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SEARCH FOR A NEW WASTE DISPOSAL SITE CONTINUES

Council have been provided with information detailing further investigations into the preferred site for a future waste management facility are not favourable. Talis consultants undertook intrusive drilling and trial pits on Site 11 during May and, through this due diligence process, have determined the site is not suitable for a modern waste management facility.

The criteria used to select broad areas of potentially suitable land was step one in the process to find a new waste site. This was taken out to the community with opportunities for private land owners, within the broad areas outlined, to offer their land to Council for consideration. The parcels of land deemed most suitable were given Site numbers, for identification purposes, and further research into their availability was included. Step two was to undertake more invasive testing on sites to determine if the land was able to accommodate an environmentally safe waste facility. Site 11 has since undergone testing and during this process a 'fatal flaw' has been discovered thus making this site unsuitable for a waste disposal site.

Shire President Victoria Brown stated "The selection of a waste disposal site is not a simple process and is certainly not one that we have taken lightly. As per our original plans we will continue to make sure that all due diligence processes are followed making sure our community are provided with the best possible outcome for a new waste disposal facility."

"We have always maintained that we are committed to finding the best possible site and it is unfortunate that this one has not ticked the boxes. Hopefully this will reassure concerned members of the community that unless a site meets the high standards required, we will not be pursuing it."

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CC: Talis Report: Site Investigation Site 11