



**Media Statement**  
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**Community to be informed on science of Copping proposal**

Construction will not start on the Category C waste disposal cell proposed for the Copping landfill site until Southern Waste Solutions has fully informed the community about the sound science behind the project.

Southern Waste Solutions (SWS) CEO Christine Bell today announced that the organisation would undertake further discussion with the community, which would include holding public information sessions, displays, speaking opportunities and one-on-one meetings.

“Given significant public interest in this proposal, we will not start construction of the engineered cell until we’ve had the opportunity to fully inform the community on the sound scientific and health aspects of the facility,” Ms Bell said.

“It is clear that many in the local community feel they were not adequately informed and we want to address this.

“It is important to us that the community understands the importance of this project for Tasmania’s clean, green image and environmental credentials.

“Tasmania is currently the only state in Australia without such a facility and if we are to hang our hat on being a ‘clean, green’ state, we all need to take responsibility for the waste we produce.”

Southern Waste Solutions – a joint authority owned by local government – has been operating the Copping site for over a decade, during which time it has been subject to regular independent environmental testing standards, which it has always met or exceeded.

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