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To the Shire of York,

I wish to register my very strong objection to and disapproval of the proposed Allawuna Landfill Development Proposal.

It is unbelievable that in this day and age such a proposal in an area such as York should even be considered when an overwhelming majority of the residents of this town opposes the proposal on both environmental and lifestyle issues. The balance of Nature has, in the past, been irreparably damaged in many ways – do the decision makers ever learn by previous mistakes?

Must the road between York and the Lakes, a road which is unsuitable for heavy traffic, now need to cope with an extra number of trucks every day?

Do the people who live in close proximity to the site have to accept that a company such as this can just walk in and disrupt, even destroy, their chosen lifestyle? The country around York is not meant to be used in such a way.

As a frequent road user I am very concerned. On a recent trip to Perth I counted 8 trucks between York and the Lakes, and 9 on my return trip. Added to that I was the 16th car in a line of cars stuck behind 2 oversize vehicles struggling up Greenmount hill at 10 – 15 km. ph. Goodness only knows how many more were behind me. If Sita needs to dump Perth's rubbish somewhere why can't they use rail and go further afield.

As always – it's all about money. People don't seem to matter.

Kesley Brent-White,

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J.M. Adams
Ratepayer of
York W.A.

To the York Shire: I can find no good reason why a toxic rubbish tip should be established in York a food growing area. With so little land where it is possible to grow grain why do this, as tips on large or even small scale do poison the land and underground water. No plastic liner will stop it. In fact it is laugh-able to even suggest this. It's bad enough the type of waste the local tip has to deal with as the amount of rubbish you have to remove to get to food bought in shops. Perth needs to deal with there problem themselves. If a wind farm had been suggested for York I would support that.

J.M. Adams

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From: Glenn Bertrand [mailto:gbertrand@bigpond.com]
Sent: Wednesday, 19 February 2014 3:09 PM
To: Records
Subject: FW: re rubbish tip

From: Glenn Bertrand [mailto:gbertrand@bigpond.com]
Sent: Wednesday, February 19, 2014 3:00 PM
To: 'matthew.reid@healthpharmacy.com.au'
Subject: re rubbish tip

PLEASE GIVE OUT COPYS TO ALL YORK COUNCILLORS
 SHIRE PRESIDENT YORK
 Matthew Reid

I am against PERTHS RUBBISH TIP in YORK
 We are the oldest inland town in W.A.
 We are a tourist and heritage town.
 The tourist drive from the Lakes is a lovely country drive .
 Why would we want up to 40 trucks a day on the road on the way to our beautiful historic York.
 The tip would bring all the worst environmental issues as rubbish tips do.
 I say no to Perth's Rubish Tip in York it would be a very sad day if you and the councilors of York let this go ahead.
 SAY NO
 SAVE YORK

Regards Vicki Bertrand.
~~433 Attfield Road~~
 York.

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From: Walter & Adelphe King [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, 26 February 2014 10:40 AM
To: Records
Subject: Proposed Landfill Site

To the York Shire CEO and Councillors
 York WA 6302

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 YORK WA
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Dear Sirs and Madam,

Proposed Landfill at Allawuna Farm – Lot 4869(PT) 2948
Great Southern Highway, Saint Ronans

We wish to make a strong protest against the proposed Rubbish Dump site on Allawuna Farm, especially as such landfill sites are no longer allowed on the coastal plain..

Firstly the site poses a very real threat to the safety of ground water and surface water of the area.

1.1 Both the Rubbish dump and the leachate holding dam are upslope of Thirteen Mile Brook which as you know eventually feeds into the Helena River and the Swan.

1.2. There is an historic (currently dry) watercourse that goes **down hill right through** the proposed site. When I asked the SITA engineer what would happen if there was a sudden downpour like the York area is sometimes subject to, he replied that there would be a small holding dam up-slope of the tip site and they would pump any water **uphill** and round the tip and down to Thirteen Mile Brook. If the hyperthetical downpour came without warning overnight when no one was in attendance at the tip, who is to turn on the pumps?

1.3 SITA plastic tip liners have been know to fracture at other Landfill Sites and thus leave toxic leachate to ooze into the soil. As York is in a Declared Earthquake Zone, fracture would be a likely occurrence in the event of an earthquake.

1.4. There are other concerns regarding contamination by dust circulating in the air and disturbance of habitat of the endangered Carnaby Cockatoos.

Secondly extra traffic on the Great Southern Highway.

2.1. The road is already a hazardous route when big transports are driven by people who have scant regard for double lines and speed limits.

I wrote to Main Roads with the figures SITA quoted of proposed traffic movements 6 days a week. Main Roads replied that the increase would be 2.68% which was **normal annual increase** for the Road. Which means that the SITA increase would be **on top of the normal increase**. This was before the closure of Tier 3 Rail lines which would increase traffic density seasonally..

2.2. The road was not designed for such volumes of traffic. SITA has to widen both sides of the road at the entrance to the Landfill Site but has no plans and no compulsion to widen the shoulders of adjoining roads where local traffic already have visibility problems entering Great Southern Highway.

2.3. York's economy is very dependent on tourists and visitors who may be deterred from coming to York if they have to deal with continuous volumes of big transports plus staff and other service vehicles..

Lastly **Will there be any actual benefit to residents of York.**

Please consider our concerns and vote NO to the Proposal.

2/26/2014

Please note that not one of our acquaintances favour the proposal (except perhaps Avon Waste if they will be allowed to dump rubbish at Allawuna? ?). Most of them will not get round to writing, so we speak for some other York ratepayers.

Yours Faithfully,

signed

Adelphe King

Walter King



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Dear Sir,

Objection to Hawina Landfill Transport.

On site objections are many but this is confined to road conditions projected by a reasonable view of SITA trucking and scheduling proposition, even if held to those published after inevitable expansion of waste volumes at source.

Relatively recent road improvement was made to particular bends and grades to improve safety for then understood traffic being domestic and occasional heavier haulage. It did not apply to road depth of formation for frequent heavy use (applicable to larger trucks even with light loads) and the pounding reverberative effect of truck bodies as planned and scheduled.

It can not reasonably be imagined that any level of government should exact eventual costs (even of road maintenance at the increased level) that will be incurred from taxpayers when SITA does not meet them. The greater likely cost will be to families for death and injury and likely failure in action at law against the operators or others.

Yours truly

M. J. Fitzgerald

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To
The Shire of York

I am writing to voice my concerns about the proposed rubbish dump site west of York.

My concern is in two areas:

Firstly, the dump area, its self; what will be dumped there?, and how big is this area going to end up. This area is farming, what sort of contamination will there be to the soil.

Secondly, the extra truck traffic on the roads. I can accept trucks on the roads for farm usage. I live in a rural area. But more trucks on that terrible road out to The Lakes. That would be bad enough for locals to deal with, but York is a historic tourist town, how long will tourists try to deal with this extra truck traffic to get to York. Having worked in hospitality for many years in York, I know the importance of tourism to York. So to sum up, the proposal is to have a huge dump site just outside York, and expect both locals and tourists to battle with the extra traffic, thats something to really look forward to.

A concerned York Rate Payer
Gillian Walker

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From: John Oliver [John.Oliver@oliver.com.au]
Sent: Saturday, 1 March 2014 3:40 PM
To: Records
Subject: Submission for Allawuna proposal

Attachments: Allawuna submission.pdf

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For your inclusion and consideration
 We have tried to be brief and can elaborate more fully on any aspect if required.
 I would like to be present and able to ask questions at decision making time for both
 the Council and DER.
 This is from John Oliver and Kerry Oliver Regards John
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 John Oliver OLIVER Rural IT Solutions Mobile 0427412130 www.OliverRural.com.au

Submission to York Shire Council on

The Allawuna Landfill Proposal by SITA from John Oliver

This is a statement demanding the halting of the SITA proposal and asking for a full and thorough investigation into the situation of waste management in Western Australia, and in York.

Description of position – what we support and oppose

- a) Oppose - EPA failure to assess
- b) Support - Local Planning Scheme
- c) Support - Policies and Guidelines (Federal, State and Local) that oppose the destruction of prime agricultural land
- d) Support – Development of a state wide policy and practices for waste management.
- e) Oppose - Impact on tourism, farming,
- f) Oppose – Increased traffic on inferior road
- g) Support – current knowledge of Geology and Hydrogeology
- h) Oppose – Removal of kaolin / broadening scope of proposal
- i) Support - Nearby landowners
- j) Support – Landcare and conservation
- k) Support – The community of York

Why

- a) Clearly the Minister for the Environment failed in his duty by not assessing the proposal and passing the decision to others like DER. In doing this he must have known the consequences if this proposal were to proceed and demonstrated that he does not have the ability to make hard decisions or to genuinely act for his portfolio. The Minister was provided with a significant amount of information and these need to be tabled again at the Council and DER levels for thorough consideration. These reports considered the issues of landforms, salinity, fire risk and flora and fauna. His abrogation of his responsibility does not make these issues any less important and we must see these reports in full at decision time.
Our current State politicians must stand up and support the incumbent minister and make sure that the DER and Waste Authorities that are currently undertaking a review on the Swan Coastal Plain do so expeditiously and move on rapidly to developing a comprehensive waste management plan for the whole region.
- b) In its current form the York Shire Strategic Plans and all associated rules and regulations do not mention landfill as an industry to be regulated. Hence the situation that we find ourselves in where it may be considered in the “other” category. However this type of industry clearly cuts across the broad objectives and intentions of the existing policies and therefore cannot be considered. It goes totally against the documented desires of the majority of York ratepayers now, and in past generations. We want to maintain our agricultural land and heritage, clearly this proposal will impact negatively on our lifestyle, it is not compatible with existing industry such as farming, tourism, and history.

- c) Destruction of prime agricultural land is totally against the objectives of not just the farming fraternity but also is against policies of the York Shire Council, State and Federal governments. Our great state relies heavily on its agricultural heritage, practices and lifestyle. To wantonly risk this and deliberately destroy prime agricultural land is not to be justified. In addition nor is the risk that this noxious industry places over the nearby recently declared National Park (only a few hundred metres). Even our Premier (Mr Barnett) stated in a visit to York just prior to the most recent election that there would be no waste facility in York without his meeting with the town to discuss it, and following the development of a broader strategy at Cabinet level.

There are alternative sites but rather than just shifting the problem we need to do something about solving the problem as well.

- d) We need to dispose of waste, including waste from our cities. There are many areas, including some in the Wheatbelt, that could be used that would not necessitate using an area of prime agricultural land. Initially this may be less economically attractive to SITA but in the longer term (and we must think long term) there will present a viable and acceptable approach to what will only be a growing problem. The government takes in millions of dollars into general revenue from waste disposal currently and an injection of some of this into research, development and developing alternative practices will go a long way toward solving this issue.

There is no known waste facility, especially none managed by SITA, that has not breached its environmental requirements. All landfill pollutes and contaminates and this means we need to develop a facility where this harm can be minimised. Allawuna is not a viable consideration for this site and planning at State government level need to be implemented to work through this issue effectively in a bi partisan manner.

- e) Tourism and waste disposal sites do not as a rule go together. It is true that on Lord Howe Island visiting the waste disposal site is part of the tourist route but we are talking of a tiny totally environmentally sustainable in a World Heritage Zone (no land fill). No one chooses to live next door to a rubbish tip. Suburbs that have grown up or are forced to be in the vicinity of waste disposal sites and industrial activity are inevitably less desirable and attractive places to live. Land values are less, desirable activity is relocated away from these areas and York cannot afford to have its tourism (or farming) relocate elsewhere.
- f) The road between York and the metro area is winding and dangerous as is borne out by the number of accidents and casualties on this road. Trucks already pose a serious hazard even where there are short sections of dual carriage (overtaking lanes). There is already an increasing number of trucks on this road due to the short-sighted closure of the Tier 3 rail lines. Any death or serious casualty that can be avoided must be planned for and adding dozens of extra trucks, as well as support vehicles to this roads current load is simply adding to the potential for loss of life. There is no mention in the SITA planning documents how an incident involving one of its waste trucks will be managed. Possibly because they realise that even mentioning it will have them admitting that there will be significant impact on the environment, not to mention pollution issues. These trucks on this narrow winding road will encounter problems, possibly be involved in an accident, and there is no emergency facilities closer than York, which incidentally is totally unprepared for this extra burden.
- g) The Landform Research April 2013 notes provided comments on the geology and palaeochannels. It is most likely that a palaeochannel connection exists between Thirteen

Mile Brook and the Helena Catchment, especially when we consider the fractured geology of this region. To date I am unaware of any detailed research into this specific area and must caution any consideration without this having been fully established. Clearly to risk the pollution of the groundwater, by leachate or infrastructure contamination, and therefore the water quality for the entire region (metro and reticulated area) from Perth to Kalgoorlie would be undesirable. Even worse is the concept that any planner would even contemplate this risk. The immediate proximity of the Helena Brook to this site and the high likelihood of seismic activity to this area must ring alarm bells. This is currently listed as the area most likely to experience seismic activity for the whole of the Western Shield and one must take into account the sort of affect similar activity has had in our lifetime (eg Meckering). There is no way you can regulate to mitigate or eliminate this risk and holding SITA responsible somewhere in the future is of no benefit. It is today's decision makers that must be held accountable, today and in the future, for their decisions and impact on the whole community now and for the longer term.

- h) In the opinion of a prominent Civil Engineer the kaolin ground conditions encountered in the Avon Valley are susceptible to penetration by ground waters. The region is an active seismic zone combined with long periods of dry, leads to the formation of a complex network of fault lines and fissures which when encountered by moving ground water will open up and allow transmission of moisture. Thus in the event of a moisture leak from a potential waste management site there would almost certainly be contamination of the regional ground water basins, including the Avon and Mundaring catchments which are sources of drinking water for our growing population. Clearly fundamental physics precludes establishing any large waste management facility in a seismic region adjacent to significant ground and surface water resources.

Along with this is the obvious potential for SITA, or a subsidiary, to mine this kaolin resource. The quality and abundance of this kaolin deposit has created interest in its exploitation for the production of high grade clay products. With so many trucks carting into the site and returning to the city empty the opportunity for back loading is obvious. Despite the protestations of SITA one must wonder why they are applying for this permit over the whole farm if they were to develop just one small area. Any credible business person will explore these opportunities and so with the whole site open for exploitation not only is there potential to mine the kaolin from the whole property but then say these holes are ideal for more waste disposal. The possibilities of such a development must be opposed at the outset.

- i) The landowners in the immediate vicinity will be impacted by a range of factors. Their land values will plummet once the area is rezoned and no longer a valuable agricultural asset. As the nearest residences are just over 1000 metres away, the wind will pick up the dust and spread it all over the countryside from the leachate ponds as well as the waste dump. Toxic dust sprinkled over soils and animal feed nearby is one matter; to end up on roofs from which people collect drinking water is something else again. Over time this contamination will progressively spread out, especially towards York with the prevailing winds. It may not be as obvious as the red dust in the Pilbara towns made worse by mining but it will be there, and toxic.

- j) The Talbot Brook Landcare group has been actively working on the Thirteen Mile Creek which runs through this property for many years. This was to address issues to do with water quality, salinity, etc as well as to maintain some biodiversity and wildlife corridors in farming areas previously cleared and adjacent to the National Park. The potential (almost certainty) that this waste facility will not only undo all that has been gained but to degrade this important creek that ultimately feeds into the Swan / Avon river through several kilometres of important farming land. Not only will water quality be degraded its affect on flora and fauna throughout the length of this catchment will also be considerable. To my knowledge no study of the downstream biodiversity has been conducted and none is planned. It is the usual if we don't look till its too late then no one will be any the wiser. What can be achieved by effective landcare is demonstrated by what has happened already on the headwaters to this creek and other nearby catchments. We have a responsibility to maintain these gains, possibly to improve on them, but certainly not to risk their survival.
- k) Overwhelmingly the community has indicated that they do not want this waste disposal facility in the proposed location on Allawuna farm. The petitions and attendances at public meetings and forums have clearly indicated this. To override the wishes of the majority of people who live here and would have to live with the consequences of this decision is totally undemocratic.

Changes required from current plan

The only decision that can be made is to place on hold the proposal from SITA and do what should be done. Develop an effective and broad waste management strategy for the whole of the South West of Western Australia. This must clearly define the directions that waste management is going in the next few years and guidelines for the long term. Our Premier had it on his radar when on an election trip to York; it must not be allowed to get off that radar. All politicians and policy makers at all levels of government must be seeking information and working toward a consensus position with respect to land fill especially, as well as re-use and recycling. If the people of York are a catalyst to this process then that gives us something to be doing for the whole of our region.

The planning and strategies must look at increasing the rate of recycling of all goods currently going directly into landfill and develop over time a range of practices that address this issue. No waste that can be recycled should be permitted to finish up in landfill. This includes all organic waste, most metals, some plastics, all glass, and any device or product that can be re-used. There are existing models of this currently in operation in Australia and elsewhere in the world, we have a moral obligation to find out about these and select the best of them for our use.

In our roles as community members we have some responsibility for the wellbeing of others and as such must strenuously avoid any action that may impact negatively on others. There is no assurance or guarantee that is being presented that does not remove all doubt in regard to this development and as such we must say no.



1st March, 2014

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From: Jenny and Pete [redacted]
Sent: Thursday, 6 March 2014 3:38 PM
To: Records
Subject: Landfill Submission
Attachments: SITA (submission to Council).doc

Hi Jacky,

Please find attached my submission for the proposed landfill.

With kindest regards

Jenny (Lambert)

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6th March 2014.

SUBMISSION TO YORK SHIRE COUNCIL CONCERNING THE PROPOSED
ALLAWUNA/SITA RUBBISH DUMP

I wish to strongly protest against the above proposal for the following reasons:

1) **Road Issues:**

Although the Main Roads Department may have concluded that the York Road (Great Southern Highway) is suitable to carry an extra 60 road trains a day (3 trucks IN and OUT every hour for 10 hours a day) everyone in York who travels this road on a regular basis knows that this is not the case. The road itself is, for the most part, very narrow and winding and this increase in heavy haulage trucks would make it far from a safe road to travel on. A slip in and out lane as proposed by SITA would be of very little significance in relation to the 20 plus kms each way that these trucks would travel on the York Road. For this extra amount of heavy traffic to travel on lanes that are 3 metres wide would exacerbate an already unsafe driving environment.

2) **Earthquake Issues:**

The latest information from Geoscience Australia has located the most dangerous spot for earthquakes to occur now lies in an area under the boundaries of the York Shire. In the event of an earthquake occurring, the lining that SITA proposes to use to separate leachate from the water table would not be sufficient to stop contamination. A far more suitable situation would be to construct a landfill that is not in such a sensitive part of WA.

3) **Liability:**

SITA cannot guarantee that contamination from the proposed dump (whether land air or water borne) would not have an adverse effect on nearby landowners. If this proposal should eventuate there need to be plans in place for our farmers to have access to compensation should their livelihood be damaged in any way by the proposed landfill.

Jennifer Jane Barnard


York WA 6302.

Sitene Planning Dept.

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I and my family strongly object to the Sita Proposal at Allawuna Farm York. The reasons for our concerns are many and varied as list below:

1. The purchase of prime farmland, for a toxic industry – beggars belief! Perth is fortunate that its food bowl is in proximity to the Market Place. There is a large mass of degraded land further afield, which could be put to use for large scale waste disposal with the appropriate geology and hydrology – most importantly linked to rail access!
2. The transporting of waste to Allawuna Farm York – as in most small towns, has no suitable road to cope with the volume of trucks travelling BOTH WAYS. As mentioned above – degraded land on a rail link would have to be the first criteria. I have travelled from York to Perth for over thirty years. The Lakes to York section is a dangerous stretch – with great loss of life over that time. The numerous roadside crosses of friends and acquaintances are there to see. The prospect of MORE trucks added to an already dangerous mix is unbelievable!
3. Proximity to catchment areas, both above and below ground must surely put Perth's drinking water supply at risk. It seems unbelievable with the prospect of extreme unseasonable weather that the Water Corporation would condone this proposal. The priority of future water supplies and food production is fast becoming a world concern for future generations. WHY IS PERTH IGNORING THIS!
4. York has always experienced quake activity and has recently been highlighted as a risky epicenter, one of only a few Australia wide – an honour we would rather forego.
5. Dust, noise and loss of amenity will affect a number of nearby residents, not to mention water quality as scheme water is not available in this area. Although, our family will not be affected by the above, my heart goes out to the families who thought they had a secure rural lifestyle. Wildlife will also suffer thru habitat and traffic etc.
6. Which brings up the subject of indemnity for loss of any of the above. It should be quite clear at the start – WHO WILL BE HELD RESPONSIBLE! Any major mishaps can cost millions to rectify (if at all possible) and in such a geographically unsound area (also prone to flash flooding). It will be just a matter of time.
7. The application itself is hardly "State of the Art" i.e leachate ponds drying in 40 degree heat to be then **ADDED BACK TO THE SITE** – thereby doubling the toxicity – only to be held by a time untested plastic liner – until a seismic event renders it asunder – to be possibly discovered at a much later date, if we're lucky!

The State Government must formulate a 'LONGTERM' WASTE PLAN.

In conclusion the Sita proposal is TOTALLY UNACCEPTABLE for Environmental and other concerns. Please REJECT this proposal.

Yvonne Dols
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I am a landholder living close to the proposed Sita landfill site. We produce beef cattle for Export and local consumption and therefore oppose the proposal to transport Metropolitan waste to environmentally sensitive farming land, used for grain, sheep and beef production and only 18 km from York. This is gazetted agricultural land in a productive farming area, not an Industrial zoned area. (Farming and Industry do not readily mix.)

Earthquakes This is an Earthquake zoned area as stated in Geoscience Australia dated 16 Nov. 2012 and NO plastic liner will prevent spillage.

13 mile Brook Putting landfill waste near or into the 13 mile Brook area, which drains into the Avon and Swan Rivers is not sustainable.

Summer storms will cause overflow of polluted water into the 13 mile Brook. Falls of 40-80 mm in storms are not unusual, with water rushing down from surrounding higher ground to local Creeks.

Drinking and Stock Water Ourselves and adjoining farms rely on soaks and bores for underground water for stock, and so we do not want pollution of this water. This water is held, in this granite area, in underground cavities from which it escapes in the form of an underground stream. We have found that the cracks in the rocks, in which the water flows, does not always flow from the same direction and therefore Sita cannot claim that any overflow of effluent will only flow into the 13 mile Brook.

There is no Mains Water supply available West of York, and the farms and small landholders rely on rainwater for drinking and household needs. Prevailing winds will blow pollutants on to our roofs and over our properties. Organic farmers may lose their licence.

Mount Observation This farming land adjoins Mt. Observation, a reserve and water collection area for Mundaring Weir.

Contrary to SITA'S report this area has abundant flora and fauna, which may be adversely affected by proximity to a landfill site. Wedgetail Eagles and Black cockatoos breed in this area and visit nearby properties. The parent cockatoos regularly bring their chicks to feed on our Marri and pine nut trees. There are many smaller birds and animals living in close proximity which will be adversely affected by foxes attracted to the smell of landfill.

Traffic SITA is quoting traffic numbers from 08/09 not the rates that now use the Gt. Southern Hwy. Mining equipment, Grain and Superphosphate road trains are now in much larger numbers owing to the reduction of rail transport in country areas. Sita road trains leaving Perth at 20 min intervals, and returning as frequently, will cause congestion and pollution on a 2 lane Gt. Southern Hwy.

It does seem strange that this site, beside an environmental nature reserve, water catchment reserves and surrounded by organic farms, sheep, cattle and grain producers, must surely be the most inappropriate site to establish a landfill operation.

For the above reasons I feel that this location for landfill disposal, close to environmentally sensitive areas can contaminate water resources and have environment and social impacts on the local and regional areas.

York is an Agricultural and tourist town, not a metropolitan rubbish tip.

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 York, W.A. 6302
 9 March 2014

York Shire Offices by hand.

Re. Proposed Land Fill.

Dear Sir,

I am not in favour of this Proposal by Sita on what; to me seem very simple reasons. Which are as follows:-

As one approaches to turn off to Mount Observation there are three signs which must, on their own, preclude any development such as this one. One sign indicates that the area of forest is designated as a "Water Catchment Area". Rain fall is precious to York's well being and any pollution or threat of such a disaster should be avoided at all, any cost.

When and if we are blessed with some rain, there is one, if not more, creeks that rely on winter rains. These waterways as tributaries to the Avon River! If the smallest amount of pollution were to dribble into those streams who can foretell the outcome of such a calamity?

In my experience in supervising large building contracts, no matter how good the safe guards, there is always the possibility of a major disaster!

Yours faithfully

A. G. Dooder

Jacky Jermann,
Manager of Planning Services
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Name:	Joyce Marwick, Brian Marwick
Address:	[REDACTED] York WA 6302
Proposal Details:	SITA Allawuna Class III Landfill on lots 9926, 4869, 5831 and 26934 Great Southern Highway, York WA 6302
Air Emissions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Possible pollution from toxic dust, fire-ash or smoke, gases (AVRA)
Dust Emissions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Toxic powder from evaporated leachate ponds in summer could pollute soil, fodder, house roofs and rainwater tanks (AVRA)
Odour Emissions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> How will these be dealt with?
Noise Emissions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> From frequent heavy vehicles.
Light Emissions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Flashing lights from vehicles. Flare - burning 24 hrs?
Discharge to Water	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pollution by toxic leachate, fire (ash + smoke), earthquake. (Geoscience Australia)
Discharge to Land	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Toxic leachate, gases, possible ash + smoke from fire, liner failure is a concern, as is earthquake. (David Barlow, engineer and York rate-payer)
Solid and Liquid Waste Management	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Is there a plan for recycling the various components? AVRA has suggested a site elsewhere that appears suitable. (AVRA)
Chemical Storage	

Signed: Jacky Jermann Date: 10-3-2014

- * Please consider the Precautionary Principle, the overlooking of which may lead to 'morally unacceptable harm.'
- Increased traffic, esp. heavy vehicles is a serious concern to us.

• Air - Toxic emissions from the refin,
plus leachate, dust & noise

• Water - heavy rainfalls leachate will combine in
the downhill collecting area. The pumps will be
inadequate & ^{toxic} spillage will occur.

• Dust - During storm summer months, the
leachate ponds will dry out, leaving a toxic
powder. Winds could pick this up & spread it over
hills, leachate pond & houses, including roads
& lawns.

• Water - ~~heavy rainfalls & leachate will mix~~
leachate spillages from ^{leak} failures,
eg. pipe failure, leaking, operational mishaps
or earthquakes. This is a prime risk according to
groundwater authorities.

• Land - ~~no from dust emissions~~ Emissions from
refin & Toxic leachate)
dust could contaminate the land.

• Fire could pollute the air, land & water. Could
settle over
the land

• Also consider the Precautionary Principle -

• I urge you to do your utmost to save our
beautiful area for us & future generations



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Allawuna Landfill proposal signed Hardcopy to follow

1 message

Peta Hucker <petalan@gmail.com>

To: records@york.wa.gov.au

Fri, Mar 7, 2014 at 5:40 PM

Dear Shire President, Councillors and CEO,

My husband Alan Hucker and I are totally against the landfill as proposed by Sita. We are members of AVRA and support the referenced information provided on all submissions by them to relevant parties. We have recently completed a comprehensive submission to DER ourselves.

We want you to know that as our elected representatives on Shire business we do not wish any of you to support the above on our behalf in any shape or form.

This proposed business by SITA is against everything we come to York to experience. We do not want to pass or follow trucks going to and from it on our country road. We do not want such a business amongst our productive farms and we certainly don't want the reputation for our area if any polluting of any form happens. We want York to be a lovely drive for all who wish to visit us in the country. We want to be known for our wonderful buildings and charm not as the place just past the tip which may or may not smell depending on the wind and tip activity. Most of all we don't want York to be easily found by just following the trucks. People with vintage cars or aging people hate following trucks. Some people get impatient and pass at risk and our pretty country road will be avoided at all cost and the town will continue to die.

Please do all you can to represent us and all the silent majority. Alternatively at least make some mind changing statement that tell us why this blot on the landscape is a must for the community of York with all the risks that are entailed. Please include all the steps you are able to take to completely protect us in the case of fire, earthquake, leaking of the tip liner, windrift of dry pollutants to surrounding farms and noxious smell which everybody experiences and nobody can explain.

We are relying on you all.

Kindest regards

Peta Findlater and Alan Hucker

Rate Payers for 2 properties and resident for period of 24 years.

To: Shire of York

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Submission

Allawuna Landfill proposal

F & B Schreuder

York, WA 6302

OVER COUNTER
11/3/14

Dear Madam or Sir,

We like to express our deep concern about the proposal by SITA to construct and operate a landfill facility on land known as Alluwuna Farm.

First and foremost we do not think that good agriculture land should be used for the purpose of landfill. Land use in a fairly stable rainfall area should be used for food production, not being poisoned for the rest of the life of our Earth.

Secondly: The impact of such a facility is bad for the environment in the direct vicinity and in the worst scenario could be devastating for large parts of the countryside effecting all aspects of life.

In case of an Earthquake the liner of the landfill pit might well rip and leachate will percolate through the porous kaolin clay, on which this project will be based, and pollute the groundwater which is part of the Mundaring water catchment

Heavy storms can dump colossal amounts of water in a short time which will make the leachate ponds flow over and contaminate the 13 Mile Creek and therefore the Avon and Swan River systems.

During the hot summer the aforementioned ponds will dry up and dust from it can easily be picked up by the wind and contaminate the surrounding farmland poisoning the food for life stock and drinking water collected from the roofs on outlying farms. A dust storm like the one we suffered in February 2011 may carry the poison over long distances.

Thirdly: The extra 60 or so extra movement of Double Bogie trucks between Midland and the proposed site will badly affect the traffic. They will slow traffic down when they go up the escarpment at Greenmount, then hit a bottleneck at Mundaring and another one at Sayers Valley. And then turning off at The Lakes enter a much too narrow road with countless bends which already has seen too many fatal crashes.

Submission regarding Allawuna Landfill proposal
F & B Schreuder
24 Macartneystreet
York, WA 6302

Fourthly: The positive economic impact on the Town of York will be minimal as a big multi-national company will source there material and labor from Perth. The negative economic impact could be a real risk. Because of the additional heavy traffic on the narrow road and no real alternative route to York it might well slow the flow of tourist to our town. It is no fun driving three quarter of the trip wedged between two trucks.

The solution to Metropolitan waste can no longer be handled by local government and has become a State problem.

In the modern world we have progressed from leaving our bodily waste running into the gutter to well organized draining systems with more or less effective recycling plants to keep our environment clean. The cleanliness of our environment is a key condition for the continuation of the human specie. Digging holes to get rid of our household and industrial waste is a long standing practice which, we think, has run it course. We cannot keep digging holes for ever and ever. You might consider the following:

- The landfill site should be in a low rainfall area.
- It should be on land already cleared.
- It should be away from any population centre.
- Choice of a site should take into account local seismic activity.
- Metropolitan waste should be transported to the site exclusively by rail.

All waste should be processed at this site and run like a mine site

Organic waste should be processed to make compost and soil improver.

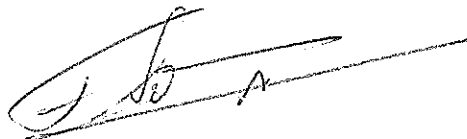
Non-organic waste should be processed in such a way that it can be recycled by existing and new industries.

Furthermore by keeping the Tier 3 railway lines open, waste from many country towns can then also be handled in the same way as that of our metropolitan cousins. It is a strategy that will revolutionize the waste disposal industry in WA and will greatly benefit the generations coming after us.

We hope that you will consider our concerns.

Sincerely yours,

Frits Schreuder



Brigit Schreuder



Records

From: Elizabeth Parker [parker@bigpond.com]
Sent: Tuesday, 11 March 2014 2:25 PM
To: Records
Subject: Allawuna Landfill submission

Attachments: Correspondence Mia Davies.pdf; ALLAWUNA LANDFILL PROPOSAL.docx

Please find attached a submission from Frank & Elizabeth Parker, also copies of correspondence between Mia Davies and various Ministerial offices, forwarded to us by her office.

Frank & Elizabeth Parker

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SUBMISSION TO YORK SHIRE COUNCIL CONCERNING OBJECTIONS TO THE PROPOSED LANDFILL AT ALLAWUNA

1. The social impact of the landfill proposal being approved:

- There is no doubt that at least 95% of the Shire's population is not in favour of the landfill proposed at Allawuna. This is evidenced by the unanimous disapproval expressed by the people at the meetings at the York Town Hall being clearly representative of the total opposition to the adoption to the proposed landfill.
- Each meeting at the Town Hall has shown people being increasingly anxious and concerned. The consequence of the approval of the landfill proposal by SITA will unquestionably result in the York Community feeling powerless in managing their environment, lifestyle and severely damaging the pride that residents have regarding historical York and the approach to the Avon Valley.
- The consequence the effect the approval of the landfill proposal will have on the relationship between the residents of the York Shire and the York Shire Council and local government will be quite dysfunctional. The relationship has always been quite tenuous and often quite hostile. This may or may not be the Shire Council's fault but the evident reluctance by the Shire Council to release requested documents regarding the tip proposal, even under freedom of information formal requests, leaves an unexplained cloud hanging over the Shire Councillors and particularly the Shire Council administration.
- My own observations of the York Community as a professionally qualified sociologist of some 45 years' experience leave me in no doubt of the detrimental effect of the approval of the landfill proposal on the community morale and pride of ownership of the people of York. The ethics of not recognizing the rights of at least 95% of the community against those of a foreign-owned entrepreneurial establishment are unquestionably wrong.

2. Traffic problems.

- The information supplied by Main Roads Department sent to Mia Davies by Troy Buswell (I have a copy of this correspondence forwarded to me by Mia Davies' office), states that the traffic increase resulting from the approval of the tip will be an insignificant 6%.
- What is not taken into account is the **type** of vehicles that will form this increase.
- The type of vehicles SITA will use are road trains and it is quite impossible to overtake such vehicles safely on most of the narrow one-lane road.
- My experience has been that I am terrified when such vehicles decide to overtake my own vehicle. Similarly, the extra long vehicles bank up behind one another making overtaking impossible. On the few passing lanes it is not uncommon to have road trains overtaking one another and using up the whole of the length of the overtaking lanes.

Frank Parker, B. App. Sc., Dip Soc. Stud., Dip. Gemm

FC Parker

Elizabeth Parker, ALAA

Elizabeth Parker

Our ref: 20140305 / TM

Frank & Elizabeth Parker
~~99 Carter Road~~
YORK WA 6302

Via email: ~~[redacted]~~

Dear Frank and Elizabeth

Thank you for your letter in relation to the SITA landfill proposal.

Please find attached copies of my correspondence to various Ministers (and their responses). I continue to liaise with my colleagues in relation to the project and alternative solutions. I've also attached my local newsletter outlining my position on the proposal and have spoken in public forums in the electorate (including a question and answer panel arranged by the ABC radio and broadcast prior to the election).

I speak on a regular basis with the York Shire President to monitor the progress of the planning process that is underway – you'll understand that I have no formal role in this process as it is the responsibility of the Local Government.

In the interest of understanding the proposal, having been briefed a number of times by SITA, I have also visited Allawuna Farm and toured the proposed site.

It is unfortunate that I've been unable to attend the public meetings due to prior commitments however Hon Paul Brown MLC has attended on a number of occasions. Paul and I share an office in Northam and work closely on issues within the electorate of Central Wheatbelt. We are unable to attend all meetings however we endeavour to keep ourselves informed on the matter. This includes me, my office or Paul speaking on a regular basis to the Avon Valley Residents Association Inc.



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There are a number of formal processes underway that are yet to be resolved. In the interim, you have my assurance that I continue to advocate for an alternative solution.

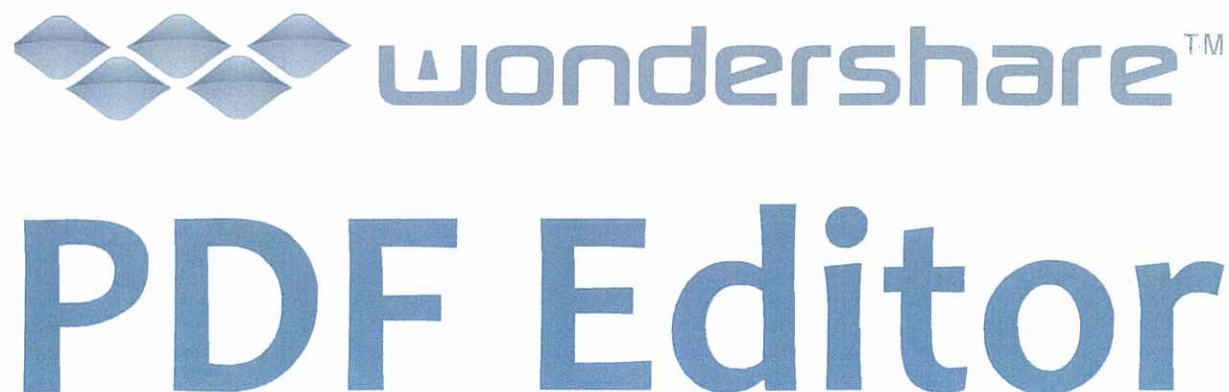
Yours sincerely



HON MIA DAVIES MLA
Member for Central Wheatbelt

Encl. 19th Feb 2014 Letter to York Shire President, Matthew Reid
24th Sept 2013 Email to Minister for Environment
25th Sept 2013 Email to Minister for Transport
25th Sept 2013 Email to Minister for Planning
15th Oct 2013 Letter from Minister for Environment
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13th Nov 2013 Letter from Minister for Planning
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6 MAR 2014



Mia Davies MLA

Our ref: 20140206 / TM

Mr Matthew Reid
President
Shire of York
PO Box 22
YORK WA 6302

Dear Mr Reid *Matthew*

PROPOSED SITA LANDFILL AT ALLAWUNA FARM NEAR YORK

Given the amount of community concern and interest that I am aware of in relation to this proposal I want to let the Shire know of the action I have undertaken to date in response to representations from my electorate.

In September last year I wrote formally to the Ministers for Environment, Planning and Transport. Please find attached copies of my correspondence and the responses received for your information and consideration by the Shire.

The potential impact on the road remains my primary concern and the project proponents are well aware of my reservations.

I realise that this is an extremely contentious issue for the Shire and I have urged my parliamentary colleagues to progress the development of a state-wide waste management to ensure that local government and communities can have greater confidence in dealing with issues such as this in the future.

Please don't hesitate to contact me if you would like to discuss this matter further.

Yours sincerely

HON MIA DAVIES MLA
Member for Central Wheatbelt

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From: Davies, Mia
Sent: Tuesday, 24 September 2013 11:47 PM
To: 'minister.jacob@dpc.wa.gov.au'
Subject: SITA landfill proposal in York

Hon Albert Jacob MLA
Minister for Environment; Heritage
12th Floor, Dumas House
2 Havelock Street
West Perth WA 6005

Via email: minister.jacob@dpc.wa.gov.au

Dear Minister

SITA LANDFILL PROPOSAL IN YORK

I write in relation to the proposed waste dump on Allawuna Farm, located 18 km west of the township of York.

There has been significant community concern expressed in relation to this project; primarily with regards to the environmental impact of the facility but also in relation to the impact on the existing heritage, tourism, agricultural lifestyle and amenity of the Avon Valley.

You will be aware that the Environmental Protection Authority decided not to assess the project – a decision that has further deepened the community's concern in relation to the potential environmental risks, especially ground and surface water.

In addition, should the project proceed there will be a significant increase in heavy road traffic on the Great Southern Highway. This section of road between the Great Eastern Highway and the entrance to Allawuna Farm is winding and narrow with limited overtaking opportunities. SITA advises there will be six traffic movements per hour (during the day), not an insignificant number when you consider the road conditions and the current volume of traffic.

While I genuinely welcome the prospect of new industry to create employment in the region, in this particular case I believe the negative impacts of the project will outweigh the benefits. I have met with the proponent, SITA, on a number of occasions to express my concerns - they are aware of my reservations in relation to this matter.

I do not support the project proposal and urge you to consider the concerns of the community prior to the granting of any license to the proponent.

Could you advise if consideration is being given to introducing a coordinated State Waste Management Strategy. Communities on the fringe of the Perth metropolitan area will likely be faced with this scenario again and it is a divisive and unacceptable situation for both the

project proponents and these communities. Your advice on this and the other issues raised would be most appreciated.

Yours sincerely

MIA DAVIES MLA

Member for Central Wheatbelt
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From: Davies, Mia
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To: minister.buswell@dpc.wa.gov.au
Subject: SITA landfill proposal in York

Hon Troy Buswell MLA
Minister for Transport
13th Floor, Dumas House
2 Havelock Street
West Perth WA 6005

Via email: minister.buswell@dpc.wa.gov.au

Dear Minister

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Communities on the fringe of the Perth metropolitan area will likely be faced with this scenario again and it is a divisive and unacceptable situation for them and the project^M proponents. A coordinated State Waste Management Strategy would assist both industry and the community to avoid these conflicts in future.

I'd welcome your advice in relation to the impact of the proposed project, particularly on the local road network and the Great Southern Highway.

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Yours sincerely

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From: Davies, Mia
Sent: Wednesday, 25 September 2013 12:27 AM
To: minister.day@dpc.wa.gov.au
Subject: SITA landfill proposal in York

Hon John Day MLA
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11th Floor, Dumas House
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West Perth WA 6005

Via email: minister.day@dpc.wa.gov.au

Dear Minister

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Communities on the fringe of the Perth metropolitan area will likely be faced with this scenario again and it is a divisive and unacceptable situation for them and the project proponents. A coordinated State Waste Management Strategy would assist both industry and the community to avoid these conflicts in future.

I'd welcome your advice, specifically in relation to the role of Planning as the project progresses through approvals. Your comments on the broader issue of a coordinated State Waste Management Strategy would also be appreciated.

Yours sincerely

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Member for Central Wheatbelt
Parliamentary Secretary to Minister for Regional Development; Lands

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Hon Albert Jacob MLA
Minister for Environment; Heritage

Our Ref: 50-00820/13

Ms Mia Davies MLA
Member for Central Wheatbelt
PO Box 92
NORTHAM WA 6401

Dear Ms Davies

Thank you for your email dated 24 September 2013 regarding the SITA landfill proposal on Allawuna Farm in York.

As the proposal is currently in the appeals process, I am not in a position to comment on its merits at this time.

With respect to strategic planning for waste management, I am pleased to advise that there is a considerable amount of work being conducted through the Waste Authority, which has established a Strategic Waste Infrastructure Planning Working Group to develop a Waste and Recycling Infrastructure Plan (WRIP) for the Perth and Peel regions.

The aim of the WRIP is to provide recommendations to Government on infrastructure required to meet the future waste management needs of the Perth and Peel regions. Details on this project are available on the Waste Authority's website (www.wasteauthority.wa.gov.au) and I encourage you and your constituents to review this information and provide input.

I trust this information is of assistance.

Yours sincerely

Albert Jacob MLA
MINISTER FOR ENVIRONMENT; HERITAGE

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Ms M Davies MLA
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Dear Ms ~~Davies~~ *Mia*,

Thank you for your email of 25 September 2013 concerning a proposal by SITA Australia Pty Ltd to establish a landfill site in the Shire of York and the impact on the Great Southern Highway (Chidlow-York Road).

While the Shire of York is the responsible authority for approving the SITA landfill proposal, SITA has provided a Traffic Impact Statement (TIS) to Main Roads which indicates that the landfill proposal will generate an additional 48 road train movements and 30-40 light vehicle movements per day on the Chidlow-York Road. The TIS also proposes an upgrade of the existing access to a channelized intersection at this location

The traffic associated with the proposal represents an overall increase of 2.8-5.7% over existing traffic volumes on the Chidlow-York Road. The variation in the predicted growth is dependent on whether most of the site workers travel from York in the east or from the west. This predicted growth equates to one to two years' normal traffic growth

In view of the above, Main Roads considers that the Chidlow-York Road has sufficient capacity to easily accommodate the proposed increase in traffic.

Yours sincerely

Hon Troy Buswell, MLA
MINISTER FOR TRANSPORT

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Dear Ms ~~Davies~~ *Mia*

PROPOSED SITA LANDFILL SITE AT ALLAWUNA IN YORK

Thank you for your email of 25 September 2013 regarding the proposed Allawuna landfill site at 2556 Great Southern Highway, York. I am aware of community concern regarding the proposal and have responded to a number of queries on this matter.

At this point, no planning application has been made for the landfill site. However, I am currently considering Amendment 50 to the Shire of York's scheme, which could assist decision making should an application be lodged, as this may introduce definitions for waste management sites, as well as other application requirements. The Shire's scheme is currently silent on the matter of landfills which could complicate decision-making if an application were lodged prior to the scheme being amended.

Due to the construction cost of the landfill site, it is likely to meet the threshold that would require determination by the Wheatbelt's Development Assessment Panel (DAP). As Minister for Planning, I have no decision-making role in DAP processes.

As you may be aware, there are also 35 pending appeals made against the level of environmental assessment set by the Environmental Protection Authority (EPA). No formal assessment was set, and the Office of the Appeals Convenor is currently investigating appeals lodged on this basis. The Appeals Convenor will make a recommendation to the Minister for Environment on this matter.

I share your views regarding greater co-ordination of landfill sites, and I understand the Department of Environmental Regulation is progressing work regarding site selection criteria on behalf of the WA Waste Authority.

As a planning response, the Western Australian Planning Commission has recently endorsed a Wheatbelt Regional Planning and Infrastructure Framework (the Framework) for public comment, which I expect to present to Cabinet shortly.

The Framework recommends that waste management sites be determined by scheme amendment processes, which require early referral to the EPA and public advertising. Subject to environmental and land use suitability, landfill sites should be adjacent to the region's major transport routes - the Great Eastern, Great Northern and Brand Highways. The Great Southern Highway, though technically a main road, may not be configured to handle the type of vehicles proposed, nor be an ideal entry point to WA's first inland town of York.

This approach acknowledges that identification of proposed landfill sites that are linked to metropolitan transfer and recycling stations meet a range of operational, logistic and business considerations. Until the WA Waste Authority has established site selection criteria, planning instruments such as the Wheatbelt Regional Planning and Infrastructure Framework can set broad parameters for sites, with a decision-making framework reflective of community expectation.

I hope this provides an update to the Allawuna proposal and my office would be happy to provide briefings as it progresses.

Yours sincerely



**JOHN DAY
MINISTER FOR PLANNING;
CULTURE AND THE ARTS**

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Mia Davies MLA

Member for Central Wheatbelt

NEWSLETTER

October 2013



From Mia's desk

Welcome to this edition of my newsletter where I have the opportunity to fill you in on some of the work I'm doing in the State Parliament and throughout the electorate. When Parliament is in recess I am spending time in both my Northam and Merredin offices in addition to getting out and about in the electorate. I encourage you to contact my office if you have concerns or feedback for me to consider. I look forward to seeing you as I travel this vast electorate.

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OUT AND ABOUT

State Budget 2013-14

The State Budget was handed down in August. Royalties for Regions continues to deliver significant funding into regional WA and there a number of other key initiatives that will benefit the electorate of Central Wheatbelt.

These include:

- » \$300m for agriculture, over and above the normal budget allocation
- » \$8m for Northam Senior High School
- » \$2,000 Volunteer Fuel Card for all volunteer emergency service groups in regional WA
- » \$10m allocated over four years to provide incentives for police to staff difficult to recruit regional locations
- » \$10m for a Regional Buy Local Initiative to support the small business sector
- » \$37m for a Caravan and Camping initiative designed to increase the opportunities for Western Australians and visitors to experience affordable caravan and camping holidays throughout the State
- » \$11m for the Regional Events Program
- » \$3.5m for the Wheatbelt Renal Dialysis program

Programs and initiatives that continue to receive funding include St John Ambulance Services, the Rural Generalist Pathways project, Patient Assisted Travel Scheme, Royal Flying Doctor Service and Regional Men's Health.

The full Budget can be downloaded at
www.ourstatebudget.wa.gov.au.

Muresk investment continues

One of the highlights of the State Budget was a further commitment from The Nationals in Government to the future of Muresk.

Up to \$10m through Royalties for Regions

has been provided for the development of agribusiness education. Enrolments for next year are now open for a bachelor of agricultural business management degree to be delivered by CY O'Connor in collaboration with Charles Sturt University. For more information visit www.cyoc.wa.edu.au/Courses/AgriculturalBusinessManagement/.



Merredin Residential College

The new Merredin Residential College is at capacity and demand continues to grow. At the opening of the new facilities both the Minister for Education and Minister for Regional Development, Lands made the comment that planning for further expansion of the Merredin College had commenced. I am continuing to pursue this matter to ensure we can cater for the growing number of families who see the benefits of accessing education options closer to home.

Calendar

JUNE

24/6 Governor's visit to Cunderdin, Tammin, Kellerberrin
25-27/6 Parliament sitting
28/6 Koorda Mobile Phone Tower launch, Wongan Hills

JULY

2/7 Northam electorate office
3/7 Merredin electorate office
4/7 Merredin College visit
5/7 Northam electorate office
9/7 Landcorp Breakfast, Royal Life Saving Society, Merredin agribusiness and DAFWA meeting
10/7 Growers meeting with DAFWA, Merredin
11-14/7 Conference of State Parliamentarians, Sydney
16/7 Northam electorate office
17/7 Nangeen Hill Reserve, Kwolyin
18/7 Wyalkatchem, Dowerin, Bakers Hill
19/7 Dryandra Hostel, Kellerberrin
20/7 Rural Ambassador Competition judging, York
23/7 Northam Country Club Ladies Open Golf Day
24/7 Quairading, Brookton
25/7 Beacon, Trayning
26-28/7 Karratha regional visit
30/7 Avon Tourism Board meeting, Northam

AUGUST

1/8 DAFF/ABARES Northam Regional Outlook Conference
2-4/8 The Nationals WA Annual State Conference, York
6-8/8 Parliament sitting
9/8 Northam electorate office
13/8 Muresk visit with Minister
13-15/8 Parliament sitting
16/8 Launch Hidden Treasures of Gt Southern Bloom Festival
20/8 Budget Estimates, Parliament
21/8 Address Leadership WA program participants
22/8 Gt Eastern Zone WALGA meeting (Merredin), Yongah Hill Community Reference Group meeting (Northam), Cunderdin Shire meeting
23/8 RPR Women's Network meeting, Perth
24/8 Beverley Show
25/8 KTY Community Men's Shed opening, Trayning

27/8 Northam EO

28-29/8 Dowerin Field Days

30/8 Ag Institute Australia Conference, Perth

SEPTEMBER

2/9 St Joseph's School visit Parliament
3/9 Northam electorate office
4/9 York
5/9 Merredin electorate office
7/9 Federal election, Koorda Show
10-12/9 Parliament sitting
13/9 Cunderdin Agricultural College Open Day, Corrigin Centenary celebrations
14/9 Northam Show
17-19/9 Parliament sitting
20/9 Tidy Towns Regional Awards (York), Wheatbelt Art Prize (Merredin)
21/9 Avon Valley Writers Festival Launch (Toodyay), Wongan Hills Long Table Dinner
24-26/9 Parliament sitting

Rural Ambassadors

Meeting with young people who are passionate about making a difference is one of the highlights of my job. I recently had the pleasure of judging the Royal Agricultural Society's Central Districts' Rural Ambassador competition. Denis Warnick (York), Samantha O'Neill (Northam), Kristee Jolly (Toodyay) and Darci Miller (Beverley) were all outstanding candidates, with Denis going on to the next stage of the competition. I appreciated their insight into issues impacting their communities and invited them to join me at Parliament House for dinner to continue the discussion.

Passenger transport changes

The proposed closure of the AvonLink and MerredinLink rail services and cancellation of a number of regional bus services is disappointing. It is intended to replace the train service with 'five star' hired road coaches and for the Prospector train service to change to an 'all stopper' pattern for every service to cater for Merredin travellers. I have spoken about the issue in the Parliament and started a petition to be presented in the Legislative Assembly in October. I continue to work with the Wheatbelt Development Commission to put forward an integrated bus and train transport solution for the electorate.

Crop insurance

My colleagues and I recently wrote to the Minister for Agriculture calling for the stamp duty on multi-peril crop insurance (MPCI) products to be waived in a bid to provide financial confidence to growers ahead of the 2014 growing season. We believe removing the stamp duty on risk mitigation insurance products for two years would help mature the market and improve uptake as new products are developed. The issue has been referred to the Treasury for advice.



I joined Shire representatives and volunteers at the TIDY TOWNS SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES REGIONAL AWARDS CEREMONY in York to present the winners with their certificates. Nungarin, York, Quairading, Wongan Hills and Merredin all picked up awards on the day.

SHOW SEASON was busy as always and I enjoyed attending the Beverley Agricultural Society Show, the Koorda & Districts Agricultural Show, Northam Show and Dowerin Field Days.



Community noticeboard

York landfill

There is significant community concern in relation to the proposed landfill at Allawuna Farm on the outskirts of York. These concerns include the impact on the environment and the effect on heritage, tourism, agricultural lifestyle and amenity of the Avon Valley. There is also concern in relation to traffic movements on Great Southern Highway.

I genuinely welcome the prospect of new industry to create employment in the region, but in this case I believe the negative impacts of the project outweigh the benefits.

I have met with SITA on a number of occasions to express my concerns and have raised the matter with the Ministers for Planning and Environment and backed the community's call for a coordinated State Waste Management Strategy to assist both industry and the community avoid these conflicts in future.

Country Age Pension Fuel Card boost

The Country Age Pension Fuel Card will be increased from \$500 to \$550 from July 1 next year. The increase in value was an election commitment from The Nationals WA. The card allows those living in regional areas to maintain their independence and make some compensation for the limited access to public transport in the region.

Local government amalgamations

The Nationals WA do not support the forced amalgamation of Local Governments in regional Western Australia. We have had discussions with the Minister for Local Government to introduce regional subsidiaries legislation to assist local governments to share resources, achieve efficiencies for their rate payers and attract significant project funding without being forced to amalgamate.

Buy local boost

The State Government has revised its Buy Local policy to increase the price preference for regional business competing to win government tenders from \$50,000 to \$250,000. The policy now accounts for factors like transport costs and economies of scale that make it difficult for our local businesses to win tenders when competing against bigger metropolitan businesses.

RELAY FOR LIFE AVON VALLEY, 29-30 MARCH 2014

In 2013/14 11,000 West Australian's will be diagnosed with cancer and 4,000 West Australian's will die from cancer. You can help fund research to find a cure by entering a team in the Relay for Life event to be held next year in Northam. **Contact my office for more information.**

COMFORT QUILTS AGAINST CANCER

Do you have a friend or family member living with breast cancer? The Ladies at Comfort Quilts Against Cancer take nominations from friends and family members of breast cancer patients in regional WA and then make a unique patchwork quilt to be sent to them anonymously. The feedback is overwhelmingly positive and every recipient is touched by the gesture. **For more information visit their Facebook site www.facebook.com/#!/ComfortQuiltsAgainstCancer.**

FUN FOR A CAUSE

For a fun-filled night including a meal, music and entertainment book your tickets for the Grease themed fundraiser being hosted by the ladies at Fun for a Cause on 2nd November in Merredin. This year all proceeds will be donated to Ovarian Cancer Australia. **Contact funforacause1@gmail.com for more information.**

Keep in touch

Keep up to date with my activities and current issues in the electorate subscribing to receive my media statements or speeches at www.miadavies.com.au or follow me on Twitter @MiaDaviesMLA and Facebook /MiaDaviesMLA.

▼ This year's **WHEATBELT ART PRIZE** attracted over 200 entries and \$3500 in prize money for artists. Opening night was held at the historic Cummins Theatre in Merredin. Thank you to the Merredin Fine Arts Society for their assistance in hanging the exhibition.



▲ I spent some time with Ms Ryan's year 9 class at **MERREDIN COLLEGE** recently chatting about the role of a Member of Parliament.

▼ I joined the Dowerin community to celebrate the completion of their Community Club which involved the relocation of the bowls and tennis clubs to the main oval sporting precinct and construction of a new multipurpose pavilion.





THE NATIONALS WA ANNUAL STATE CONFERENCE was held in historic York this year. It is the Party's centenary year, and we recognised two new Life Members, Mr Ian Robertson (Kojonup) and Mrs Susan Muntz (Bruce Rock) (dec.)



REGIONAL CHILD CARE DEVELOPMENT FUND // Royalties for Regions continues to support our regional childcare services. I recently visited Bakers Hill with Hon Paul Brown to present a \$10,000 to assist with the establishment of an out of school hours care service. Dowerin Community Childcare Committee has also received \$10,000 to assist with professional development for their staff, and playground and education equipment.



THE RRR WOMEN'S NETWORK REFERENCE GROUP brings together women to recognise, promote and expand the contribution women make to their communities. They provide advice back to the Minister for Regional Development; Lands on key issues and it was great to spend some time with them at their recent board meeting.



Mia joined staff, students and many visitors at CUNDERDIN AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE OPEN DAY

With sporting and community representatives in Beacon to present a COMMUNITY SPORT AND RECREATION FACILITIES FUND CHEQUE to assist with the upgrade a multi-purpose court and relocation of a shed and fencing



KTY COMMUNITY MEN'S SHED OPENING // I had the pleasure of officially opening the new Shed in Trayning. Hon Paul Brown MLC and I joined committee members and guests for a BBQ and a chat



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Regional Leader,
 Industry Regulation Swan Region
 Department of Environment Regulation

Dear Sir/Madam,

I wish to express how deeply concerned I am about the two landfill proposals at Toodyay (Opal Vale) and York (SITA). The Avon Valley is a very pictureque landscape with excellent soils and high rainfall for agricultural production. It lends itself to future growth in boutique agricultural food production and organic farming, to complement the current tourism industry. Both York and Toodyay are unique heritage towns and the region should be preserved and enhanced to further develop tourism. This region is only an hour from Perth and is an ideal Sunday 'country drive' destination. As Perth becomes more crowded, people will be seeking out 'clean and green' rural destinations to visit for their health and wellbeing. Both Toodyay and York are ideally positioned to capitalise on this now and into the future. Large

Landfill sites in the Avon Valley region would drive tourists and residents away and destroy the towns future tourism and 'clean' agricultural production potential.

This is also a relatively high rainfall region with many creek and river catchments, so waterway contamination would have to be a risk. The Avon River flows into Swan River and I believe everything should be done to protect Perth's Internationally recognised Iconic River.

Also, the additional trucks on the roads would be a hazard.

I appreciate that landfill has to go somewhere, although I believe the government could do a lot more to encourage reduced human wastage. Why don't you consider transporting the rubbish on a train, further out into the wheatbelt where there is already a large proportion of degraded land and salt lakes. This region is also serviced by a railway network and the additional usage would assist with the current viability issues associated with maintaining this vital infrastructure for WA's valuable grain export industry. Transporting bulk rubbish, by train is a lot more environmenrally friendly than using trucks.

Land values in this region would be lot lower than the Avon Valley, allowing the company to purchase additional 'buffer zone' hectares, which would help minimise the impact on local residents. Revegetating these buffer zones for the purpose of Conservation, Salinity Control and Biodiversity could be included in the terms and conditions of approval. This would make the proposal more acceptable to local residents and it would not be a lose, lose outcome for the environment. The central/eastern wheatbelt has a much lower population than the Avon Region, so the impact on residents would be less, although I acknowledge still unwelcome.

I do not live in either York or Toodyay, but I have an appreciation for the character of these towns and their natural aesethetic beauty.

I implore you to make the right decision for the benefit of all Western Australians and their children and prevent these two inappropriate landfills from going ahead.

Regards

Gayle Cail
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OVER COUNTER
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TO THE COMPLAINTS DEPT
SHIRE OF YORK
RE RUBBISH TIP IN YORK

I wish York Shire to register my complaint about the proposed rubbish tip in pristine farmland in York. Surely a better site can be found there are acres + acres of bush between York and Perth which is no good to anyone and is a very big risk of fire with all the Gum trees around. But of course this would cost SITA money to clear the land whereas the farm is already cleared.

Point 2. The main concern is the road trains + trucks on this very bad stretch of road between the Lakes + proposed tip it is now almost impossible to pass the trucks on the road now on the single lanes as you can't see what is ahead which makes it very dangerous and truck drivers do not make it any easier for car drivers to pass.

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Brian F. Harffey
 Kevin K. Allester
 "Corella Home" in Avon
 47 Newcastle Street
 YORK WA 6302

OVER COUNTER
 12/3/14

Dear Shire President, Councillors & CEO,

We are totally against the proposed SITA Landfill. As Residents and rate payers of York, we want you to be fully aware as our elected representatives that we don't want you to support this project in any way.

We have invested heavily in settling in York and don't want to see our investment downgraded through short term discussions and so called promised benefits, made by the council on our behalf.

Everyone is fully aware of the negative effects that the SITA Landfill Proposal will inflict on the entire community if it is approved. It effects not only on the farming sector but on the entire communities quality of life. My mother's family, the Minchins, were first settlers in the area and I feel a strong affiliation to York as I grew up here in my early years.

York is the first inland settlement in WA. It's historical significance should be venerated not consigned to a dump.

It amuses me and I think it rather ironic that as one drives to Perth numerous signs state that the region is a National Park and water catchment area. The main sign states emphatically that one must report any acts of pollution. We would like to report to you now that we think the proposed landfill is an act of pollution.

We urge you most strongly not to support this armageddon on our community. Please stand up for the citizens that rely on you to make the right choices on our behalf.

Kind regards



Brian Harffey

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Submission

12 MAR 2014

Proposed Landfill at Allawuna Farm – Lot 4869(PT) 2948 Great
Southern Highway, Saint Ronans

Cover page of submission

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MY SUBMISSION IS WITHOUT PREJUDICE

from: K Edis

PO BOX 242

York WA 6302

WE **do not** want the Landfill because of the following reasons.....

The proposed tip location is in a **HIGH RISK EARTHQUAKE ZONE**

If the liner cracks during an earthquake, it won't be able to contain pollutants anymore and so toxic pollution will be able to leak out through those cracks into the ground soil and water SEE section 1 below for a relevant article from news.com.au on this subject.

Rubbish tips can contain.....

Lead and Cadmium from discarded batteries

Mercury from broken long life bulbs.

Poisons from household cleaners (container residue)

Uranium and other radioactive isotopes from discarded smoke detectors.

Arsenic dust from offcuts of treated building pine

And...

The proposed tip is close to '13 mile brook' this brook **FEEDS the AVON CATCHMENT AND SWAN RIVER**

There is even a sign near the property entrance and river stating this as a FACT .

SEE section 2 below for photo of this sign.

Any loose rubbish and pollution that is : accidentally spilled near the tip.

: and/or that have blown out of the tip.

: and/or that has been possibly washed out of

the tip during one of the flash floods the area is subject to.

Could be washed into our **AVON CATCHMENT** and also on to the **Swan River to Perth...**

Rubbish tips can contain.....

Lead and Cadmium from discarded batteries

Mercury from broken long life bulbs.

Poisons assorted from household cleaners containers.

Heavy metals from crushed electronic waste.

Medical waste Communicable diseases

Uranium and other radioactive isotopes from discarded smoke detectors.

Arsenic dust from offcuts of treated building pine

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AND

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Smell

There is evidence SITA already run smelly tips in Australia [SEE section 3 Below](#) for links to the EPA Victoria website regarding odours.

This would *not* be nice for residents in the immediate area, Nor any people down wind from the tip.

Also users of the Great Southern Highway unfortunate enough to 'suck in' the smell while passing the Rubbish Tip property.

What If the Tip **CATCHES ON FIRE ?**

All those burning plastics and unknown chemical toxins and poisons would become airborne, a toxic smoke cloud, it could blow all these poisons into the lungs of the residents of York.

Residents in Melbourne's southeast urged to stay indoors as toxic landfill fire spreads potentially hazardous fumes

- **JONNO NASH**
- **FROM THE HERALD SUN**
- **FEBRUARY 23, 2014 12:19PM**

RESIDENTS in Melbourne's southeast are being urged to stay indoors as a toxic fire at a landfill site spreads potentially hazardous fumes over the area.

Residents in Dandenong South, Lynbrook, Hampton Park and Lyndhurst have been issued a Watch and Act alert, as fire crews at the scene in Taylors Rd, Dandenong South battle to control the blaze.

Authorities are warning residents to take immediate shelter and switch off heating and cooling systems.

Father-of-four Dragan Jovic said being bunkered in his Dandenong South residence made him feel like a prisoner in his own home.

"We can't even enter our own streets. We don't know what's going on," Mr Jovic said.

"The smell is unlike anything. It seems quite hazardous."

A CFA spokeswoman said firefighters are further assessing the hazardous risk to locals.

"It's not a simple fire to put out. The warning will remain in place until its risk is alleviated," she said.

Firefighters were called to the scene just before 10am and alerted residents of the threat.

The chemicals within the landfill are thought to be fuelling the fire.

Here are all the information sections that I have collected for you to look at.

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SECTION 1 - SOIL QUALITY -

<http://www.news.com.au/national/australias-earthquake-hot-spots-revealed/story-fndo4eg9-1226519537825>

Moe, York, Kirwan, Tenant Creek Australia's hotspots for earthquakes

1 YEAR AGO NOVEMBER 19, 2012 2:45PM



Moe in Victoria is at high risk of earthquakes. *Source: Herald Sun*

MOE in Victoria, York and Kirwan in Western Australia and Tenant Creek in the Northern Territory are the regions in Australia with the highest potential for earthquakes, according to a new Earthquake Hazard Map of Australia launched today.

Seismologists from Geoscience Australia developed the map by analysing the location of past earthquakes nationwide.

Since 1950 Australia has experienced 168 earthquakes above magnitude 5.0 and last year alone, 82 earthquakes were recorded at a magnitude 3.0 or above.

The Minister for Resources and Energy, Martin Ferguson, said the map estimates the likelihood of a particular area experiencing strong ground shaking from

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earthquakes and it is this, rather than the magnitude of an earthquake, that endangers people, buildings and infrastructure.

The new risk map is expected to impact Australian building standards.

"Although these maps do not enable us to predict earthquakes, they will allow engineers and planners to design and locate buildings and infrastructure so as to better protect our communities," Minister Ferguson said in launching the map. He also expects the modelling and data, which have been made available to the public, will be used by emergency managers, researchers and the insurance industry.

View the [Earthquake Hazard Map of Australia](#)

SECTION 2 - WATER QUALITY

Inside the circled area note the small sign. This is the property entrance sign 'R & A CHESTER Allawuna'

Note also the blue and brown '13 Mile Brook' sign on the left of the photo - 13 Mile Brook is part of the the Swan Avon Catchment - This Brook passes through 'Allawuna'



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SECTION 3 - AIR POLLUTION

The following articles are samples from the EPA Victoria website (page links below).

<http://www.epa.vic.gov.au/about-us/news-centre/media-releases/media/%202009/june/25/sita-to-face-court-on-pollution-charges>

SITA TO FACE COURT ON POLLUTION CHARGES

SITA Australia Pty Ltd will be required to front the Sunshine Magistrates' Court on three charges relating to the environment. EPA Victoria has brought three pollution charges against the company, relating to **odours** allegedly discharged from the company's Brooklyn composting facility in September last year. EPA chairman Mick Bourke said the charges followed extensive investigation into odour in the Brooklyn area. "These charges reflect the serious nature of the alleged offences. EPA initiates enforcement options where necessary to bring about improved environmental performance."

The matter is set down for mention on August 11.

<http://www.epa.vic.gov.au/about-us/news-centre/media-releases/media/2010/july/07/sita-penalised-for-smelly-site>

SITA PENALISED FOR SMELLY SITE

A Brooklyn company responsible for composting green waste was convicted in the Sunshine Magistrates' Court yesterday (July 6) when it appeared on a charge of breaching its licence. SITA Australia Pty Ltd pleaded guilty to the charge and was fined \$35,000. The court heard that in May last year residents living in Yarraville and Brooklyn lodged several reports about **offensive odour** at their homes over a three day period. The residents described the smell as nauseating, overpowering and smelling like rotten vegetables, rotting compost or faecal matter...

<http://www.epa.vic.gov.au/about-us/news-centre/media-releases/media/2010/february/01/guilty-verdict-for-sita-s-brooklyn-site>

GUILTY VERDICT FOR SITA'S BROOKLYN SITE

A Brooklyn composting facility was late last week (January 29th) found guilty and ordered to pay \$40,000 to a local council's environment and sustainability program for an odour incident in September 2008. SITA Australia Pty Ltd pleaded guilty in the Sunshine Magistrates' Court to breaching its EPA licence by allowing **odours offensive** to humans to be discharged beyond the boundary of its Brooklyn premises. The Court heard that local residents had complained on the day of the incident of an unbearable and sickening smell coming from the site...

<http://www.epa.vic.gov.au/our-work/%20publications/publication/2012/september/1503>

Hallam Road Landfill - Final Enforceable Undertaking – Community Information
EPA has negotiated an Enforceable Undertaking with SITA Australia following **odour offences** at its Hallam Road landfill site. Through the EU, SITA is obliged to invest heavily in best practice management for future cells and community engagement projects.

<http://www.epa.vic.gov.au/about-us/news-centre/news-and-updates/news/2012/april/11/hallam-road-landfill-update>

Hallam Road landfill update

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Odour from Hallam Road has been a longstanding issue for EPA and the community. The landfill's operator, SITA Australia Pty Ltd, has informed EPA that 'cell 8' - the major source of odour - will be closed by June. The cell is expected to be completely 'capped' by the end of September and should lead to an immediate reduction in odour. EPA has now finalised a brief of evidence against SITA paving the way for serious enforcement action...

<http://www.epa.vic.gov.au/about-us/news-centre/media-releases/media/2012/september/24/large-scale-works-required-in-enforceable-undertaking>

Large scale works required in enforceable undertaking

EPA Victoria has negotiated an enforceable undertaking with SITA Australia following **odour offences** at its Hallam Rd landfill site. EPA CEO John Merritt said the EU is an appropriate response by SITA Australia for the hardship experienced by the community as a result of odour from the site. "We have listened to the community and think it appropriate that measures suggested by them at the restorative justice conference have been added to the undertaking," Mr Merritt said. The EU is legally binding and many of the measures will become part of SITA's licence...

<http://www.epa.vic.gov.au/about-us/news-centre/media-releases/media/2010/october/21/hallam-road-landfill-fined-for-july-odour-incident>

HALLAM ROAD LANDFILL FINED FOR JULY ODOUR INCIDENT

SITA Australia Pty Ltd has been fined almost \$6,000 by EPA Victoria following an **odour** incident in July this year. EPA received 15 odour complaints from residents living around the Hallam Road landfill in Hampton Park. EPA's southern metro manager Cameron Brown said EPA officers investigating reports were able to confirm the presence of landfill gas odour in parts of the Lynbrook residential estate. "SITA was fined for failing to adhere to a licence condition stipulating that offensive odours must not be discharged beyond the boundary premises," he said...

We do **not want** the proposed Tip in the shire of York.

Thankyou ,


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End of submission

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Shire of York
 Joaquina Street
 York.

SUBMISSION

Good Morning,

Please find attached file against the ALLAWUNA LANDFILL FACILITY - Lots 4869, 5931, 9926 & 26934
 Great Southern Highway St Ronans, Shire of York **Class 11 or 111 putrescible landfill site : SITA Australia
 Pty Ltd (Allawuna Farm Landfill) Great Southern Hlhighway, St Ronans (W5581/2014/1)[*6}**

I formally request a full copy of my submission to members of the DAP.

Can you please confirm my submission of 19 pages has been accepted and that the file can be opened and read.

Roma Paton'

~~20 Botwinie Road~~
 York.

SUBMISSION
ALLAWUNA LANDFILL FACILITY -

Lots 4869, 5931, 9926 & 26934 Great Southern Highway St Ronans, Shire of
York

**Class 11 or 111 putrescible landfill site : SITA Australia Pty Ltd
(Allawuna Farm Landfill) Great Southern Hlghway, St Ronans
(W5581/2014/1)[*6}**

Public Comment:

Roma Paton

~~30 Bouverie Road,~~
York

I wish to express my concerns against the proposed SITA landfill site (on the property known as Allawuna, 18 km West of York in the Avon Valley)

I (and my Family) live East of the proposed Landfill in the Town of York. We chose to live here for health and life style reasons.

In areas where I have researched information, I will provide you with reference information, together with map and photographic attachments.

Question: to Planner and DAP Panel Members:

IF the Liner SITA plan to use is SAFE with NO risk of compromise or breaches from earthquakes and the contamination of leachate and dust pose No risk to people and there will be no No risk to ground water contamination -
Why is the WA Government so anxious to get landfill out of the sand plane of the metro area?

This proposal **does not fit York's Town Planning Scheme.** The Town planning scheme does not include "waste Management" therefore this application should be rejected.

In fact it goes directly against all the rules the Shire of York force other people to comply with.

Shire of York Town Planning Scheme No 2

4.15 General Agriculture Zone

4.15.1 Objectives

To ensure the continuation of broad-hectare agriculture as the principal land use in the district encouraging where appropriate the retention and expansion of agricultural activities . **(Landfill is not an agricultural activity)**

- a) To ensure the continuation of broad-hectare agriculture as the principal land use in the district encouraging where appropriate the retention and expansion of agricultural activities . **(Landfill is not an agricultural activity)**
- b) To consider non-rural activities where they can be shown to be of benefit to the district and not detrimental to the natural resources or the environment **(Landfill is detrimental to the environment)**
- c) To allow for facilities for tourist and travellers, and for recreation uses. **(This proposal is not providing facilities for tourist and travellers or any recreation uses and I believe this proposal will have a detrimental effect on tourists and travellers to York due to the extra large trucks on the already over burdened road)**
- d) To have regard to residential use of adjoin land at the interface of the General Agriculture zone with other zones to avoid adverse effects on local amenities (**this proposal has already adversely effected the value for adjoining landowners as well as many of the residents of York**)

This proposal is not consistent with the objectives of Yorks **Community Strategic Plan** which states under:

Environment – Preserving and Sustaining Our Natural Environment

Our Vision –“ Our environment will be preserved for future generations, protecting viable rural land, whilst our town grows and develops”.

One of the **objectives** includes **“Protect and Enhance Our Rural Land and Spaces”** And one of the **priorities** under this objective is **“Establish land use strategy to ensure rural and farming land is protected”**

Economic Development –

One of the **objectives** includes “Facilitate **Sustainable** and Managed Development”

And one of the **priorities** under this objective is **“Protect Primary Agricultural Areas through effective Land Use management”**

The proposal is not consistent with the local planning strategy which includes **“protection of sustainably agriculture and; preserve and enhance the environment and natural resources”** - this proposal is not in keeping with this strategy!

Shire of York Local Planning Strategy

1) Vision

2) Objectives, strategies & actions

General Objectives

Economic

1. Encourage the development and diversification of businesses that will strengthen and broaden the economic base of the Shire and provide employment opportunities for the community
2. Encourage Tourism that is complimentary to the character of the Shire and is compatible with the lifestyle and aspirations of the community
3. Protect broad acre agricultural areas from inappropriate development and intrusion by urban and semi-rural uses

Environmental

4. Protect and enhance the Shires key environmental values that support the continuation of biodiversity, the lifestyle of the community and the viability of eco system dependent businesses
5. Promote natural resource management as a cooperative mechanism to protect and enhance the Shire's key environment values

State Planning Policy 2.5 – Land Use Planning in Rural Areas – as published in the Government Gazette on 27th November 2013.

Part 4. Objectives of this Policy

- a) **To protect rural land from incompatible uses by –**
 - I. **Requiring comprehensive planning for rural areas**
 - II. **Make land use decisions for rural land that support existing and future primary production and protection of priority agricultural lands, particularly for the production of food; and**
 - III. **Providing investment security for the existing and future primary production sector**
- b) **To promote regional development through provision of ongoing economic opportunities on rural land**
- c) **To promote sustainable settlement in, and adjacent to, existing urban areas**

- d) To protect and improve environmental and landscape assets
- e) To minimise use conflicts.
- f)

INCORRECT INFORMATION PROVIDED BY SITA:

1. Mr Stock indicated that SITA would like to generate electricity from the landfill, bringing power for up to 3000 homes by burning methane gas. He indicated during the meeting that this would benefit YORK when in fact the power to Alluwuna does NOT go through York but comes from Northam through the Muresk line.

2. SITA states that the average annual rainfall recorded at York is 381mm. The Shire of York website states that the average rainfall recorded at York is 450mm.

Local Farmers records show an average rainfall in the area of 500mm.

If SITA can't get the smallest and easiest figures correct how can the community believe anything that SITA state in their proposal?

3. Clearly SITA failed to research this sufficiently. Quote from SITA application page 18

8.3 seismology "The area around Northam, from the Darling Scarp to Merredin is an area of notable seismic activity in Western Australia. The location of the landfill is to the south western edge of this zone of activity." **This statement by SITA is incorrect! see map Ref: attachment 1** The reference map shows clearly the western edge of the seismic zone is in fact well after Great Southern Highway joins Grt Eastern Highway and incorporates the eastern area of Mundaring Town.

The Meckering earthquake was responsible for the sever damage and ultimate demolition of the historic Royal Hotel on the cr. of Avon Terrace and South street in York.

4. **Allawuna farm land is not degraded farmland as claimed by SITA - Evidence : (see photo below) the site planned for the Landfill.**



RISK TO 13 MILE CREEK AND GROUND WATER

Evidence of flash flooding in York

The Shire of York in the West Australian Wheatbelt is assessing damage from heavy rain overnight. <http://www.watoday.com.au/wa-news/storms-wash-out-york-bridges-20081029-5b2d.html#ixzz2ufJTfprC>

Shire of York CEO Ray Hooper was called out about 8.15pm to attend to flooding when the bridge on **Mokine Road** to the west of York was washed out. **Photos below flash flooding damage**



"At about 10.30pm and you could see that the foundations were gone and you had to backtrack about 20km to get back into town," Mr Hooper said.

"The road was completely cut and impassable."

At one stage, the four roads surrounding Mr Hooper as he tried to redirect traffic were cut - and his small team was stranded until the water subsided.

The bridge closure has cut the main school bus run, with farmers having to deliver their children to a designated pickup point this morning.

"You are looking at a 16km longer trip," Mr Hooper said.

He urged motorists to avoid the bridge area and travel from York to Mokine via Northam instead.

The **flash floods also caused the Great Southern Highway to be closed last night between The Lakes turnoff and York.** The highway was reopened later this morning. Some areas of the shire recorded 65 millimetres of rain in two hours.

York Storm - Jan 29 2009 - Tropical Cyclone *Dominic*, 22 - 27 January 2009 A low moved off the Kimberley coast during 24 January. This system moved steadily west and intensified into Tropical Cyclone *Dominic* by 0900 WDT 26 January. Flash flooding was also reported in the wheatbelt including York.

Locals from all walks of life chipped in to help when rain and flash flooding washed out roads and swept away bridges in the Wheatbelt town of York overnight.

"There has been damage to about four bridges and some road surfaces have been washed away and there is a lot of debris on the roads," Sergeant Grahame Tysoe of York Police said.

Extreme Weather in York York Storm - Jan 29 2009 - winds, tornados and rain storm: The York Shire President Pat Hooper says crews have been out cleaning up after flash flooding washed away parts of some roads. He says parts of the farming community have also taken a hit.

"At this stage it's hard to ascertain all the damage but I have got reports of stock losses, at least one dam has burst its banks, we've got (damaged) fences and obviously hay and grain that's about to be harvested could have also taken a fair bit of damage," he said. "It just sort of rolled in and then this noise came, that was probably the most frightening thing, and then this howling wind came through."

Photo below :Cyclone Bianca dust/wind/rain storm front York (photo taken at Skydive Express York) -- Jan 29 2009

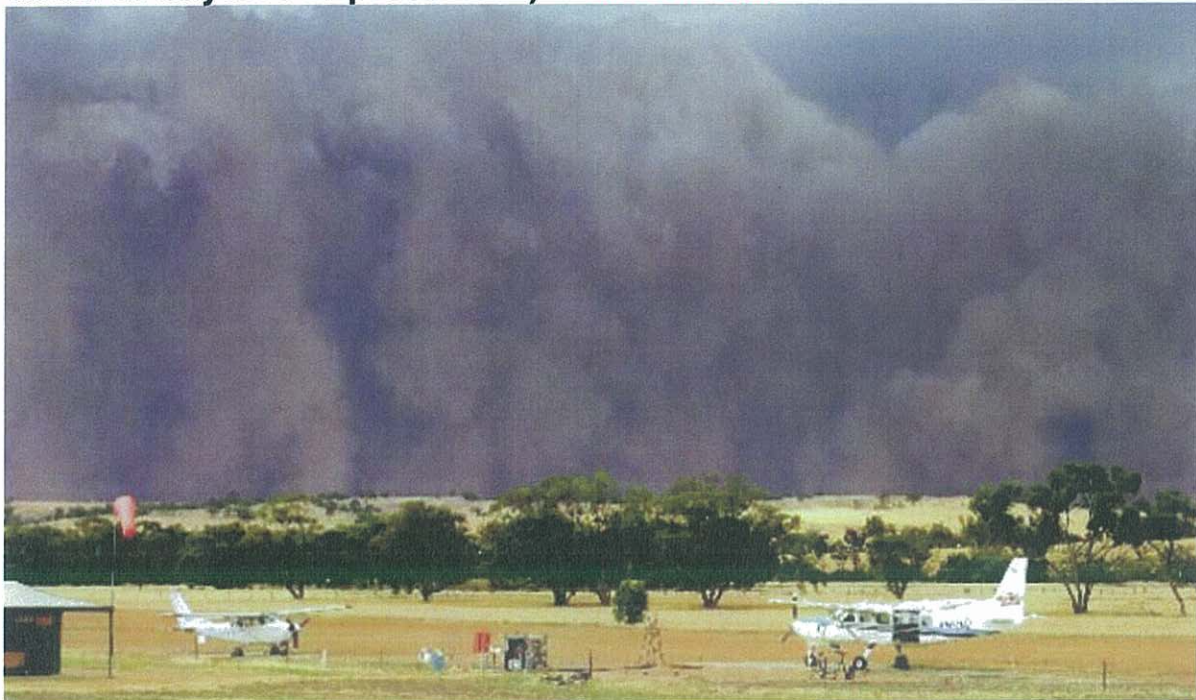
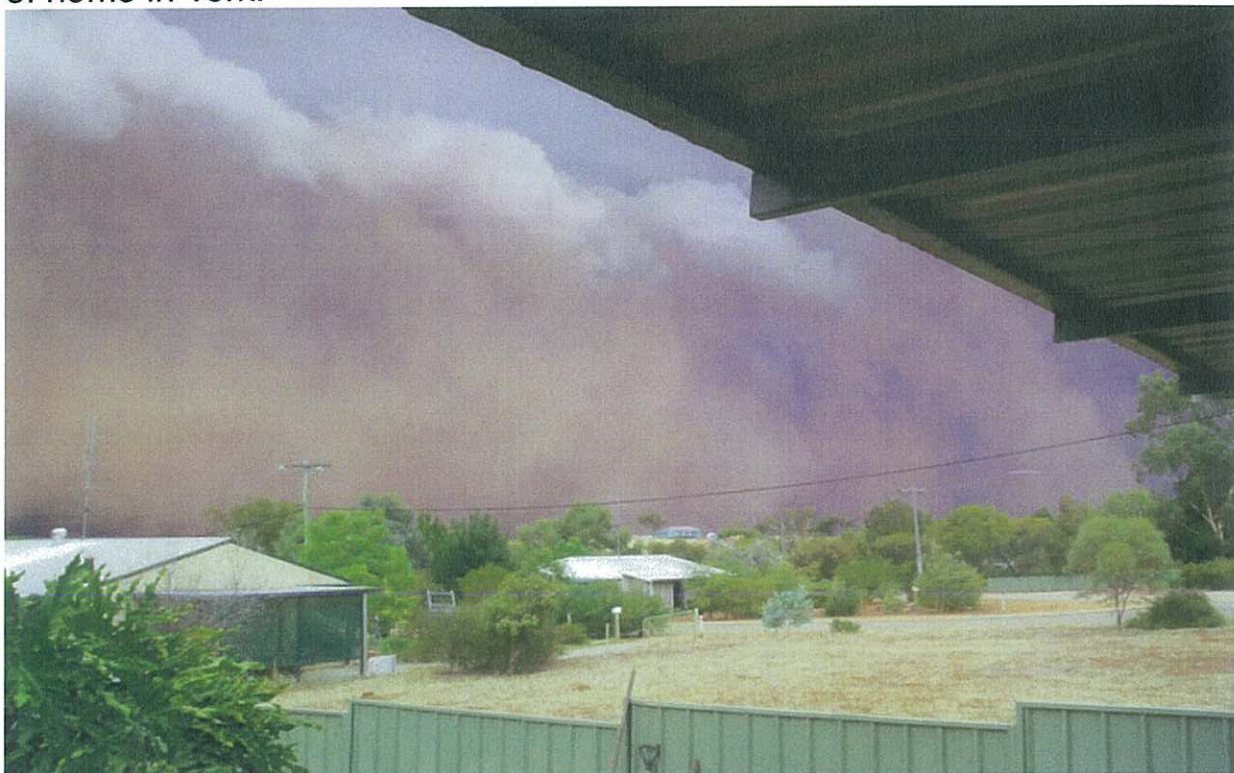


Photo below

Storm front seconds from homes in York

300 homes were severely damaged. Power lines and trees down, flash flooding & no power for five days Photo taken looking NE from back verandah of home in York.



Photob below: The same storm front **looking NW** - this gives an idea of how wide this storm was

This storm also hit properties in the location of the proposed landfill.



Main Roads has changed the speed limit of the road to 60kmh and has warned motorists to use caution.

Weatherzone.com.au meteorologist Thomas Saunders said the band of storms that caused the **flash flooding was concentrated to the west of York.**

FLASH FLOOD `13 MILE CREEK - Jan 6 2013



Air Pollution:

I am concerned our air quality will be impacted both by odour and dust pollution from both the Landfill site and the Leachate pond dust. The ponds are as I understand it, designed to allow the moisture to dry out leaving remnant 'toxic heavy metal dust'. SITA State manager explained that this 'dust' is to be dug out and transported by front end loader to the nearby landfill site to be covered. SITA have no comprehension how strong the summer winds are here in York. The Toxic dust will become airborne as soon as it is disturbed by the front end loader and will be carried for miles by the wind.

York is seriously impacted regularly by smoke from south west burn offs. These burn offs are over a hundred kms away and York still gets the smoke, we can guarantee we will be impacted directly by dust and odour from the Landfill site which is only 18 km west of York.

I am very concerned the water in water tanks will be contaminated by toxic dust from the dump both during excavation and daily heavy machinery activities.

Who will take responsibility if my water is contaminated and my health is impacted by the toxins from the site? The risk for York and its families cannot be ignored.

Evidence of how airborne toxic dust can impact on the health of nearby residents:

Esperance Port authority failed to contain lead dust which resulted in contamination of rain water tanks throughout Esperance, impacting on the health and well being of children and families in the area.

Reference: [Department of Environment and ...www.dec.wa.gov.au/news/.../esperance-lead-and-nickel-update.html](http://www.dec.wa.gov.au/news/.../esperance-lead-and-nickel-update.html) Sep 5, 2012 – The **Esperance Port Authority** was subsequently convicted on five charges relating to **lead contamination** and one charge of emitting a nickel ...Record \$525,000 fine for **Esperance Port** over **lead** dust | Perth

Now www.perthnow.com.au/...esperance...lead.../story-e6frg143-1225792... Oct 30, 2009 – BIG FINES: **Esperance Port Authority** is facing heavy fines today after admitting six charges in relation to the 2007 lead contamination

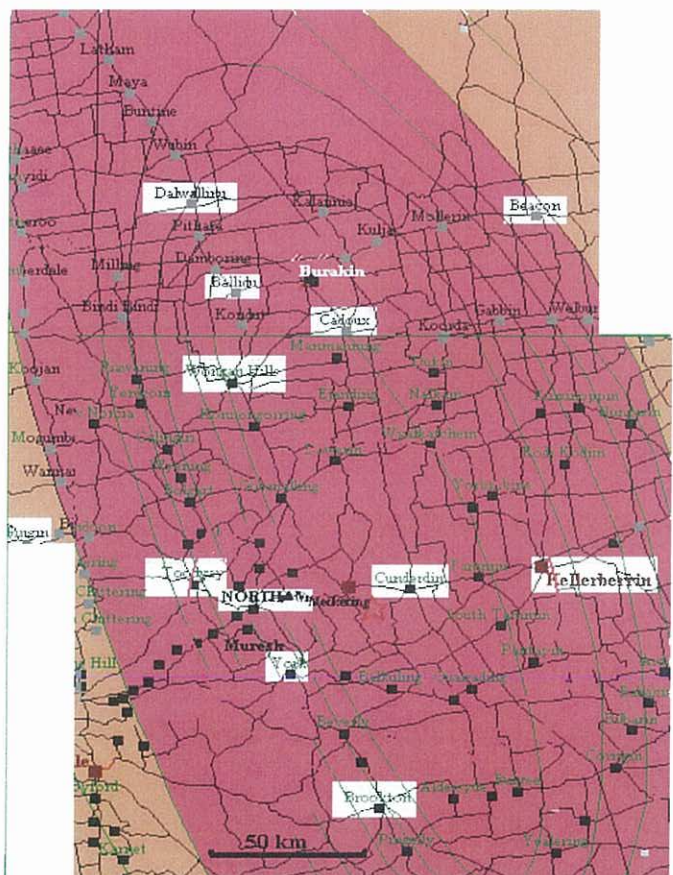
Risk Management of pollution:

Given the history of SITA in Australia. (Ref. Attach. 3 at end of submission)
Evidence proves SITA's clean/green/safety track record is not so clean/green or safe.

A State Government Bond of \$50 M. must be obtained from SITA to cover any future claims for health and environmental damage against that company
It is too easy for multi national companies to step aside, change their name, sell their business or declare bankruptcy to avoid their legal obligation for damage to the environment and peoples health. We in Western Australia have seen this happen too many times - **James Hardie/Wittenoom is a prime example - this environmental disaster cost my family members lives.**

Earthquake Risk Zone:

York is now listed as **one of the top four high risk areas for Earthquakes** on the Seismic web site. This can and would see a catastrophic environmental disaster if the clay base is breached by an earthquake of similar magnitude (6.9) to the Meckering Earthquake in 1968 - the clay base and plastic liner proposed by SITA as the source of protection cannot be guaranteed. There is no evidence where SITA have earthquake tested the liner.



Ref. Attachment 1

http://www.seismicity.see.uwa.edu.au/welcome/seismicity_of_western_australia#SWRef1.

YORK Nov 1994 - Jan 1995 REF: http://www.seismicity.see.uwa.edu.au/welcome/seismicity_of_western_australia/earthquake_swarms

A swarm of earthquake events occurred about 10 km SE of York, beginning on 26 Nov 1994, and continuing into Jan 1995. The largest event was magnitude 2.6, and occurred on 29 Nov. 27 events were located during the swarm, although there were many other events, too small to be accurately located. Portable instruments were deployed in the area to accurately locate some of the events.)

Evidence: The Meckering earth quake caused the Mundaring to Kalgoorlie water supply pipe line to snap, it forced the steel pipe inside itself for well over a meter, such was the force of this quake. This fractured pipe section is on public display in a park within the Town site of Meckering.



Meckering (WA) Earthquake, 14th October 1968
(Photo courtesy of Alice Snook)

The surface faulting in Meckering was up to 3 metres high, and almost 40 km long



If York experience an earthquake (6.9) similar to the Meckering quake with a drop of 3 meters in the land, the liners will not not survive. Landfill cells will also slip down the hill.

Source <http://www.westaustrianvista.com/meckering-earthquake.html>

If 1/2" thick steel pipe can rupture, then it is reasonable to conclude a plastic liner will also rupture.

- SW York - Magnitude: 2.4 (ML) 09 September 2011
- Meckering earth quake caused Mundaring/Kalgoorlie pipe to break forcing it inside itself

www.seismicity.see.uwa.edu.au/welcome/seismicity_of_western_australia/wa_historical/meckering

The map below: all known earthquakes in the region of magnitude 5.0 or more. Source: http://www.seismicity.see.uwa.edu.au/welcome/seismicity_of_western_australia/wa_historical?p=44594

In order to compute earthquake risk in Australia, using a technique known as the Cornell-McGuire method, Brian Gaull and Marion Leiba (1990) divided Australia into a number of earthquake source zones (see map below). 13 of these source zones are in Western Australia. While ideas on seismicity have evolved since then, this map gives an idea of the major sources of seismicity in Western Australia and Australia in general. Notable is the low seismicity attributed to the Northern Territory. Earthquakes in this region since 1987 have dramatically changed the level of seismic risk attributed to this region of Australia. Source: http://www.seismicity.see.uwa.edu.au/welcome/seismicity_of_western_australia/wa_historical?p=44594

1968 - Western Australia - Meckering

Although the magnitude 6.9 Meckering earthquake of October 1968 was not the largest in Western Australia's history, it was certainly the most significant in terms of damage done and cultural upheaval. **It caused ground rupturing almost 40km long, some of which can still be seen.** In Meckering, a bank, hotel, shire hall, three churches and 60 of about 75 houses were wrecked. Where the fault crossed the highway, **the road had an approximately 1.5 m high step in it.** Railway lines were buckled, and a water main was folded in upon itself.

Interesting fact: There are on average 80 earthquakes of magnitude 3.0 or more in Australia each year. Earthquakes above magnitude 5.5, such as the 5.6 magnitude event in Newcastle in 1989, occur on average every two years. **About every five years there is a potentially disastrous earthquake of magnitude 6.0 or more.**

Earthquakes of magnitude 4.0 or more are relatively common in Western Australia with one occurring approximately every five years in the Meckering region.

WA has been identified as the nation's earthquake capital with the release of a series of new maps pinpointing quake hotspots around the country.

Maps published by government seismologists at Geoscience Australia identify four earthquake "hot zones" across the State - areas scientists believe could be the most dangerous because of seismic activity.

The National Earthquake Hazard Map of Australia ranks danger zones according to estimates of ground shaking that might occur in a particular area.

The earthquake hazard maps can be viewed at www.ga.gov.au/darwin-view/hazards.xhtml.

Geoscience <http://www.ga.gov.au/hazards/earthquakes/earthquake->

Evidence of seismic activity in York:

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SW of York, WA.

Magnitude: 2.4 (ML)

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Date and Time

UTC: 09 September 2011 @ 23:12:33

Sydney Time: 10 September 2011 @ 09:12:33 (AEST)

Location

Coordinates: **-31.973, 116.718**

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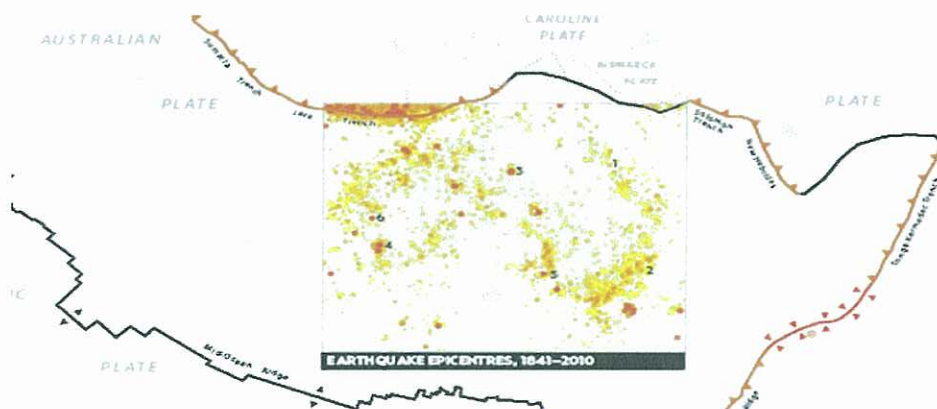
Ref: <http://www.australiangeographic.com.au/topics/science-environment/2011/10/earthquakes-in-australia/>

Western Australia is a quake hotspot, with more quakes than all the other states and territories combined.

MOE in Victoria, York and Kirwan in Western Australia and Tenant Creek in the Northern Territory are the regions in Australia with the highest potential for earthquakes, according to a new Earthquake Hazard Map of Australia.

YORK	Nov 1994 - Jan 1995	2.6	27 events located
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Ref: Attach. 3 Seismic Map - Ref: [http://www.seismicity.see.uwa.edu.au/welcome/seismicity of western australia#SW](http://www.seismicity.see.uwa.edu.au/welcome/seismicity%20of%20western%20australia#SW)



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4. **Earthquake rocks WA's Goldfields**
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6. A MAGNITUDE 4.6 **earthquake** has rocked **Western Australia's** ...occurred in the Coolgardie, **Kalgoorlie** and Boulder area at 8am (WST)**today**.

Geoscience Australia seismologist Eddie Leask said it was the equal second largest earthquake recorded in the area, behind a magnitude five that struck close to Kalgoorlie in April 2010 and tying with another 4.6 centred further away to the town's east in April 1977.

Phase arrivals, or seismic waves associated with the earthquake, were recorded in areas including Kambalda, some 100km away, **Mundaring in Perth's Hills region, some 500km from the epicentre, and Forrest, 657km away.**

Natural water course: SITA plan to insert storm water pipes to divert the water which naturally runs through the valley when it rains.

It is a breach of the Rights in Water and Irrigation Act 1914 to divert any watercourse or diminish the flow of it.

Section 11 (1) - (a) to do anything, or install any works or object, that causes obstruction of or interference to a watercourse or wetland or its bed or banks, unless the person holds a permit granted by the Minister authorising the person to do so.

There is nothing in the application to indicate SITA has obtained permission - therefore it can be assumed the have notl.

Section 17 . **Obstruction etc. of watercourse etc. without authority, offence and Minister's powers as to**

(1) Where, whether before or after the coming into operation of this Act, land was or is granted, transferred in fee simple, or demised by

the Crown, a person shall not, except as authorised by a permit or by any other Act, obstruct, destroy, or interfere with any watercourse, race, or drain flowing through or over the land, or any dam or reservoir, or the bed of any disused watercourse, race, or drain, that is on the land.

Leachate ponds - Risk of pollution:

I noted during the conducted tour that the ponds would be directly adjacent to the 13 mile creek - though I believe this may have been changed to another site further up the hill. How the leachate will travel up hill I do not know. When State Manager of SITA Nial Stock was asked if he was aware York has, over recent years, experienced extensive and frightening night flash flooding. He claimed he was not aware of this problem, however he stated any night flooding would be noticed by the "night watchman" who would phone the head office for trucks to be driven from Perth to pump out the leach gate ponds.

The toxins held in the Leach gate ponds would already be washed into the 13 Mile creek and well on its way to the Avon and Swan Rivers before any truck could drive the 2 hours to York from Perth to pump out the toxins.

Western Power have no plans to extend the grid to the area and neighbouring farmers confirm Mobile phone connections are unreliable in the area which means the 'night watchman' will not be able to call for assistance if flash flooding occurs.

National Toxics Network secretary Lee Bell reported the Cardup facility is **located in the worse possible location for a landfill - on the Darling Scarp, above a rain catchment area with natural creek lines.** This comment also applies to Allawuna Farm proposed site it is also adjacent to natural creek lines and water catchment.

100,000 litres of leachate sludge was released into Cardup Reserve and Brook in 2012 by SITA

Evidence of leachate breaches by SITA: <http://au.news.yahoo.com/thewest/a/-/news/7388792/investigation-into-toxic-spill-in-creek/>

The Department of Environment and Conservation is investigating how more than 100,000 litres of toxic waste spewed out of containment tanks at the South Cardup landfill site, south of Perth, yesterday contaminating a local creek.

Leachate tanks at the landfill site overflowed on Thursday night sending the waste flowing more than one kilometre through bushland and into Cardup Brook. The spill was not detected until yesterday morning.

The black-coloured leachate is understood to contain a toxic cocktail of heavy metals, pesticides and other poisons.

NB: These would go into the 13 Mile creek if flash flooding occurs.

"Work is currently underway to determine the **extent of soil that may have been affected** and a suitable remediation strategy to protect the environment and nearby land use."

The landfill site is licensed to take household, commercial and industrial waste and has been used to dump some of the State's most noxious chemical waste. **Is this what we can expect?**

National Toxics Network secretary Lee Bell said the incident highlighted failures at the Cardup landfill facility and it was time it was closed down. **So why move the problem to York?**

"This facility is located in the worse possible location for a landfill - on the Darling Scarp, above a rain catchment area with natural creek lines. It was a terrible place to put a landfill and now a lot of the problems are becoming evident," Mr Bell said. **Will York be the same!**

Serpentine Jarrahdale Ratepayers Association president Alan Clarkson said the toxic slick had run through a Bush Forever nature reserve and across South Western Highway. "The worst fears of the community have been realised," Mr Clarkson said. "We urge the Government to close this facility."

If SITA's State Manager is unaware that York experience torrential flash flooding, particularly in the area they plan to use for Landfill, then clearly they are ill prepared to handle the consequences of these catastrophic environmental flash floods can cause.

Toxic heavy metal dust - Summer winds:

The Leachgate ponds are designed to allow the moisture to dry out leaving remnant 'toxic heavy metal dust'. This 'dust' is to be dug out and taken to the nearby landfill site to be and covered. Again SITA have no comprehension how strong the summer winds here in York. That Toxic dust will be airborne, carried for miles polluting grain crops, cattle and sheep fodder, drinking troughs and the air we in York breathe. Our water tanks will be contaminated.

Previous SITA prosecutions.

It is well documented on the WWW SITA breach environmental rules and regulations. SITA have already breached environmental regulations/laws here in W.A., why are they permitted to continue operating? [See attachment 3. listed at end of document.](#)

Risk to Flora, fauna and revegetated water ways:

I together with those who live and visit this area, value the flora and fauna. I have spent many hours as a community volunteer planting trees and revegetating the 13 mile creek. A creek which is now showing signs of being alive again. If the Landfill application is granted - the risk to this beautiful revegetated and tenuously fragile environment will be desimated. The risk is far too great.

York wheat, meat, eggs, Olive Oil and organic produce:

The area surroundi the proposed Landfill Site is a high food production area The wheatbelt farms are the food basket for ALL West Australians. To risk ANY contamination to surrounding crops, fruit trees, stock fodder and water would be inconscionable.

Lakes to York Road.

This road is used by double bogie wheat, sheep, hay transport trucks, Tourist buses, Westrail Buses and Tourists. It is a treacherous road to navigate and placing the road users at great risk by adding extra double bogie rubbish trucks is nothing short of madness.

SITA state on page 40 of their submission:

The increase in traffic resulting from the Allawuna Farm Landfill will increase the risk of a fatality within each crash type only marginally and that the increased risk is still within the acceptable societal risk for fatalities

The lives of York Residents (and others) travelling on this road appear to have become an expendable commodity, or some form of 'expected collateral damage' in this proposal. I find this abhorrent.

Ref: Attachment 2. SITA odour prosecutions/ Australia

No. 1 www.epa.vic.gov.au/about-us/news-centre/media-releases/media/2009/june/25/sita-to-face-court-on-pollution-charges

Ref: Attachment Ref: 3

SITA PENALISED FOR SMELLY SITE - POLLUTION CHARGES SITA

Australia Pty Ltd will be required to front the Sunshine Magistrates' Court on three charges relating to the environment

NO. 2 <http://www.epa.vic.gov.au/about-us/news-centre/media-releases/media/2010/july/07/sita-penalised-For-smelly-site>

SITA PENALISED FOR SMELLY SITE - A Brooklyn company responsible for composting green waste was convicted in the Sunshine Magistrates' Court SITA Australia Pty Ltd pleaded guilty to the charge and was fined \$35,000.

NO. 3 www.epa.vic.gov.au/about-us/news-centre/media-releases/media/2010/february/01/guilty-verdict-for-sita-s-brooklyn-site

GUILTY VERDICT FOR SITA'S BROOKLYN SITE - SITA Australia Pty Ltd pleaded guilty in the Sunshine Magistrates' Court to breaching its EPA licence by allowing odours offensive to humans to be discharged beyond the boundary of its Brooklyn premises.

NO. 4 <http://www.epa.vic.gov.au/our-work/publications/publication/2012/september/1503> **Hallam Road Landfill - Final Enforceable**

Undertaking – Community Information

EPA has negotiated an Enforceable Undertaking with SITA Australia following odour offences at its Hallam Road landfill site. Through the EU, SITA is obliged to invest heavily in best practice management for future cells and community engagement projects.

Hallam Road Landfill Enforceable Undertaking - Community Information

NO. 5 <http://www.epa.vic.gov.au/our-work/publications/publication/2012/july/1489>

Several times last year EPA Victoria confirmed that odour travelled beyond SITA Australia's Hallam Rd landfill boundary, in breach of its EPA licence.

NO. 6 <http://www.epa.vic.gov.au/about-us/news-centre/news-and-updates/news/2012/april/11/hallam-road-landfill-update>

Hallam Road landfill update

Odour from Hallam Road has been a longstanding issue for EPA **and the community**. The landfill's operator, SITA Australia Pty Ltd, has informed EPA that 'cell 8' - **the major source of odour** - will be closed by June

NO. 7 www.epa.vic.gov.au/about-us/news-centre/media-releases/media/2012/september/24/large-scale-works-required-in-enforceable-undertaking

Large scale works required in enforceable undertaking

EPA Victoria has negotiated an enforceable undertaking with **SITA Australia following odour offences** at its Hallam Rd landfill site.

NO. 8 www.epa.vic.gov.au/about-us/news-centre/media-releases/media/2010/october/21/hallam-road-landfill-fined-for-july-odour-incident

HALLAM ROAD LANDFILL FINED FOR JULY ODOUR INCIDENT

SITA Australia Pty Ltd has been fined almost \$6,000 by EPA Victoria following an odour incident in July this year. EPA received 15 odour complaints from residents living around the Hallam Road landfill in Hampton Park

End of submission from:

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The Talbot Land management Association Inc.

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This Association was formed in 1993 by a group of conservation minded farmers in which I have been President for the last 10 years also proceeding into my 7th two year Presidency and member for 15 years.

We revegetated 13 mile Creek in 2007 which falls in line with the Dept Of Water Strategic statement to protect the Helena Catchment from further salinization, sedimentation, and nutrient build-up.

The upper reaches of the Helena catchment in 13 mile Creek have been stabilized and protected from further saline conditions downstream also the control of sediment and nutrient load, the creek line banks have been stabilized from further degradation. After monitoring this area in 2006 prior to commencement of the project found saline conditions just South of Helena Road, this part of the creek line was revegetated about halfway between Talbot Road and Helena Road and stabilized in 2003.

I was approached by landholders Robyn & Terry Davies to revegetate there section of 13 Mile Creek which is to the North West of Helena Road and runs down to adjoining property of Mc Colls remnant bushland some 4kms down the Creek line. After monitoring this area early in 2006, in conjunction with the Dept of Water Northam taking water readings and noting soil conditions we noted saline water at the start of the Creek line and the further we proceeded down the Creek line the less saline the water became and in places water was quiet potable to drink from springs arising in the centre of the Creek. We noted vast amounts of water logging to the Eastern and Western side along this section and further noted large volumes of fresh water on the Eastern side of the Creek line that water quality was quiet potable with no contaminants or salinity.

We have also revegetated 6 mile Creek also a large tributary running into this Creek line. A total of in excess of 400,000 seedlings have been planted in these areas to correct waterlogging and degradation also salinity. The major problems are not so much salinity but vast amounts of waterlogging brining these salt impurities to the surface.

To establish a large landfill further down this Creek system and Catchment would undermine the Dept Of Water Strategic Statement of 2007 and the good will of numerous volunteers to fall in line with the objectives of the Dept Of Water would create a monumental risk for the contamination of the Helena Catchment drinking water that is sourced for Wheat belt Towns and the Goldfields water supplies, with no chance of remediation or correction once contamination occurs. Too late when detected in monitoring sites that will keep on contaminating our precious drinking water resources for decades.

Hydrologists, Geologists, and engineers have been consulted and all conclude it is a risky proposition to put such a huge landfill in this area adjacent to the Helena Catchment with the minimal amount of investigation that has been carried out by the proponent.


Tourism will be greatly affected to be oldest in land Town as the traffic problem on a winding undulating Road that has already had its problems with road deaths and accidents on a completely unsuitable Road that will not cope with further trucking traffic of one truck per 10 minutes by the Intended Waste facility.

York residents as a whole have a responsibility to protect their surface and ground water from contamination and landholders have the right to live in area which is unpolluted by the contamination of their drinking water

which is subject to salmonella contamination from birdlife frequenting a landfill that will contaminate their rainwater tanks that are sourced for drinking water.

With the winding up of the Dept Of water in the Avon, also now the Swan River Trust is defunct, The responsibility to look after our precious resources will be put back onto the general population to protect and manage. These Govt Depts were needed to work hand in hand with environmental groups to identify and manage problems that occur within our environment.

Colin Cable,

 13/3/2014

Talbot Brook Land management Association Inc.

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Records

From: Trevor Saunders [tsaunders@iinet.net.au]
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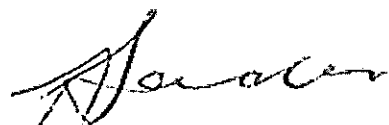
Dear Jacky,

I object to the proposed landfill at Allawuna Farm on the grounds that:

1. State Planning Policy 2.5 – Land use Planning in Rural Areas – as published in the Government gazette on 27th November 2013 – Part 4. Objectives of this Policy
 - a) To protect rural land from incompatible uses by –
 - i. Requiring comprehensive planning for rural areas
 - ii. **Make land use decisions for rural land that support existing and future primary production and protection of priority agricultural lands, particularly for the production of foods; and**
 - iii. **Providing investment security for the existing and future primary production sector**
 - b) To promote regional development through provision of ongoing economic opportunities on rural land
 - c) To promote sustainable settlement in, and adjacent to, existing urban areas
 - d) To protect and improve environmental and landscape assets
 - e) To minimise use conflicts
2. This proposal is **not** consistent with the **local planning strategy** which includes “**protection of sustainably agriculture and; preserve and enhance the environment and natural resources.**”
3. The proposal is **not** consistent with the objectives of **Yorks Community Strategic Plan** which includes an objective of “**Protect and Enhance Our rural Land and Spaces**” and a priority under this objective is “**Establish land use strategy to ensure rural and farming land is protected**”
4. This proposal is **not** consistent with the **Shire of York Town Planning Scheme No 2** - Section 4.15 General Agriculture Zone objective including **to ensure the continuation of broad-hectare agriculture as the principal land use in the district encouraging where appropriate the retention and expansion of agricultural activities.**
5. I travel on the Lakes to York road (Great Southern Highway) several times each week and fear the introduction of any more large trucks than use the road at the moment. Unless there is a dual carriageway on both sides e.g. 4 lane highway, lives will be lost directly as a result of the extra heavy trucks on the road.

6. It will destroy the tourism attraction of York as one of the few historical towns of any scale that we have, which is currently complemented by a magnificently scenic route between Mundaring and York. This potential for greatly increased tourism is currently significantly underutilized, offering a much needed economic alternative for extra jobs in the community and wider afield e.g. travel agencies able to attract overseas tourists.
7. There are better alternatives than simply handballing the metro waste problem to York and environs e.g. rail to isolated disposal sites in desolate areas, directly from metropolitan depots.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Trevor Saunders', with a stylized, cursive script.

Trevor Saunders

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Subject: MRRA objection to SITA landfill

The Shire of York
P O. Box 22
York. W.A. 6302

Date: 12th March 2014

To: The York Shire and Councilors,

The Mundaring Residents and Ratepayers Assoc Inc (MRRA) make this submission **against** the Landfill Proposal by SITA on Allawuna Farm – Lots 9926, 4869, 5931 and 26934 Great Southern Highway, St. Ronan's, York.

Name: Thomas Burbidge
Address: Nbr 11 Mundaring Weir Road Mundaring WA 6073 Work phone: 9295 1710

As Secretary for the MRRA, I have been directed to object to this land use.

1. It is too close to the catchment boundary for the Goldfields water supply.

Under no circumstance should this single drinking water source be able to be rendered unusable.

- a/ High rainfall could flood the leachate ponds and contaminated surface water reach the Helena River.
- b/ An earthquake or a tip fire could rupture the sealing membrane, allowing underground leakage to reach the river.
- c/ Should the leachate ponds dry out, local strong winds could drift leachate dust into the catchment area.
- d/ In its proposed 40 year life, the chance of a catastrophic event is quite likely.

2/ The increase in large truck numbers on Great Eastern Highway.

- a/ They will going through Sawyers Valley, Mundaring and Glen Forrest townsites.
- b/ The SITA data on truck numbers seem rather conservative.
- c/ There seems no restriction to daytime operation, they can add a night shift and double the proposed truck traffic.
- d/ Previously, the Metropolitan Local Government Review Panel recommended all Perth waste be transported **only** by rail.

Thank you considering this submission,
Tom Burbidge,
MRRA Secretary,
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Regarding proposed SITA - Allawuna Farm Landfill comprising of Lots 4869, 5931, 9926 & 26934 Great Southern Hwy, Saint Ronans

Dear York Council,

I wish to strongly object to the proposed SITA waste dump for the following reasons:

1. The Great Southern Highway from York to the Lakes is much too narrow and winding to carry the continuous extra trucks (more so when the farmers have to start carting their crops by road instead of rail).
2. The location of the site being so close to two major creeks and water catchment into the local water-table. As the area is in a seismically active area, leakage from the waste dump into the water-table is highly feasible at some stage.
3. The high possibility of toxic dust from the waste facility being blown across nearby farm crops: given the frequent strong winds this area experiences.
4. The lack of any perceivable benefit to the Shire of York having this facility in our locality. Do we really expect SITA to buy fuel from York, have their vehicles maintained by local businesses or even to employ more than a token couple of York local people.
5. The high likelihood of future expansion of the SITA facility: allowing them to accept different, more highly toxic waste once they have the basic facility approved and their foot in the proverbial door.
6. The high possibility of a fire at the waste facility. Who is responsible for responding to such an emergency, the local Volunteer Bushfire brigade ? What guarantees do SITA have that a fire in the buried waste won't continue to spread toxins far and wide for weeks after the event ?

Yours sincerely,

Onno Van Mechgelen

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Dear Shire of York,

Please find attached letter concerning the SITA development

Kind Regards,
 Fiona Hughes

