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# Appendix D

Stakeholder engagement records

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## **Community Open Day - Saturday, 7 December**

**Kurri Kurri Integrated Resource Recovery Centre.**

**Central Waste will be hosting a community open day at the existing facility at:**

**8 Styles Street Kurri Kurri**

**on 7 December from 9 am to 1 pm.**

**This will give the community an opportunity to tour the existing facility, meet the team, and learn more about the proposed expansion.**

**If you would like to attend, please RSVP to the development@rcg.com.au by 5 December.**

**Advertisement for Community Open Day in the Cessnock Advertiser**

# Community Open Day

## Kurri Kurri Integrated Resource Recovery Centre



Proposed facility expansion render - Mitchell Ave view

## Introduction

Central Waste Plant Pty Ltd (Central Waste) is applying to expand operations at the existing resource recovery facility on 8 Styles Street in Kurri Kurri. Resource recovery is the activity of separating materials from waste that can be recycled into new products, with the goal of diverting as much waste from landfill as possible. Resource recovery also reduces the need for natural resources and the creation of more waste.

The demand for resource recovery is expanding and landfills are becoming increasingly full. The existing Central Waste facility has the capacity and capability to process a much higher quantity of waste than is allowed under the current development approval. As such, a new development application is being sought to allow a higher quantity of waste to be processed per year.

The existing resource recovery facility receives and recovers/recycles general solid waste such as builder's waste, residential/domestic waste, commercial & industrial waste, recovering:

- paper, glass, metals
- wood and timber
- plastics
- cardboard and consumer packaging
- construction and demolition wastes.

No asbestos, hazardous or putrescible waste (waste that can quickly decompose and cause odours, such as food) is, or will be, accepted at the site.

You are receiving this letter because you are part of the community in the local area of the facility. This notification provides an overview of the proposal and invites you to have your say on the proposed development.

## The Proposed Expansion

Central Waste owns four of the adjoining lots to the existing facility on 8 Styles Street (1 and 10 Styles Street, 145 and 147 Mitchell Avenue). These lots are currently used for parking, storage, a workshop and temporary offices. Central Waste are seeking to revise the site layout to include the four neighbouring lots and develop the Integrated Resource Recovery Centre. While operational processes will remain generally the same, the application would seek to:

- increase the maximum amount of material that can be processed at the facility from 90,000 tonnes per year to 450,000 tonnes per year
- increase operations from 6 days a week to 7 days a week, with Sundays primarily being used for maintenance activities
- add a new entry from Mitchell Avenue, new weighbridges, offices and a new shed for waste processing
- add awnings, a perimeter fence, a pathway and landscaping.



## Community Benefits

Central Waste has a focus on employing local people, benefiting employees, their families, and the local economy. Central Waste is honoured to be part of the local community and support a range of sporting, health, educational and community causes, including:

- sponsorship of local sports clubs (Kurri Kurri Rugby League, Cricket and Golf clubs and Lake Macquarie City Football Club)
- donations to the Jack Murphy and Mark Hughes Foundations, Vinnies, Shake it up Australia and the Newcastle Regional Show
- provision of educational scholarship to Cessnock City Council
- provision of free waste services to Ronald McDonald House and Little Athletics, Cardiff.

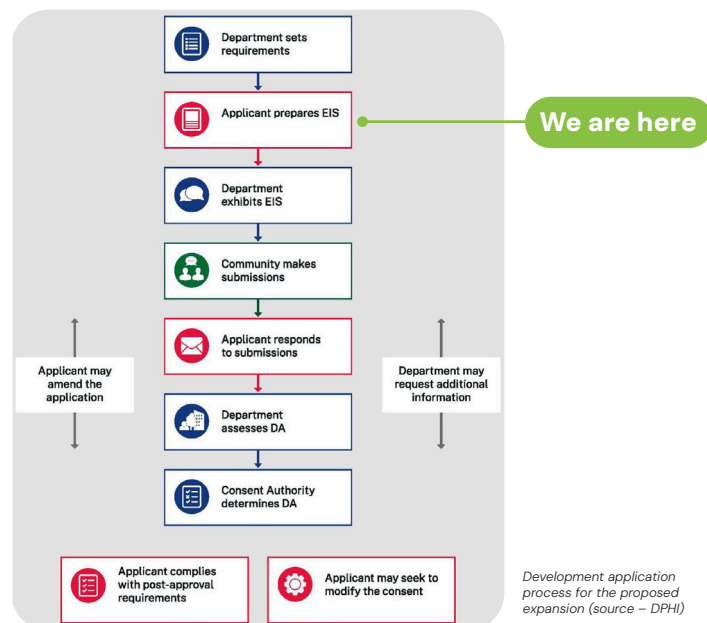
Most of the 70 staff members currently working at the facility are local to the area. If approved, the development would create many additional local jobs, increasing the total positions significantly. Central Waste strives to look for capabilities in all potential candidates and are very proud to have helped many employees significantly improve their vocational and financial circumstances over the years.

Central Waste also buy locally and regionally, and only go outside the region if they can't find what is required locally. The development would increase the goods and services required and boost the local economy.

## Development Application Process

As the project would process more than 100,000 tonnes of waste per year, it is considered State significant development under the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979. The project application will be approved or refused by the NSW Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure or the Independent Planning Commission.

A development application and an accompanying environmental impact statement (EIS) is currently being prepared for the project by EMM Consulting Pty Limited and is expected to be lodged with the Department in early-2025. More information can be found here: [planningportal.nsw.gov.au/major-projects/projects/kurri-kurri-integrated-resource-recovery-centre](https://planningportal.nsw.gov.au/major-projects/projects/kurri-kurri-integrated-resource-recovery-centre).



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**on 7 December 2024**

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## Have Your Say

Central Waste are committed to maintaining a strong relationship with the local community throughout the proposed expansion and would welcome the opportunity to discuss the project with you to provide additional details, as far as they are known at this stage, and to understand any concerns that you may have.

For enquiries or to provide feedback about the project, please contact Central Waste using the following details:

- 1800 180 180
- [development@rcg.com.au](mailto:development@rcg.com.au)
- [www.recyclecentralgroup.com.au/development](http://www.recyclecentralgroup.com.au/development)



Thank you for attending the Central Waste Community Open Day. Your feedback is an important part of the planning and approvals process. To help inform our environmental impact statement, we would appreciate it if you could answer the following questions:

1. Please rate your awareness of the proposed Kurri Kurri Integrated Resource Recovery Centre prior to attending the community information session (please circle one):

Very Poor      Poor      Fair      Good      **Very Good**

2. Please rate your awareness of the proposed Kurri Kurri Integrated Resource Recovery Centre after attending the community information session (please circle one):

Very Poor      Poor      Fair      Good      **Very Good** +

3. Please rate your satisfaction of the information that has been provided to you to date:

Not at all Satisfied      Somewhat unsatisfied      Neutral      Somewhat satisfied      **Very satisfied**

4. How would you rate your attitude towards the proposed Kurri Kurri Integrated Resource Recovery Centre?

**Supportive**      Neutral      Opposed      Other: \_\_\_\_\_

5. What would you like to see us do to mitigate any impacts and/or enhance the opportunities that the project presents?

It would be great to see Recycling and Jobs to Progress the viability, and Long Term sustainability, of the Region and provide sustainable Recycling of Material previously, Destined for Landfill

## D.2 Site visit

Site visit photos –9 December 2024 during requested site visit.



Explaining use of bays for separated materials



Explaining plant, insulation, dust & noise management



Overview of site surveillance and key operations, workforce management and site and worker safety measures



Explanation of plant capacity and resource recovery



Site offices

Source: EMM 2024 – consent to use given by residents and workers depicted