

# Delivering the Promise



## MRC endorses Community Agreement

The Mindarie Regional Council has endorsed the objectives of an important document formulated through extensive community input and designed to establish firm guidelines for the operation of its Resource Recovery Facility to be built in the Neerabup Industrial Area.

The Council has elected to enter into the Community Partnership Agreement for the establishment of the facility and for all stages of development for the operating life of the site.

The CPA identifies 20 specific objectives and 66 associated outcomes the community sought in relation to the project. The MRC endorsed the document without alteration.

The CPA was a community-based initiative and was compiled following several months of community consultation. The result is a comprehensive, far-reaching and long-term set of rules to ensure the facility meets the community's expectations.

The CPA was subjected to rigorous scrutiny in its development to ensure the final product was robust and could deliver what the community wanted. It is believed the CPA is a 'first' for community consultation processes for this type of facility anywhere in Australia.

The CPA identifies the MRC's commitment to work with the community to ensure that its issues and concerns are understood and acted upon. The document highlights the social issues associated with the Resource Recovery Facility project, and shows how these issues will be addressed.

The MRC soon will be preparing documents to allow tenders to be called for the construction of the proposed facility. The tender documents, which will include the CPA, will specify the conditions under which the contractor will have to build and operate the facility.

As well as influencing the tender process, the CPA will be used throughout the life of the project to track the performance standards against which the success of the project can be measured, and will be a key over-arching document which will fundamentally influence the facility's design and operations.

### Objectives of the Community Partnership Agreement

In creating the CPA, the community identified the following objectives that would need to be achieved to maintain community support for the project:

- ✓ *Maintain strong community involvement and communication throughout the life of the project.*
- ✓ *Provide an education facility.*
- ✓ *Minimise waste and increase recycling.*
- ✓ *Produce a marketable product.*
- ✓ *Account for the project using a triple bottom-line.*
- ✓ *Have an ethical and trustworthy operator.*
- ✓ *Rigorous quality control and plant reliability.*
- ✓ *Transparent and open monitoring of all issues available to the community.*
- ✓ *Ensure, through monitoring, all emissions are below acceptable standards.*
- ✓ *No breaches of environmental conditions of approval.*
- ✓ *The RRF will be attractive and well-landscaped.*
- ✓ *Designated traffic routes and speed controls.*
- ✓ *Produce a net environmental benefit.*
- ✓ *Minimise noise impacts.*
- ✓ *Make this a safe facility with no health risks.*
- ✓ *Maximise use of by-products.*
- ✓ *Benefits to the local community.*
- ✓ *Cost impacts.*
- ✓ *Control vermin and flies.*
- ✓ *Minimise the risk of fires.*

Attached to each of these objectives are a number of specific desired outcomes.

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