

Q&A regarding application for increased production at the Lutana Waste Transfer Station

Why are you proposing an increase in production at the facility from 20,000 tonnes per year to 100,000 tonnes per year?

We have applied to increase production in order to meet rising demand from local government authorities to use the Lutana Waste Transfer Station. This will help better meet the needs of the community through cost effective delivery of garbage services.

Extra waste diverted from Glenorchy City Council's Jackson Street Waste Management Centre has been the major driver of this increase in demand.

Exactly how many more trucks will be using Derwent Park Road if the application is approved?

At current processing levels, the Lutana Waste Transfer Station generates 80 truck and semi-trailer movements per day on weekdays.

Since October 2018, SWS has been receiving waste diverted from Glenorchy City Council's Jackson Street Waste Management Centre on Thursdays and Fridays. This has seen the number of truck and semi-trailer movements increase to approximately 176 on these days. This figure is indicative of truck movement numbers on weekdays if the application is approved. Weekend and public holiday operation is limited with only small volumes of traffic.

Will doubling the amount of trucks have a large impact on traffic?

To put the increase into context, Derwent Park Road carries approximately 7,800 vehicles each day to the east of the Brooker Highway. The proposed increase will see SWS truck movements account for approximately 2.2 per cent of this traffic on the road instead of the 1 per cent at existing operating levels.

Will the Lutana Waste Transfer Station's opening hours change?

Yes, in order to safely accommodate the increase in production, it is proposed to modestly extend operating hours at the facility, including beginning operation on Sundays for four hours only.

The opening hours for the site are currently 5.00am to 4.00pm on weekdays, 6:00am to 10:00am on Saturdays and 5:00am to 1:30pm on public holidays.

The proposed new operating hours are:

- Monday to Friday: 4am to 5pm
- Saturday: 6am to 2:30pm
- Sundays: 6am to 10am
- Public Holidays: 5am to 1:30pm

Where will the extra waste end up?

Waste delivered to Lutana Waste Transfer Station is compacted on site before being delivered to Southern Waste Solutions' Copping Landfill. All extra waste received as a result of an increase in production will also be delivered to the Copping Landfill.

If you have any questions regarding the proposed increase, please contact swstas@me.com