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Frequently Asked Questions | November 2026

Western Extension Project

Cleanaway Lucas Heights Resource Recovery Park is a waste management facility that accepts various waste types, including organic waste, cardboard, metals, limited sump oil, and vehicle batteries, and features an organic composting facility.

Cleanaway plans to extend the landfill at this site to meet the urgent need for additional waste capacity in the Sydney region, as it is the area's only putrescible landfill. This extension is crucial to address the impending landfill shortage in New South Wales, with available landfills expected to reach capacity by 2030, according to the NSW Government's Waste and Sustainable Materials Strategy 2041. More project details are available on the NSW Major Projects Portal.

Frequently asked questions

Q: Why are we extending the Lucas Heights landfill?

The Western Extension Project addresses the projected shortfall of landfill space in NSW, aligning with the NSW Waste Strategy 2041, which forecasts that Greater Sydney will require additional putrescible landfill capacity by 2030.

Q: When will Lucas Heights Resource Recovery Park reach capacity?

Cleanaway's Lucas Heights landfill is expected to reach capacity by 2030. The proposed Western Extension Project has been developed to provide additional landfill capacity and support Greater Sydney's future waste management needs.

Q: How long will the Western Extension Project take to complete?

The Western Extension Project will take approximately three years to prepare and construct, with ongoing consultation between Cleanaway, Sutherland Shire Council and relevant government agencies on the Environmental Impact Statement.

Q: How will Cleanaway manage any impacts from the Western Extension Project?

All project impacts were identified during the development of the Environmental Impact Statement and proposed mitigation measures and management plans were submitted as part of this process. The Environmental Impact Statement is included in the current public exhibition.

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Q: What is the Landscape Master Plan?

The Landscape Master Plan was developed in collaboration with Sutherland Shire Council. Endorsed by the Council in July 2026, the plan aligns with project requirements and incorporates updates, notably expanding active parkland to approximately 151 hectares. The parkland will feature amenities like playgrounds, water bubblers, BBQs, café spaces, offices, parking, dedicated roads and cycleways to enhance accessibility and safety.

Q: How are we protecting our koala population?

Cleanaway has integrated landscaping measures such as planting koala-friendly trees, installing elevated crossings with fencing and enhancing vegetation corridors into the Environmental Impact Statement. These initiatives were designed to safeguard local wildlife, improve safety for animals and promote a sustainable and harmonious environment.

Q: How are we managing biodiversity?

We have enhanced the landfill design to be more eco-friendly, with the primary goal of protecting the surrounding area and reducing disruption to flora and fauna. A designated 3.45-hectare area in the northwest, west and southwest sections of the site will remain undisturbed to preserve local vegetation. Additionally, native plants on the site managed by Cleanaway will be safeguarded through a comprehensive Biodiversity Management Plan.

Get involved

We will continue to keep the community informed about the project. Transparent and open communication with the community remains our priority. Your input and involvement are important as we develop a resource recovery solution that benefits both the community and the environment.

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Greek: Παρακαλώ αναφέρετε Cleanaway
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Mandarin - 请说明“Cleanaway”。
Nepalese - कृपया “Cleanaway” कोट गर्नुहोला।
Tamil - தயவுசெய்து Cleanaway
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