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Dear Jeffery,

**RE: Waste Assistance Continuation Request.**

Kempsey Shire Council appreciates Port Macquarie Hastings Council continuing to support our waste management activities given the issues we are having with our landfill expansion project. Kempsey Shire Council appreciates the acceptance of kerbside municipal general and transfer station waste at the Cairncross Landfill until 31 December 2023.

Following our recent discussions, I provide the following information and request an extension to our current agreement until 31 July 2024.

Kempsey Shire Council (KSC) has been in the process of planning, designing and constructing Cell 4 for some time. This planning was an attempt to ensure Cell 4 was ready for operation prior to Cell 3 reaching capacity. Since construction commenced, several factors outside of KSC's control have impacted on the timing of the delivery of this project. KSC has now completed Cell 4, however, despite best efforts, until the site leachate issue has been addressed, Cell 4 is unable to be approved for operation by NSW Environmental Protection Authority (EPA).

KSC is working with suppliers and consultants to conduct the following.

- Geomorphological impact assessment.
- Water balance and options assessment report.
- Screening - Ecological risk assessment (including off-site ecological systems).
- Leachate management plan.
- Stormwater management plan.
- Leachate irrigation risk assessment.
- Leachate treatment trial and alternative disposal options.

Kempsey Waste Management Centre can only operate as a Waste Transfer Station until Cell 4 is approved for operation by the NSW Environment Protection Authority (EPA).

KSC anticipates having a leachate treatment plant procured and onsite by mid December 2023. The treatment process is anticipated to be commissioned and in the proof of performance stage by mid January 2024. With approvals for onsite dust suppression, disposal to sewer and work towards environmental discharge by mid March 2024. This should see the licence approval by late March 2024 to operate Cell 4. Kempsey Shire Council is happy to share all findings and lessons learnt with PMHC.

Kempsey Shire Council is requesting ongoing assistance with the following waste classifications and requests the redirection to Port Macquarie Hastings Council (PHMC) landfill to continue from 31 December 2023 to 31 July 2024.

- General solid waste (putrescible).
- General solid waste (non-putrescible) excluding soil material & concrete materials.
- Building and demolition waste.
- Asbestos waste.

- Animal waste (includes dead animals and animal parts).
- Emergency waste greater than 9 cubic meters (in the event of a declared natural disaster event we would work with the State Government to have all disaster waste transferred out of the region).
- Waste loads greater than 9 cubic meters.

Kempsey Waste Management Centre will continue to accept the following waste materials/streams and will not require redirection to PHMC landfill on any incoming waste volumes:

- Concrete, bricks & tiles
- Soil Material
- Steel
- Green waste
- Tyres
- CRC (Community Recycling Centre)
- E-waste
- Road sweeper material
- Oils or liquids

As requested, I have provided the Kempsey Shire Council waste tonnage transferred to the Cairncross Waste Management Centre (WMC) from July 2022 to October 2023.

**Received waste volumes from general users, other users**

The waste material that was accepted at WMC within the transfer station section if waste loads were not greater than 9m<sup>3</sup> from ad hoc contractors. For the period of May 2023 to October 2023 (183 days):

2,110 (11.53 Tonnes per day)

Previously estimated at 3,011.43 (19.55 Tonnes per day)

This waste material is currently lightly compacted and transported to PHMC landfill by KSC (Kempsey Shire Council) hook-lift vehicle (30m<sup>3</sup> bins) between 1 to 3 bins per day.

**Red bin kerbside waste volumes that are being diverted to PHMC**

For the period of July 2022 to October 2023 (487 days):

7,050.1 (14.48 Tonnes per day)

This waste material is currently collected and transported to PHMC landfill by KSC contracted Cleanaway vehicles.

**Average waste volume to PMHC Landfill is 778.8 Tonnes per month**

NB: This information has been obtained from PMHC supplied data. Attached is Kempsey Shire Council's records to support the PMHC data.

I note from our discussions that Kempsey Shire Council would also have to pay PMHC current waste management fees and charges should approval be given for the above. This is acknowledged and accepted.

Once Cell 4 is commissioned, Kempsey Shire Council would be happy to accept a quantity of red bin waste from PMHC to ensure the base of the liner is protected from damage. If this works from a PMHC perspective, this may help reduce the overall impact on the airspace being used.

I am happy to attend the relevant council meeting or briefing to discuss this matter with the Port Macquarie Hastings Councillors and senior staff.

Kempsey Shire Council is grateful for the support and assistance that we have received from Port Macquarie Hastings Council. Council looks forward to continuing working collaboratively with Port Macquarie Hastings Council on this matter.

Yours faithfully,



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