

# Resource Recovery Project Update



## February 2011

### Preparation of Public Environmental Report (PER)

In partnership with our six member Councils, Eastern Metropolitan Regional Council (EMRC) is preparing a public environmental report to assess the potential environmental and health impacts of a proposed resource recovery facility (RRF) at the Red Hill Waste Management Facility.

The PER will assess four technology options - one mechanical biological treatment (anaerobic digestion) and three thermal technology options - gasification, pyrolysis and combustion.

EMRC confirms that only one of these four technology options will be constructed at the RRF at Red Hill and no decisions have been made on the preferred technology option. This decision will not be made until the conclusion of the tender process anticipated in 2012/13.

Following the determination of appeals against the level of assessment by the Minister for Environment in December 2010, the project consultants have prepared a draft Environmental Scoping Document (ESD) which will be submitted to the EPA for review in February 2011. The ESD is a blueprint for the PER.

Consultants have been conducting baseline surveys at the Red Hill Waste Management Facility on noise and odour levels, and in March 2011 they will commence a baseline air quality survey. All of this data will then be used in the modelling of scenarios for the four technology options being assessed in the PER.

The PER is expected to be completed for review by the EPA in July 2011 and would then be issued for an eight week public review period in September and October 2011.

### Environmental Protection Authority - Assessment of Resource Recovery Facility

The proposed resource recovery facility at Red Hill was referred to the Environmental Protection Authority (EPA) in June 2010 (a copy of the referral document is available for download below).

There were three appeals lodged on the level of assessment, which have been determined by the Minister, and were upheld to the extent that the public review period will be eight weeks, but the level of assessment remains at Public Environmental Review (PER).

To access the EPA appeal document, please go to the 'About Resource Recovery' tab at [www.emrc.org.au](http://www.emrc.org.au) (Resource Recovery).

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## Community Task Force (CTF)

The CTF has met regularly since August 2010 to progress the development of a Community Partnership Agreement. It is expected a draft CPA will be available for community comment in late March 2011. Following this the CTF will prepare comments for EMRC on the tender evaluation criteria.

For further information on the CTF, please go to the 'Community Engagement' tab at [www.emrc.org.au](http://www.emrc.org.au) (Resource Recovery).

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