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To the Editor

The Mercury

Via email: [mercuryledletter@themercury.com.au](mailto:mercuryledletter@themercury.com.au)

Dear Sir,

Angela Marsh is right when she states Tasmania has a poor record of managing controlled waste and that we have legacy stockpiles of this material (*The Mercury, Monday November 2*).

That is exactly why Southern Waste Solutions has proposed a controlled waste disposal cell.

Controlled waste is waste that could be hazardous to human health or the environment if it is not managed carefully.

The C cell is an individual landfill cell designed specifically to store controlled waste to ensure there is no harm to the environment.

C cells have the added benefit of being able to recover and reuse the resources as they become more scarce, or as technology changes.

Currently, contaminated waste produced in Tasmania is either exported interstate (to someone else's backyard) or simply stockpiled in various sites around Tasmania.

Tasmania has a responsibility to address this issue now to avoid damaging the environment in the future.

The Copping C cell waste storage facility is the best and most robustly designed C cell in Australia to date.

Tasmania's reputation as an environmentally friendly state and a forward-thinker in sustainability is important to its prosperity and future growth. As a state, we took the lead nationally with the removal of non-biodegradable plastic bags and it is vital that other environmental initiatives such as the Copping C cell proceed as a means of creating a strong economy as well as a cleaner, greener Tasmania.

Yours sincerely

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