



Strathfield South Material Recovery Facility Expansion

Community and Stakeholder Engagement Outcomes Report

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1 Introduction

1.1 Background

Re.Cycle Operations Pty Ltd (formerly Polytrade Operations Pty Ltd), is a legal entity of Re.Group and owns and operates a material recovery facility (MRF) at 40 Madeline Street, Strathfield South. The Strathfield South MRF is located at Lot 24, DP 1200563 within an industrial estate, with low-density residential areas and public recreation areas further to the north, south and east. The Strathfield South MRF is located within the Strathfield local government area (LGA), and zoned E4 General Industrial under the provisions of the Strathfield Local Environmental Plan 2012 (Strathfield LEP). The location of the Strathfield South MRF is shown on Figure 1-1.

The existing Strathfield South MRF has an approved throughput of 30,000 tonnes per annum of paper and cardboard and 69,900 tonnes per annum of mixed metals (steel, tin and aluminium), glass and mixed plastics. Re.Cycle is seeking a new development consent to increase the mixed waste stream capacity at the existing Strathfield South MRF by an additional 100,100 tonnes per annum, thereby increasing the total throughput of the MRF for all materials from 99,900 tonnes per annum to 200,000 tonnes per annum (the Project).

As the Project proposes to increase the waste processing capacity of the existing Strathfield South MRF to 200,000 tonnes per annum, the Project is classified as State significant development (SSD) under Division 4.7 of Part 4 of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979* (EP&A Act). Section 23(3) of Schedule 1 of the State Environmental Planning Policy (Planning Systems) 2021 (Planning Systems SEPP) identifies 'development for the purpose of resource recovery or recycling facilities that handle more than 100,000 tonnes per year of waste' as SSD.

1.2 Project description

Re.Cycle is seeking a new development consent to increase the mixed waste capacity at the existing Strathfield South MRF by an additional throughput of 100,100 tonnes per annum. The additional throughput would be processed through the existing approved facility. No additional buildings, plant or equipment, or changes to the site layout would be required. The Project would increase the total materials received and processed on the site from the currently approved 99,900 tonnes per annum to 200,000 tonnes per annum.

The Project represents an intensification of operations utilising existing buildings, infrastructure, and site layout arrangement. Other than the additional material throughput, the Project would not involve changes to the site layout or built form. Further details of the Project include:

- Construction works or additional buildings, plant, or equipment would not be required to accommodate the Project
- While there would be an increase in traffic generation (i.e. approximately 58 additional truck movements for deliveries per day, 13 additional truck movements for load outs per day and 12 employee light vehicle movements per day), there would not be any changes to the existing approved site access arrangements, on-site traffic circulation, or external transportation routes currently used by trucks/vehicles to and from the site
- There would be a minor change to the existing approved hours of operation to allow the additional material to be received at the Strathfield South MRF from 4.30am to 6pm, Monday to Saturday (receiving is currently limited to 4.30am to 3pm)
- There would not be any changes to existing off-street car parking requirements or arrangements. The existing approved car parking provision is sufficient to accommodate the proposed car parking needs
- There would not be any changes to existing customer/visitor access arrangements.

A summary of the Project is provided in the table below:

Table 1-1: Summary of Project

Project element	Description
Waste processing	The Project does not propose to alter the existing waste processes other than to increase the throughput of mixed waste by an additional 100,100 tonnes per annum.
Site infrastructure and layout	No changes to the existing approved site layout are proposed. No additional buildings, plant, or equipment are proposed.
Traffic, access and parking	58 additional truck movements for deliveries per day. 13 additional truck movements for load outs per day. 12 additional employee light vehicle movements per day. Total of 24 additional vehicles during the AM peak period (15 in, 9 out). The Project would not result in any change to existing on-site car parking requirements or arrangements. The current car parking provision is sufficient to accommodate the Project.
Hours of operation	The Project proposes a slight variation to the existing approved hours of operation to allow the additional material to be received at the MRF from 4.30am to 6pm, Monday to Saturday (receiving is currently limited to 4.30am to 3pm). All other activities associated with the additional material would be undertaken within the hours currently imposed by Development Consent DA 2015/177/2.
Employment	The Project would generate six additional full-time equivalent jobs (i.e. three additional personnel per shift).
Capital investment value (CIV)	Not applicable. No changes to the existing site layout or built form are proposed.

Figure 1-1: Location of the Project



1.3 Purpose of this report

This Community and Stakeholder Engagement Outcomes Report has been prepared to support the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Project. The Secretary's Environmental Assessment Requirements (SEARs) were initially provided for the Project on 29 March 2023. These SEARs have now lapsed, and new SEARs were issued 15 October 2025. SEARs relevant to community and stakeholder engagement are outlined in Table 1-2.

Table 1-2: Response to SEARs

SEARs item	Project response
Community and Stakeholder Engagement	
A community and stakeholder engagement strategy consistent with the Department's <i>Undertaking Engagement Guidelines for State Significant Projects</i> for all stages of the development, including (but not limited to): • Details of how issues raised, and feedback provided during engagement activities have been considered and responded to in the development. • Details of the proposed approach to future community and stakeholder engagement based on the results of consultation.	A strategy was developed to identify stakeholders, plan appropriate engagement activities and provide a structure for reporting.
Consultation	
During the preparation of the EIS, the applicant must consult with the relevant local, State or Commonwealth Government authorities, service providers, community groups and affected landowners, in particular: • Strathfield Council • Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water, specifically: – Conservation Programs, Heritage and regulation Group – Environment Protection Authority • Heritage NSW • Transport for NSW (TfNSW) • Fire & Rescue NSW • Sydney Water • Surrounding local landowners, businesses and stakeholders • Local and regional community and environmental groups • Traditional Owners and Metropolitan Local Aboriginal Land Council • Any other public transport, utilities or community service providers. The EIS must detail the engagement undertaken and demonstrate how it was consistent with the <i>Undertaking Engagement Guide: Guidance for State Significant Projects</i>. The EIS must detail how issues raised and feedback provided have been considered and responded to in the project. Where amendments have not been made to address an issue, a short explanation should be provided.	Re.Cycle delivered an engagement program consistent with NSW Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure (DPHI) expectations around early and effective engagement for State Significant Projects. Re.Cycle's approach addressed the core principles of <i>Undertaking Engagement Guidelines for State Significant Projects</i> (2021) and aimed to connect with the relevant local and state government authorities, relevant agencies and community stakeholders. Re.Cycle achieved this through a transparent approach, that: • Helped the local community understand the Project benefits, development approval process and how they could participate in the process. • Undertook responsive engagement, by collecting and presenting information and outlining an engagement approach that demonstrated appropriate effort under relevant guidelines. • Responded to community feedback by making relevant changes to the Project and including appropriate mitigation measures in the EIS. Refer to Chapter 2 of this report for a detailed overview of the approach.

2 Community and Stakeholder engagement strategy

2.1 Purpose of engagement

A 'Community and Stakeholder Engagement Strategy' (CSES) was prepared for the Project in September 2023. The overarching objective for our community engagement was to build relationships of trust that provided opportunities for the community to understand the Project and to provide feedback about impacts and benefits that could be fed into project development and assessment.

The engagement process for the Project aimed to:

1. **Provide an update and inform** community and stakeholder members about the Project, its impacts and benefits
2. **Use quality engagement** to develop relationships with the community and understand values relevant to the drafting of the EIS
3. **Help the local community** understand the Project benefits, development approval process and how they can participate in the process
4. **Demonstrate Re.Cycle's commitment to appropriate and responsive engagement**, by collecting and presenting information and outlining an engagement approach that demonstrates appropriate effort under relevant guidelines
5. **Respond to community feedback** by making relevant changes to the Project and including appropriate mitigation measures in the EIS
6. **Enable** authentic conversations through **all stages of the EIS** by using quality engagement and communications materials that enabled community members and stakeholders to provide informed feedback.

Engagement undertaken to date and the engagement principles that were followed during preparation of the EIS were undertaken in accordance with the following guidelines:

- *Undertaking Engagement Guidelines for State Significant Projects* (DPIE, 2021d)
- *Social Impact Assessment Guideline for State Significant Projects* (DPIE, 2021e) (SIA Guideline)
- *Best practice principles championed by the Engagement Institute (formerly the International Association of Public Participation (IAP2))*.

The engagement approach also addressed the core principles of *Undertaking Engagement Guidelines for State Significant Projects* (2021) (refer to Table 2-1).

Table 2-1: Engagement principles

				
Open and inclusive	Easy to access	Relevant	Timely	Meaningful
Our communications will be clear and concise, easy to understand and supported by engaging visual content.	Our approach allows for targeted one-on-one engagement and broader consultation via accessible online and in person tools and communications.	We will clearly identify elements of the project that can be influenced or shaped by stakeholders and the community and align our communications with their interests.	We will engage early in the SIA development allowing time for feedback to be considered in the assessment.	We will work with community members to close the loop on feedback, clearly articulating how feedback has been addressed and why.

2.2 Stakeholders

Stakeholder identification and outreach was undertaken to support the development of the EIS. Several considerations determined the identification of stakeholders, including the site's location within an industrial zone, that no construction would be undertaken and that traffic impacts would be limited to north Madeline Street and other roads within the industrial zone.

Through consideration of the local and wider community, a desktop analysis of land ownership information and inclusion of all stakeholders referenced in the SEARs, stakeholders were grouped into two broad categories – Community and Government authorities and agencies (refer to Table 2-2).

Table 2-2: Stakeholder categorisation

Stakeholder	Potential Concern
Community	
Local residents Nearby and adjacent residents within 500m of the Project site, specifically: • Madeline Street • Chisolm Street • Birriwa Avenue • Blanche Street Local businesses Nearby and adjacent along: • Madeline Street • Hope Street • Pilcher Street • Cleveland Street • Cosgrove Road Sporting groups Users of Cooke Park Sporting fields and Cooke Skate Park • Belmore Eagles F.C • Australian Academy of Football • St John's Eagles Junior Rugby Football Club • Super 6 Soccer	Concerns: • Noise and vibration impacts • Traffic and transport impacts • Air quality and odour impacts

Stakeholder	Potential Concern
Government authorities and agencies	
Local government Strathfield Council State government agencies and departments NSW Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water, specifically the • Conservation Programs, Heritage and Regulation Group Environment Protection Authority Sydney Water Fire and Rescue NSW Transport for NSW	Concern: • Noise and vibration impacts • Traffic and transport impacts • Air quality and odour impacts • Water quality impacts • Biodiversity impacts, regarding the Green and Golden Bell Frog (<i>Litoria aurea</i>) habitat. • Compliance with relevant legislative requirements • Engagement with impacted communities – Management of environmental, social, and economic impacts from the Project. – Impacts to utility infrastructure

2.2.1 Government Authorities and agencies

As identified in the SEARs (refer to Table 1-2), engagement was required to be carried out with Strathfield Council and relevant State or Commonwealth Government authorities, including:

- NSW Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water, specifically the:
 - Conservation Programs, Heritage and Regulation Group
- Environment Protection Authority
- Transport for NSW
- Fire and Rescue NSW
- Sydney Water

2.2.2 Community

As noted in DPE's *Undertaking Engagement Guidelines for State Significant Projects*, the community identified in Table 2-2, were identified due to their proximity to the site and the likely impact during operations.

For community stakeholders, potential impacts and concerns were identified as:

- Traffic and transport impacts
- Noise and vibration impacts
- Air quality and odour impacts

Surrounding landowners and occupiers

Considering the potential impacts, stakeholders were identified as those who rely on the surrounding streets and the industrial zone area for access to properties, businesses, and recreation facilities in the area. A 500-metre buffer from the Project was used to identify the affected community.

Community groups

A desktop analysis was carried out to identify community groups located near the Project. No community groups were identified within 500 metres of the Project. Five community sporting teams that use Cooke Park and Begnell Park were identified.

Table 2-3: Summary of engagement activities

Engagement activity	Target stakeholder	Activity and stakeholders reached
Newsletter Letterbox drop	Surrounding landowners and occupiers	A Newsletter was distributed to 456 properties on 17 October 2023 within the area marked on Error! Reference source not found. It provided information to local communities and residents, gave forward notice of upcoming consultation programs and included the community survey.
Online survey	All interested stakeholders	An online survey was used to identify social and economic impacts associated with the Project and understand community views and aspirations for the Project. It was open from 17 October 2023 until 5 November 2023. The survey was accessible through the newsletter, the website update, and the in-person drop-in session. One response was received to the survey.
Website update	All interested stakeholders	The webpage acted as a central repository of information relating to the Project, including publicly available documents and communications materials prepared by the proponent. The website update went live on 20 October 2023 on the Re.Group website.
Door-knocking was used to outline specific project impacts to stakeholders with the potential to be directly affected by the Project and have their feedback collected	Surrounding landowners and occupiers	• Door-knocking with representatives' from bd infrastructure and Re.Cycle occurred on 23 October 2023. • 25 properties were reached along Madeline Street and Excelsior Street. • Materials such as the newsletter fact sheet and survey forms were made available to door-knocked residents.
Stakeholder briefings provided targeted and tailored information to specific stakeholders and gathered feedback	• Surrounding business owners, occupiers, and sporting teams • Strathfield Council	• An online briefing with local business occurred on 18 October 2023. • An online briefing with Strathfield Council occurred on 9 November 2023.
Community drop-in session provided community members and stakeholder groups with an opportunity to meet the project team, provide informed feedback about the EIS and ask questions.	Surrounding landowners and occupiers, sporting groups of Cooke Park and local community groups	• An in-person information session was held on 24 October 2023 between 5:30pm and 6:30pm.

Engagement activity	Target stakeholder	Activity and stakeholders reached
Email notification	- Surrounding business owners and occupiers, sporting teams and local community groups - Strathfield Council - Jason Yat-sen Li (Member for Strathfield) - Department of Planning and Environment (Environment & Heritage Group, Water Group, Environment Protection Authority) - Sydney Water NSW - Fire and Rescue NSW - Transport for NSW	- Desktop analysis identified relevant and affected stakeholders within a 500m radius of the Project. - Email correspondence was sent to local businesses, sporting teams, education facilities and Strathfield Council between 10 and 12 October 2023, introducing the Project and offering an online briefing session for interested parties. - Email correspondence was sent on 16 November to the Member for Strathfield and relevant Government agencies providing details of the Project and offering an opportunity to raise any further issues and/or assessment requirements and attend an online meeting, if required.

3 Consultation summary

Table 3-1: Consultation summary

Stakeholder	How this group was consulted	Feedback themes	Project response
Community members			
Surrounding landowners, businesses, and occupiers within a 500m radius from the Project site marked in Figure 1-1. Surrounding landowners and occupiers on: - Madeline Street - Excelsior Street	A community newsletter was distributed to 456 properties on 17 October 2023. The community newsletter outlined the Project and invited feedback via a mobile number, enquiry email and a QR link to a survey. The newsletter provided information on how to RSVP to the in-person drop-in session. The community newsletter and survey distributed to surrounding landowners and occupiers is attached in Chapter 5 as Appendix B Door knocking to 25 impacted residents was conducted on 23 October 2023. Door knocking was attended by two bd infrastructure representatives and one Re.Cycle representative. An in-person drop-in session was held on 24 October 2023, at 40 Madeline Street (Re.Cycle's visitors office) and was attended by three community members.	Project information To date, one landowner or occupier has raised concerns, via the project survey, about a lack of available information regarding the Project. Operating hours During door knocking, one resident on Madeline Street raised concerns about the proposed extension of operating hours. The resident noted that Cooke Skate Park was popular with children late at night and is situated close to the industrial area. Another resident was ok with the operating hours, as it did not impact bedtime. During the community drop-in session, three residents raised concerns about the extended hours of operation. One resident was ok with extended operating hours Monday-Friday but was against extending operating hours on Saturdays. Two other residents agreed. Noise impacts During door knocking, four residents noted noise concerns. One resident noted they can hear some noise outside, but that they were ok with the general level of noise. Three other residents noted high levels of noise discomfort, especially from truck and forklift beeping noises early in the morning. They did not want the Project to increase noise levels.	Re.Cycle is committed to maintaining contact with the community throughout the approval process to keep them informed of any updates and/or changes to the Project. The Traffic Impact Assessment (Traffix, 2024) found that the proposed truck route, which avoids residential areas and directs trucks to arterial roads like Liverpool Road and Punchbowl Road, will minimise impacts on local traffic. The assessment estimates a net increase of 18 heavy vehicle trips during the morning peak hour, which is not expected to significantly affect the road network. Key intersections around the site are projected to continue operating at Level of Service (LoS) A, indicating no significant delays or capacity issues. The proposed traffic plan is designed to ensure minimal disruption to local traffic flow. The Noise and Vibration Impact Assessment (Waves, 2024) found that while operational noise could lead to disturbances, particularly for shift workers and those requiring quieter environments, these impacts can be managed. Noise from operational activities is expected to be within acceptable limits. The Air Quality and Greenhouse Gas Assessment (Northstar, 2024) found that the Project would not result in any exceedances

Stakeholder	How this group was consulted	Feedback themes	Project response
		During the community drop-in session, three residents noted noise discomfort, with one resident identifying forklift and truck beeping noises as their main concern. Air quality and dust impacts During door knocking, two residents communicated their air quality and dust concerns. They did not want the Project to further diminish air quality. During the community drop-in session, three residents noted issues with dust and air quality. Traffic impacts During door knocking, one resident noted the poor quality of road on Madeline Street, especially the northern section. Large potholes and ad-hoc repairs. The resident noted an increase in truck numbers could make the road quality worse. The resident wanted the quality of the road to be improved with the proposed increase in truck numbers. During the community drop-in session, two residents expressed their concerns about heavy traffic along Cosgrove Road. All residents did not want the Project to further diminish air quality, traffic and noise in the area. Pests Two residents noted concerns regarding insects and vermin. They did not want the Project to increase the prevalence of insects and vermin. Odour Three residents noted odour concerns. Three residents noted that foul odour has been increasing. Operational Residents also raised several existing operational issues not related to the project.	of air quality criteria. While the Project will result in increased vehicle emissions, including dust and exhaust, the expected increase in emissions is not considered significant and will not cause significant degradation of air quality. Additionally, greenhouse gas emissions from the site are expected to be low, with the Project adhering to best practices for energy efficiency. Re.Cycle is preparing an Environmental Management Plan which will include measurement and monitoring standards Re.Cycle is responding directly to concerns raised by the residents about current operational impacts.

Stakeholder	How this group was consulted	Feedback themes	Project response
Surrounding businesses and business owners.	An online briefing session with local businesses was held on 18 October 2023 and attended by representatives from EME Advisory and Re.Cycle, to provide an overview of the Project.	Vermin and Pests One adjacent business owner noted an increase in vermin and insects on their site and did not want the Project to further increase the prevalence of these issues. The business owner also noted an increased number of birds dropping rubbish on their site. Another business owner, who declined an offer of briefing noted dust concerns from the current operation of the facility.	Re.Cycle followed up with the business owner within a week and has been working with the business owner to implement appropriate mitigation measures.
Sporting groups	Email and offer of a briefing session.	Two sporting groups declined an offer of a briefing. Three sporting groups did not respond.	Re.Cycle is committed to maintaining contact with the community throughout the approval process to keep them informed of any updates and/or changes to the Project.
School	Email and offer of a briefing session.	No response.	
Member for Strathfield, Jason Yat-Sen Li	Email update.	No response.	
Government authorities			
Strathfield Council	An online briefing session was held on 9 November 2023 with Council staff, and attended by representatives from EME Advisory and, Re.Cycle. The aim of the briefing was to provide an overview on the Project, an update regarding the engagement undertaken to date and to confirm what specialist assessment reports would accompany the EIS.	Council raised concerns about potential noise and dust. The EIS should therefore consider cumulative noise and dust impacts in the overall context of the locality. Residents in Madeline and Excelsior Streets are particularly concerned about early morning noise levels. Council suggested Re.Cycle undertake noise surveys independent of the current EPL requirements (i.e. annual noise audit). Council also noted legacy issues that predate Re.Cycle' s acquisition of the site, specifically involving non-compliance with existing conditions of consent in relation to noise and dust. Council advised they were generally happy with the current approach to engagement and assessment.	The Noise and Vibration Impact Assessment (Waves, 2024) found that, with recommended mitigation, noise at nearby homes (including Madeline St and Excelsior St) will meet sleep disturbance targets. The assessment followed guidelines and included community input. Legacy noise and dust issues were acknowledged, and ongoing management (complaint handling & monitoring) will continue. Overall, impacts are expected to stay within limits, with ongoing engagement ensuring compliance and responsiveness. The air quality assessment for the Strathfield South MRF expansion (Northstar, 2024) found that dust and particulate emissions from the facility, including cumulative impacts with other nearby operations, are predicted to be minimal and well below regulatory criteria

Stakeholder	How this group was consulted	Feedback themes	Project response
			at all sensitive receptor locations, including residential areas on Madeline and Excelsior Streets. The report confirms that existing dust control measures (e.g. enclosed processing areas, high-efficiency baghouse filters, and strict site management practices) are effective in minimising off-site dust impacts. As a result, no additional air quality monitoring is recommended, and the facility's contribution to local dust levels is considered minor compared to existing background conditions. The approved DA modification (i.e. DA 2015/177/3 approved on 30 November 2023) includes a condition requiring a staged noise auditing program, with the first audit to be completed within 40 days of approval. Re.Cycle will be complying with this requirement. Re.Cycle is committed to maintaining contact with Strathfield Council throughout the approval process to keep them informed of any updates and/or changes to the Project. Re.Group have offered to hold another online briefing session with Council staff during the EIS exhibition period.
NSW Department of Planning and Environment, specifically the: • Environment and Heritage Group (now Conservation Programmes Heritage and Regulation, DCCEEW) • Water Group (now DCCEEW Water) • Environment Protection Authority	Email correspondence was sent to EHG, DPE Water and EPA on 16 November 2023, providing details of the Project and offering an opportunity to raise any further issues and/or assessment requirements and attend an online meeting, if required.	EHG responded via email on 17 November 2023, advising that they will review the EIS when it is on exhibition. DPE Water responded via email on 23 November 2023, advising that they have no further comments or assessment requirements for the EIS and are satisfied with the proposed approach. At the time of writing, no response had been received from the EPA.	Re.Cycle is committed to maintaining contact with the relevant Government authorities and agencies throughout the approval process to keep them informed of any updates and changes to the Project.
Sydney Water	Email correspondence was sent to Sydney Water on 16 November 2023, providing details of the Project and offering an	Sydney Water responded via email on 20 November 2023, advising that the concerns Sydney Water would like addressed in the	

Stakeholder	How this group was consulted	Feedback themes	Project response
	opportunity to raise any further issues and/or assessment requirements and attend an online meeting, if required.	EIS, namely service demands for drinking water and wastewater and that satisfactory arrangements for these have been made are already outlined in the SEARs.	
Fire and Rescue NSW	Email correspondence was sent to FRNSW on 16 November 2023, providing details of the Project and offering an opportunity to raise any further issues and/or assessment requirements and attend an online meeting, if required.	At the time of writing, no response had been received from FRNSW.	
Transport NSW	Email correspondence was sent to TfNSW on 16 November 2023, providing details of the Project and offering an opportunity to raise any further issues and/or assessment requirements and attend an online meeting, if required.	TfNSW responded via email on 8 December 2023, advising that they will provide further commentary when a detailed Traffic Impact Assessment is submitted for review.	

4 Future community engagement

Re.Cycle is committed to building ongoing relationships of trust with the local community and impacted neighbours. This commitment to appropriate and responsive engagement will continue through to the final stage of community engagement.

Re.Cycle will continue to provide opportunities for local residents, landowners, businesses, and key agencies to make enquiries and provide feedback as the development application progresses. Information about the Project will be available for continued future viewing on the Re.Group website. Contact details, including a telephone number and email address, will continue to be available on the website for anyone to contact at any time.

The next stage of community engagement will involve closing the loop with the community during public exhibition of the EIS. Re.Cycle, together with bd infrastructure, will host an online information session to outline how feedback and concerns from the community were used to inform the SIA and mitigation measures within the EIS. bd infrastructure will ensure that the community understands the outcomes of the EIS exhibition, the responses to submissions and the next steps for the Project.

By providing ongoing communication with stakeholders, we ensure the opportunity to eliminate, reduce or manage impacts identified and explored in the Project planning stage along with opportunities to enhance benefits of the Project.

Appendix A – Website update

Figure 4-1: Website Update





Re.Group is proposing to increase the amount of glass it processes at its Strathfield South Material Recovery Facility.

Additional glass processing will use existing infrastructure, with no additional buildings, plant or equipment proposed. If approved, the Project will increase the total materials received and processed on site from 99,900 to 200,000 tonnes per annum, keeping this material out of landfill to be positively reused as inputs in bottle-to-bottle manufacturing.

If approved, the increased processing capacity will make an important contribution to the local economy, providing an additional six permanent full-time jobs. It will also greatly contribute to local, state, and national sustainability and recycling goals by keeping the materials that community consumes and discards in circulation for as long as possible. The positive impacts to the community include reducing landfill and contributing to cleaner natural environments.

As the proposal is classified as a State Significant Development under New South Wales planning guidelines, Re.Group has engaged bd infrastructure to engage with the local community to inform their Social Impact Assessment. Community engagement will seek to understand local stakeholder views, ideas, and questions.

For more information, including how to have your say, follow this [link](#) to access the Community Newsletter.

If you would like to contact one of our project team members directly, please contact us by:

- Emailing engagement@bdinfrastructure.com
- Calling 0407 795 796

Appendix B – Newsletter



Figure 4-2 Newsletter distribution map

STRATHFIELD SOUTH MATERIAL RECOVERY FACILITY

Capacity Increase



Polytrade is proposing to increase the glass processing capacity at its Strathfield South Materials Recovery Facility, located at 40 Madeline Street.

About Polytrade

Polytrade Operations Pty Ltd, an entity of Re.Group, operate one of the largest networks of recycling facilities across Australia. Re.Group's mission is to design, build, operate and optimise infrastructure that enables the maximum amount of waste to be diverted from disposal and positively reused as a renewable resource.

About the Project

Strathfield South Materials Recovery Facility currently processes 99,900 tonnes per annum of materials including paper, cardboard, mixed metals, glass and mixed plastics.

Polytrade is planning to increase the glass processing capacity at the facility. If approved, the Project will increase the total materials received and processed on site from 99,900 to 200,000 tonnes per annum, keeping this material out of landfill to be positively reused elsewhere.



PLANNING AND APPROVALS TIMELINE

2023

WE ARE CURRENTLY HERE LATE 2023 – PREPARE EIS:

Prepare EIS: The purpose of the EIS is to assess the likely economic, environmental and social impacts of the Project. We are consulting with the community during this phase. Findings and feedback will inform the preparation of the EIS.

2024

EARLY 2024 – SUBMIT EIS AND PUBLIC EXHIBITION:

We will submit the EIS to DPE who will publicly exhibit it for a minimum of 28 days. Anyone can make a submission on the proposal during the public exhibition period. We will continue to consult with the community during this stage.

MID 2024 – PREPARE AND LODGE RESPONSE TO SUBMISSIONS REPORT:

We will prepare a report responding to any submissions. We will submit our report to DPE who will assess the Project and prepare a report.

LATE 2024 – PROJECT DETERMINATION:

DPE will issue a Notice of Determination which if approved, will include conditions and requirements for how the Project must be operated.

2025

OPERATIONAL COMMENCEMENT



Infrastructure

Additional glass processing will use existing infrastructure, and no additional buildings, plant or equipment are proposed.

By increasing the glass processing capacity at the Strathfield South MRF, Polytrade will be making an important contribution to Australia's recycling, circular economy and sustainability goals by producing recycled glass that can be used in bottle-to-bottle manufacturing.

There may be some impacts associated with the increased traffic and proposed expanded hours of operation.

Traffic and truck movements

The Project will generate additional daily traffic including up to 13 B-doubles and/or semi-trailers delivering the additional glass to site and up to 3 B-doubles and/or semi-trailers collecting and transporting the additional processed glass off-site. Up to 6 light vehicles will transport additional staff employed to support the increased processing.

The Project will continue to use the same heavy vehicle road network that restricts southerly access to residential areas along Madeline Street.

Hours of operation

The Project proposes a slight variation to the existing approved hours of operation, to allow glass to be received at the facility from 4.30am to 6pm, Monday to Saturday. Materials are currently received at the facility between 4.30am and 3pm as imposed by Development Consent DA 2015.177.2.

Status and approval process

Polytrade's Project is classified as a State Significant Development (SSD). Planning approval for the project is required through the Department of Planning and Environment (DPE). As part of the planning approval process, Polytrade must develop an Environmental Impact Statement for the SSD application.

Polytrade has engaged EME Advisory to coordinate a range of technical specialists to complete detailed environmental assessments to inform the Environmental Impact Statement. These include for key issues such as air quality, odour, noise, traffic, social impact and hazard and risk assessments.

When complete, the EIS will be lodged with the Department of Planning (DPE) and placed on public exhibition. Community and interested stakeholders will have the opportunity to provide a formal submission during the exhibition period. This process will be managed by DPE. Polytrade will continue to use ongoing feedback from the community to help inform project planning.

Location of the project site



Understanding your feedback and questions

Door knocking

We are currently consulting with the local community to provide information about the Project and understand your views, ideas, and questions. Members of the project team will be in the local area to door knock nearby neighbours and answer any questions on:

Monday 23 October 2023

Please call us on **0407 795 796** if you'd like to make a time to connect with us face-to-face.

In person drop-in session

To hear more about the Project, its benefits, and potential impacts, we invite you to attend our drop-in information session to be held on :

Tuesday 24 October
from 5.30pm to 6.30pm

Please email **engagement@bdinfrastructure.com** to RSVP for this session.

Online survey

Community feedback will help inform our Social Impact Assessment (SIA), which is being prepared as part of the EIS. The SIA will outline the Project benefits and impacts and describe how Polytrade will seek to minimise and/or mitigate any negative impacts of the project. The QR code will take you to the online feedback form which closes on:

Sunday 5 November 2023

Use this QR code to access the online feedback form



KEEPING YOU UPDATED

bd infrastructure is working with EME Advisory to undertake community and stakeholder engagement for the Project.

We welcome any questions and comments regarding the Project. We will consider all feedback received and endeavour to keep you informed throughout the Project's development. Please contact us via email or phone:

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Phone: **0407 795 796**

Appendix C – Display boards



STRATHFIELD SOUTH MATERIAL RECOVERY FACILITY Capacity Increase

Project overview



About

Polytrade, an entity of Re.Group, is proposing to increase the glass processing capacity at its Strathfield South Material Recovery Facility.

The proposed capacity increase would improve the efficiency of existing operations and increase the capacity for recycling glass, helping us meet market demand for recycled glass.

The capacity increase would also provide employment opportunities and contribute to broader community sustainability goals and healthy environments.

What's proposed?

An increase in the total materials processed on site from 99,900 to 200,000 tonnes per annum.

A slight increase to the existing approved hours of operation to allow glass to be received at the facility from 4.30am to 6pm, Monday to Saturday.

There will be no construction work as only existing infrastructure will be used.

GIVE YOUR FEEDBACK

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Project details

What is glass processing?

Glass processing, also known as glass beneficiation, involves the cleaning, crushing and sorting of glass to deliver a glass "cullet" that can then be used in bottle-to-bottle manufacturing.

What are the benefits of the capacity increase?

- Create approximately 6 full time jobs.
- Meet market demand for recycled glass product.
- Create operational efficiencies within existing infrastructure.
- Contribute to local, state and national waste diversion goals, by reducing the amount of waste going to landfill.
- In the long run, contribute to sustainable and clean natural environments.

What are the impacts?

- 16 additional truck movements over the course of the day.
- Extended hours of operation as detailed in the table below.
- Noise and air quality impacts associated with additional truck movements and hours of operation.

Changes to hours of operation

Activity	Day	Current hours	Proposed hours
Receipt	Monday to Saturday	4:30am to 3pm	4:30am to 6pm
	Sunday	Closed	No change
Processing	Monday to Saturday	5am to 10pm	No change
	Sunday	Closed	
Dispatch	Monday to Saturday	5am to 6pm	No change
	Sunday	Closed	
Maintenance	Monday to Sunday	10pm to 5am	No change



PLANNING AND APPROVALS TIMELINE

2023

WE ARE CURRENTLY HERE LATE 2023 – PREPARE EIS:

Prepare EIS: The purpose of the EIS is to assess the likely economic, environmental and social impacts of the Project. We are consulting with the community during this phase. Findings and feedback will inform the preparation of the EIS.

2024

EARLY 2024 – SUBMIT EIS AND PUBLIC EXHIBITION:

We will submit the EIS to DPE who will publicly exhibit it for a minimum of 25 days. Anyone can make a submission on the proposal during the public exhibition period. We will continue to consult with the community during this stage.

MID 2024 – PREPARE AND LODGE RESPONSE TO SUBMISSIONS REPORT:

We will prepare a report responding to any submissions. We will submit our report to DPE who will assess the Project and prepare a report.

LATE 2024 – PROJECT DETERMINATION:

DPE will issue a Notice of Determination which if approved, will include conditions and requirements for how the Project must be operated.

2025

OPERATIONAL COMMENCEMENT



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STRATHFIELD SOUTH MATERIAL RECOVERY FACILITY Capacity Increase

How the facility contributes to the circular economy

A circular economy recognises the value of the materials we consume, given the finite amount of materials that the planet produces. It is an economic system that prioritises the elimination of waste and keeping products and materials in circulation at their highest value through processes such as recycling and remanufacturing. In contrast to the traditional linear economy that works on a "use and dispose" model of production, the circular economy keeps materials in use, either as a product, or when that is no longer possible, as components or raw materials.

Transitioning to a circular economy will yield job opportunities and new industries. It will also have favourable environmental and community well-being impacts, including slowing down the use of natural resources and limiting disruption to natural habitats, and reducing greenhouse gas emissions.

Circular economy principles underpin the National Waste Policy Action Plan 2019 and corresponding state and local government landfill diversion and resource recovery legislation.



The proposed capacity increase at the Strathfield South Material Recovery Facility will directly contribute to our local, state, and national circular ambitions and recovery targets, and keep recyclables out of landfill.

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Appendix D – Community survey

Re.Cycle, an entity of Re.Group Pty Ltd, is proposing to increase the mixed waste processing capacity at its Strathfield South Material Recovery Facility, located on Madeline Street. The project would make an important contribution to Australia's, recycling, circular economy and sustainability goals.

As part of the planning approval process, Re.Cycle is consulting with the community to understand how this project may benefit or impact local communities and the broader region.

Re.Cycle is currently completing comprehensive studies to develop an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) as part of the planning approval process. One of the studies is a Social Impact Assessment (SIA), which will assess potential community impacts, benefits and mitigation measures.

The EIS and SIA are expected to be placed on public exhibition later this year.

Through this feedback form, we would like to hear your thoughts on the proposal, including:

- what you value about the Strathfield South local area
- the potential benefits of the project
- concerns you may have about the project.

The survey will take you approximately **10 minutes**. The information you provide will remain confidential and your responses will remain anonymous.

Community values

What do you value about living or running a business in Strathfield South?

Please select which of the following are most important to you [select up to three choices]:

- the environment
- lifestyle
- cost of living
- health and wellbeing
- local employment opportunities
- strong and connected communities
- culture and heritage
- access to social infrastructure and services
- access and parking
- traffic and public transport

In your own words, please describe what is important about Strathfield South to you:

[Text box]

Please describe some of the challenges you believe the Strathfield South community faces (this can be the business or residential community).

- cost of living
- access to local jobs
- services

- crime
- environmental protection
- natural hazards
- other _____ (possibly include a text box to describe other challenges)

Thinking about this project, how important are the following potential benefits?

	Very important	Important	Neutral	Not important	Not at all important
Investing in local businesses to make them financially successful and profitable					
Employment opportunities in the local area					
Increased recycling to positively reuse a renewable resource and contribute to a circular economy					
Ongoing increased economic activity for other businesses in the surrounding area (fuel, food, petrol)					

If there are any other potential benefits that you believe are important, please list them below:

[Open textbox]

Thinking about this project, how concerned are you with the following potential issues?

	Not at all concerned	Not concerned	Neutral	Concerned	Very concerned
Additional traffic and heavy vehicles on local roads					
Extended hours of operation					
Operational noise and air quality/odour					
Safety and hazard management					

If there is anything else you are concerned about, please list it below:

[open textbox]

How interested are you in being kept informed and updated about this project:

Not interested	Somewhat interested	Neutral	Interested	Very interested

How would you like to be informed about this project in the future? Please select all that apply:

- project website
- the local paper
- direct letterbox drop
- email
- via Council

If there is any additional feedback or topics you feel you did not get to discuss, please fill out the section below:

[Text box]

A little about you

Which of the following best describes you?

- I am a resident in Strathfield South/Enfield
- I am a resident who lives in a different suburb within Strathfield local government area
- I am a resident who lives outside Strathfield local government area
- I am a business owner, operator or worker in the Strathfield local government area
- I am a business owner, operator or worker in Strathfield South
- I am representing a community group or organisation
- Other _____

Which of the following best describes you:

- Man or male
- Woman or female
- Non-binary
- Prefer not to answer

How old are you?

- Under 18
- 18 -24
- 25-34
- 35-49
- 50-59
- 60-69
- 70-84
- 85 years and older

Thank you for taking the time to complete this survey. Should you have any questions, please contact engagement@bdinfrastructure.com or visit the Re.Group project website.