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Southern Waste Solutions a finalist in EPA Sustainability Award

Southern Waste Solutions, owner of Tasmania's only category C landfill cell, was last night commended as a finalist in the Environment Protection Authority (EPA) Sustainability Award category at the Tasmanian Community Achievement Awards.

The Award aims to recognise businesses which share a passion and commitment for sustainability and to reducing environmental impacts through waste minimisation and resource efficiency.

Judges commended Southern Waste Solutions on the conscious efforts and initiatives employed by the organisation which have seen a reduction to the risk of contamination of the environment through the construction and operation of its C cell at Copping.

Since November 2018, Southern Waste Solutions has safely and securely accepted over 2,000 tonnes of C cell material, which would previously have been shipped interstate to less secure facilities or stored in suboptimal conditions.

Designed with the capacity to accept material state-wide and from Antarctica, the facility has helped reduce pollution and carbon footprint and improve the health of current and future generations of Tasmanians.

Southern Waste Solutions Chair, Ron Ward said the recognition and achievement was testament to the vision and hard work of its CEO, Christine Bell, dedicated staff and the SWS Board.

"Southern Waste Solutions began a long process back in 2012 to gain approval to construct Tasmania's only category C landfill cell at Copping," Mr Ward said.

"Community acceptance and support has been the result of continued and robust community engagement and public awareness campaigning, including the development of a Community Reference Group and detailed website, and the production and distribution of quarterly newsletters," he said.

"This high-quality facility now helps to support Tasmania's clean, green image through notable and successful environmental initiatives."

Other finalists for the EPA Sustainability Award were Hobart Airport and Salamanca Market, with Lion Dairy & Drink named the winner.

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