaries of the Project Site. The Proponent will invite the interested Aboriginal stakeholders to salvage both artefacts in the event the Project is approved. No ongoing Aboriginal heritage issues are expected. No items of European Heritage are relevant to the Project Site.

SOILS AND LAND CAPABILITY

The soils on the Project Site are moderately dispersive which is recognised in the high turbidity levels in the water on site. Limited quantities of soil remain, however, the remaining soil is suitable for rehabilitation activities but would need to be supplemented by soil materials manufactured on site in the recycling and re-processing plant.

SOCIO-ECONOMIC SETTING

The Proponent recognises that whilst the Project Site is well removed from many land uses, it is fundamental that the facility is operated in an environmentally responsible manner to ensure the amenity of the surrounding neighbourhood is not adversely affected. The Proponent's commitment to consult with the community and support local community activities would be an important feature of the Proponent's approach to operating the facility.

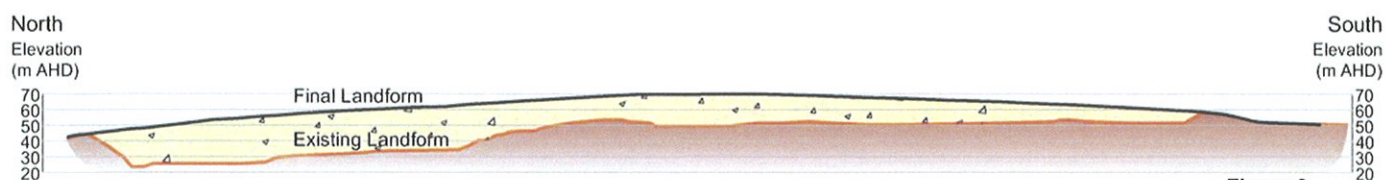


Figure 3



Dellara is a community minded company.
We invite you to provide feedback on the
proposed project.

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Orchard Hills Waste and Resource Management Facility has been designed to comply with state government requirements and would operate with environmental and social integrity.

After a full evaluation of the potential environmental impacts of the proposed Project, there are no activities or features for which there is a level of uncertainty in achieving an acceptable level of environmental performance.

The project is consistent with the continued efforts of the NSW Government to encourage community waste reduction, recycling and greater recognition of wastes as resources. Additionally, the inclusion of the recycling and re-processing facility on the Project Site is intended to ensure that where possible, resources are reprocessed into useful products, thereby increasing the sustainable life span of those resources and limiting the amount of waste destined for emplacement.

Commonly Asked Questions

Would the Project accept putrescible wastes (household food waste, etc)?

No putrescible, liquid, hazardous or restricted wastes would be received on site. Accepted wastes would consist predominantly of Construction and Demolition waste and Commercial and Industrial waste.

Would the Project Site accept Asbestos?

No.

Would the Project Site be open to the general public?

The site would not be open to the general public, thereby providing considerable control over wastes received and minimising light vehicle traffic.

Would there be any noise from the Project Site?

The proposed on-site activities would be audible under a range of meteorological and operational circumstances. Considerable care would be required by the Proponent and their contractor(s) / operators to ensure the range of proposed safeguards and fully implemented to ensure that whilst audible from time to time, the actual noise would not be offensive.

What is the Project Life?

30 years.

Would dust or odour be generated by on-site activities?

The proposed Project could be operated without causing adverse dust impacts at the surrounding residences. However, dust would be elevated for a few days each year, particularly when background levels from other sources are high.

Odour levels at the nearest sensitive receptors were predicted to be below the most stringent assessment criterion noted by the DECCW.

Would heavy vehicle traffic increase?

The existing heavy vehicle volumes represent 2.9% and 6.9% in the morning and evening peak hours respectively. The post development heavy vehicle volumes would represent 9% and 12% in the morning and evening peak hours respectively.

What are the expected levels of waste receipt, recycling/re-processing and emplacement levels?

- Average annual waste received to site = 300 000t
- Average annual emplacement of waste = 200 000t

- Do you have any questions or comments about the information presented in this update?
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