

## **Western Joint Regional Planning Panel approves Howlong Compost Facility**

The Howlong Compost Facility is set to go ahead, following the development's approval today by the Western Joint Regional Planning Panel (WJRPP).

Chair of the JRPP, Gordon Kirkby, said the decision was a result of considerable deliberation, community consultation and assessment in line with current planning, policy and strategic plans.

"The Panel acknowledges the complexity of the issues and has taken time and care in its deliberations, including a follow-up meeting with the Howlong Community Committee," he said.

"We've read every submission received during the exhibition period and listened to the community's views during the public meeting.

"We sought additional information on key issues including air quality and health impacts, traffic impacts and the development and growth of Howlong. We're satisfied that all potential impacts can be mitigated."

In approving the development, the Panel sought to strengthen the community consultation requirements by amending the conditions of consent. The Community Consultative Committee is required to meet quarterly and include Council and community participation.

The Panel found the development proposal permissible under Clause 121 of *State Environmental Planning Policy (Infrastructure) 2007* and consistent with the *Corowa Development Control Plan 2013* and the former Corowa Shire Council *2001-2031 Strategic Land Use Plan* with regard to the strategic planning of the township of Howlong.

The proposed development is also consistent with the *NSW Waste Avoidance and Resource Recovery Strategy 2014-21* to increase recycling rates across all waste streams and increase the proportion of waste diverted from landfill.

[Read the Determination and Statement of Reasons and the Final Conditions of Consent.](#)

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