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EPA Calls for Submissions

The Shire of Esperance submitted an application with regards to the proposed landfill at Lot 12 Kirwan Road to the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) on Friday 20 October.

The EPA have released the Esperance Waste Management Facility Proposal for a 7 day public comment period. The proposed Waste Management Facility is for a 17ha Class III Putrescible Landfill with a lifespan of 30 years.

CEO Matthew Scott said “The Shire have requested that the highest level of assessment be carried out on the proposal to ensure the site is suitable for a landfill waste facility. Potential impacts and risk mitigation strategies have been identified and we are committed to providing a best practice facility for our community. We welcome the scrutiny as a way of making sure we achieve this goal.”

At this initial stage of the Environmental Impact Assessment process, comment is being sought on whether or not the EPA should assess the proposal and, if so, what level of assessment is considered appropriate. There are four levels:

- Not assessed (Lowest Level)
- Assessed - Referral Information;
- Assessed – Environmental review – no public review;
- Assessed – Public Review (Highest Level)

Information on what these assessment levels mean is available on the EPA site under the heading Stage 2: EPA to decide whether to assess a referred proposal
<http://www.epa.wa.gov.au/step-step-through-proposal-assessment-process>

The link to the submission form is <https://consultation.epa.wa.gov.au/seven-day-comment-on-referrals/esperance-waste-facility/>

This is one of the many steps the Shire will need to complete to ensure a proposed waste facility meets the needs of our community and protects our environment. Further applications will be forwarded in 2018 to the Department of Water and Environmental Regulation for additional assessments.

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