

Stawell Landfill Newsletter

July 2017 Update

We wish to provide a general update on recent developments at the Stawell Landfill. We plan to issue a newsletter update to our neighbours and other stakeholders 4 times each year, and monthly during the movement of the overfill.

Recent plant upgrades

We have just purchased another Padfoot Roller for the site. This machine is very important in construction activities and general site maintenance works. This machine should be more reliable and get construction activities completed in a shorter amount of time.

Moving of the overfill

We are progressing well with moving the overfilled wastes into Cell 3. The current estimate is that we have moved about 45% of the waste. It is very difficult to provide a finish date for this project as we have been experiencing delays due to wet weather. It is critical that we complete this project in a safe manner and conditions can turn slippery in a short amount of time. We prepare for conditions to change on any particular day by ensuring cover material is readily available and constantly monitoring actual site conditions. This allows us to move the maximum amount of material on any given day while ensuring that we meet our licence requirements. We are very keen to complete this project and to commence final capping of the Cell 1 area. We will continue to provide updates on this project and work as hard as possible to complete the works. If you have any concerns or wish to report any impacts please contact us so that we can take steps to remove or reduce the impact. Our office can be contacted on 5561 1195.

Did you know?

Landfills are constructed in stages with each section subject to approval by EPA Victoria and oversight by an Environmental Auditor. Many steps and different materials are required during the construction with each component being independently tested and construction activities independently supervised. At the completion of each section of works the Auditor must be satisfied that the approved plans have been met and that the works meet the standard required. This ensures that the engineered landfill cells perform to the best possible environmental standards. Whilst this process is rigorous and demanding it provides for protection of the environment and ensures the site meets statewide standards.

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