

Annex C

Public Invitation to Community Conversation



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Dear Invited Guest,

**INVITATION TO COMMUNITY CONVERSATION – WASTE MANAGEMENT
AND RESOURCE RECOVERY**

The South East Metropolitan Regional Council (SEMRC) is responsible for the long-term waste management planning of the region.

The Council has commissioned a feasibility study into the building of a regional facility for reuse and recycling of household waste.

You have been identified as a knowledgeable or interested person by the study's Community Reference Group (CRG), or your local shire, to participate in one of a number of important discussion groups being held throughout the south-east region from September 7 to 14. These discussion groups form part of a comprehensive three stage consultation process.

Feasibility Study Overview

The SEMRC has commissioned a consultancy team led by Clifton Coney Group to develop a business plan for achieving its vision for waste management in the region. For a detailed overview of the complete feasibility study process please visit the SEMRC's website at www.semrc.wa.gov.au.

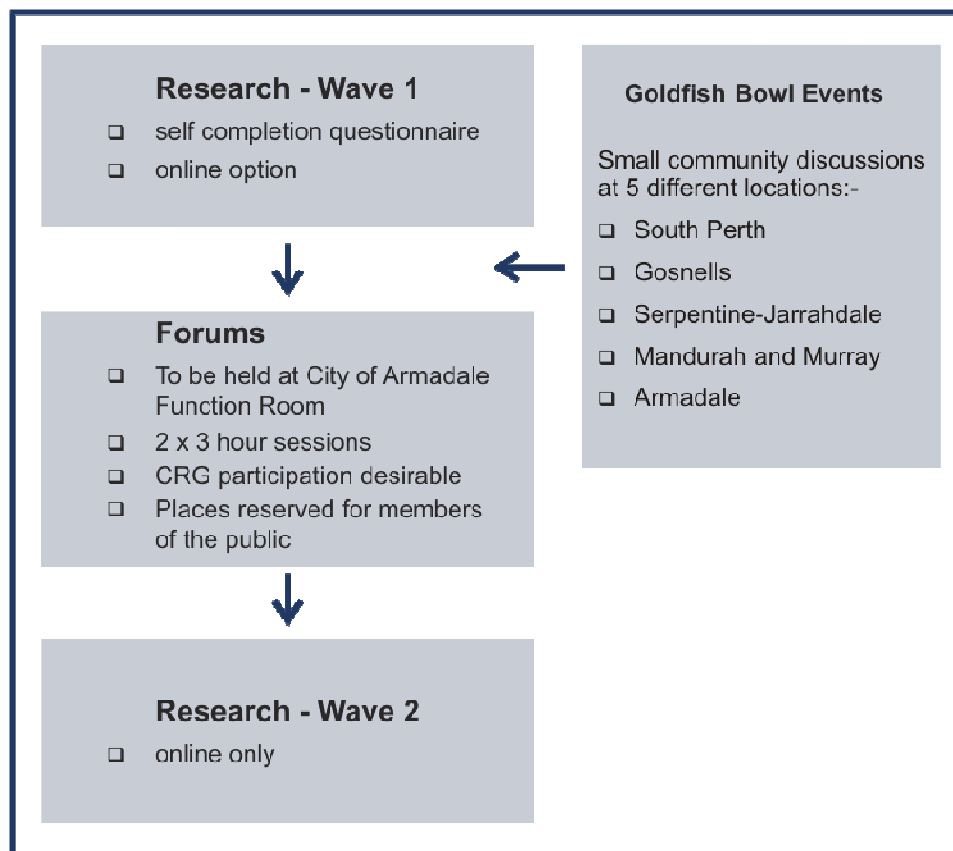
The SEMRC feasibility study has developed draft technology and site selection criteria for determining the location(s) of a Regional Resource Recovery Facility. The SEMRC has worked with technical consultants and the CRG to develop these draft criteria. No site has been selected or will be selected until after the next important stage of the feasibility study, which involves consultation with community and stakeholders on guiding principles and selection criteria.

It is important to note that three controversial technologies have been excluded from consideration as the primary waste management system at an early stage. They are:

- Incineration/thermal
- Landfill
- Bioreactor landfill

Consultation Overview

As part of the next stage of the feasibility study, the SEMRC has commenced consulting the community on a set of draft decision-making criteria. Environmental Resources Management Australia Pty Ltd (ERM) has been commissioned by the SEMRC to undertake a community engagement process which has three stages.



Stages of Consultation

Stage One: a survey has been designed to understand how important the community views each aspect of the facility's siting and operation. Participating households have been selected at random in the six local government areas participating in the feasibility study: Gosnells, Armadale, South Perth, Mandurah, Murray, Serpentine-Jarrahdale; and two adjacent communities of Rockingham and Kwinana.

All members of the public are invited to complete the survey, which is available online between Friday 1 September and Thursday 21 September at www.semrc.wa.gov.au.

Stage Two: you have been nominated by your local council as a community group delegate or individual with relevant knowledge to participate in a small, semi-structured discussion group held in your local area.

ERM will be facilitating these discussion groups which are open to observation by associates invited by participants. The discussion groups will not focus on potential sites for the location of a Regional Resource Recovery Facility, but will focus on the site and technology selection criteria.

The information obtained from these events will influence the final site and technology selection criteria and specifically, will:

- be used in a stakeholder forum being held to make a recommendation on the relative weighting of selection criteria.

The dates, times and locations of the community discussion events are:

Event	Local Government Area	Venue	Date	Time
Goldfish Bowl 1	South Perth	Collier Park Centre	Thursday 7 September	12.00pm – 1.30pm
Goldfish Bowl 2	Gosnells	Agonis Building	Thursday 7 September	8.00pm – 9.30pm
Goldfish Bowl 3	Serpentine-Jarrahdale	Serpentine-Jarrahdale YMCA Community Recreation Centre	Monday 11 September	7.00pm – 8.30pm
Goldfish Bowl 4	Mandurah & Murray	Coodanup Community Centre	Thursday 14 September	12.30pm- 2.00pm
Goldfish Bowl 5	Armadale	Armadale Function Room, Council Office.	Thursday 14 September	7.00 - 8.30pm

Stage Three: Members of the public, including at least one participant from each event, will be invited to attend two Public Forums being held on the evening of Thursday 21 September and Thursday 28 September.

Session one of the forum (21 September, 3 hours) will be used to brief attendants on the consultation process to date and explain the rationale behind the draft site and technology criteria. Forum participants will then be invited back for a second session deliberation (28 September, 3 hours) to reach a consensus on relevant community values and the relative importance of each criterion. In this way, participants will assign a 'community weighting' to the criteria ready for later application to the evaluation of potential sites.

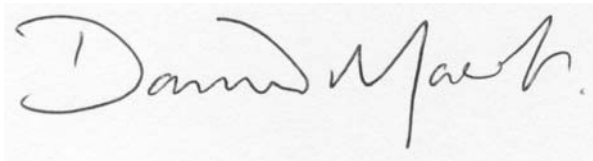
A subset of forum participants will be privately surveyed on their degree of support for the criteria and weighting. The results of this second survey compared with the first, will provide the Council with evidence of what the views of the whole community would have been if all had been part of the forum's examination of the criteria.

You are invited to nominate immediately to attend one of the community discussion events between September 7 and September 14, 2006. Places are limited so please RSVP (attendance only) to **nicholas.young@erm.com** by **Tuesday 5 September** so that catering arrangements can be made. Please state event number and number of supporting delegates/observers attending.

Please note that RSVP's received after this date will not be accepted.

For general information on the feasibility study, or what a Resource Recovery Facility is, please visit the SEMRC's website at www.semrc.wa.gov.au.

Yours sincerely

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Daniel Marsh

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