



# DEAR RESIDENT,

SITA AUSTRALIA (SITA) IS AUSTRALIA'S LEADING SPECIALIST IN RESOURCE RECOVERY, RECYCLING AND WASTE MANAGEMENT.

THE LEADER IN RESOURCE RECOVERY

We are planning development of a new landfill on a small portion of Allawuna farm approximately 18kms west of York. It is important to us to hear your thoughts on this project and we welcome the opportunity to answer any questions you may have regarding the development of a state of the art landfill in your shire.

We want to assure you that we are committed to doing this in an ethical way, and in the planning process will work to address and satisfy all concerns of the Environmental Protection Authority (EPA), Department of Environment and Conservation (DEC), the Department of Water (DoW), the Fire and Emergency Services Authority (FESA) and the Shire of York.

We are looking forward to working with the local community during the planning stage and ongoing operation of the facility.

## ENVIRONMENTAL INVESTIGATIONS

At SITA, we are committed to 'getting it right' and have engaged several specialist organisations to undertake investigations required prior to presenting the project to the EPA for environmental consideration.

Investigations to date cover local climate conditions, potential odour impact, possible noise generation, ground water flow and protection, surface water protection, identification for native plants and animals (and those that are endangered), geological stability and carbon emissions.

## WASTE

The landfill will accept only a small range of waste. This includes:

- Municipal Solid Waste – Waste from your green wheelie bin;
- Commercial and Industrial Waste – Waste from shops, restaurants and industry;
- Construction and Demolition Waste – Bricks, concrete, soil, timber, plastic etc, and
- Asbestos – sealed asbestos packages will be buried deep in the landfill.

*Please note: Hazardous waste like oxides, heavy industrial waste, toxic or radioactive waste will not be received or accepted at the landfill.*

## BENEFIT FOR YOUR COMMUNITY

The landfill site will provide employment for 8 -10 people and make use of local suppliers for maintenance, equipment and supplies wherever possible.

We welcome suggestions from the York community about ways the development can further benefit the shire. Suggestions to date have included private use of the weighbridge and depositing of locally collected York waste in the landfill, although the landfill will not be open to the general public.

## TRAFFIC

When operational, the landfill will receive one road train of waste every 20 minutes during the day. As road trains only leave the Perth transfer station when they are full, they are evenly spaced to reduce the impact on traffic along the highway. This ensures the total amount of traffic to and from the site will have minimal impact on the current traffic volumes.

As part of the development, SITA will be upgrading the turn off from the Great Southern Highway to include an overtaking lane for passing our road trains entering into the site and a speed up lane for our road trains departing the site to return to Perth.

## PROJECT TIMELINE

We hope to start construction of the landfill late 2013 or early 2014. Before that can happen we will need to finalise approvals from the EPA, DEC and the Shire of York. This letter to you is part of our community consultation process which is essential to allow us to address all concerns.

Yours sincerely,

**Nial Stock**  
State General Manager – WA  
SITA Australia





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## FOR MORE INFORMATION

### WEBSITE

You can visit our website at [sita.com.au](http://sita.com.au)

### PHONE

You can call Nial Stock on **(08) 9350 7101** or Adam Davies on **(08) 9457 5899** during office hours.

### DISPLAY

SITA have set up a display in the York Shire offices with some more detailed information and a cross section of the landfill lining system showing the ground water protection properties of the liner materials.

### PRESENTATION AND COUNCIL MEETING

SITA will be giving a presentation about the project at the York Town Hall before the November York Council Meeting. The presentation will cover the project in more detail. Representatives from both SITA and the expert engineering firm designing the landfill will be on hand to answer any questions you may have.

#### Venue

York Town Hall, 81 Avon Terrace (Cnr Joaquina Street)

#### Time

2pm, Monday 19th November 2012

The normal monthly council meeting will begin at 3pm after the presentation from SITA. SITA will be available during and following the Council meeting to listen to any concerns you may have.

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