



Media release

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Southern Waste Solutions intending to increase production at Lutana Waste Transfer Station

Southern Waste Solutions today announced it has submitted an application to Glenorchy City Council to increase production at the Lutana Waste Transfer Station from 20,000 tonnes per annum to 100,000 tonnes per annum.

Southern Waste Solutions CEO Christine Bell said an increase in production was needed to meet rising demand from local government authorities to use the facility.

“Increasing production at Lutana will see use of the facility optimised and allow local government authorities to better meet the needs of the community through cost effective delivery of waste management services,” Ms Bell said.

“We have already been accepting more waste from local councils, particularly waste diverted from Glenorchy City Council’s Jackson Street Waste Management Centre.”

Since October 2018, Glenorchy City Council has been transitioning some of its general waste from its in-house facility to the Lutana Waste Transfer Station, particularly on Thursdays and Fridays. This has resulted in an increase in the weekly processing tonnage as well as traffic generation by the site.

Ms Bell said increased production would result in approximately an extra 96 truck movements each day along Derwent Park Road east of the Brooker Highway, from 80 movements to 176 movements. This is in the context of approximately 7,800 vehicles per day travelling along the section of Derwent Park Road that runs past the waste transfer station.

“Prior to accepting extra waste from Glenorchy City Council, approximately 80 truck movements were generated along Derwent Park Road each day,” Ms Bell said.

“Since October, truck movements occurring on Thursday and Friday have increased to a level consistent with that to be generated by the proposed increase, with data from January 2019 indicating this to be approximately 152 truck movements and 24 semi-trailer movements.”

Ms Bell said in order to safely accommodate the increase in production, Southern Waste Solutions has proposed to extend operating hours at the facility.

“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,” Ms Bell said.

“In order to safely accommodate any increase in production, we propose to extend these hours to 4:00am to 5:00pm on weekdays and introduce Sunday operation from 6:00am to 10:00am, keeping hours the same on Saturday and public holidays.”

Waste delivered to the 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.

A copy of the Pitt&Sherry report into the proposed production increase, as well as a traffic assessment report and FAQs can be found on our website at: <http://www.swstas.com.au/news.html>

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