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Dynon Road Transfer Station Upgrade FAQs

1. What is being proposed?

Cleanaway is proposing to redevelop and modernise the existing Dynon Road Waste Transfer Station located at 391–395 Dynon Road, West Melbourne.

The project would replace ageing infrastructure with a modern waste transfer facility designed to improve operational efficiency, environmental management and safety while supporting Melbourne's future waste and recycling needs. The proposed redevelopment is expected to include:

- A new waste transfer station building
- Upgraded waste handling systems
- New weighbridges and vehicle management infrastructure
- Upgraded internal roads and drainage
- A new Community Recycling Centre and public drop-off area
- Upgraded fire protection safety systems
- Landscaping and environmental improvements.

2. Why is the upgrade needed?

The existing facility has operated for many years and requires upgrading to support future waste management needs across Melbourne. The proposed redevelopment would:

- Modernise ageing infrastructure
- Improve environmental, safety and operational controls
- Support more efficient waste handling
- Improve safety for workers and visitors
- Enhance recycling and resource recovery opportunities
- Maintain continuity of essential waste services.

3. Is this a new waste facility?

No. The Dynon Road Waste Transfer Station is an existing operational waste management facility that has been part of Melbourne's waste network for many years. The project involves upgrading and modernising the existing facility on the current site.

4. Who owns and operates the site?

The site is owned by Melbourne City Council and operated by Cleanaway. Following Cleanaway's acquisition of the Citywide Waste business, Cleanaway assumed operation of the facility under a lease arrangement with the Melbourne City Council.

5. What is a waste transfer station?

A waste transfer station is a facility where waste collected from households, businesses and public areas is consolidated before being transported to recycling, treatment or disposal facilities. Transfer stations play an important role in Melbourne's waste management network by improving transport efficiency and supporting recycling and resource recovery activities.

6. How can I contact the project team?

Community members and stakeholders can contact the project team at any time to ask questions, request information or provide feedback about the proposed Dynon Road Waste Transfer Station Upgrade.

7. What is the proposed Community Recycling Centre?

The proposed Community Recycling Centre would provide local residents with a dedicated location to safely dispose of selected recyclable materials and household waste streams. The facility is intended to improve public access to recycling services, support better recycling and reuse of materials, and help reduce the amount of waste sent to landfill.

8. Has the project been approved?

No. The project is currently progressing through the relevant planning and environmental assessment processes. Cleanaway is preparing technical studies and investigations to support assessment of the project by the Melbourne City Council and relevant Victorian agencies, including EPA Victoria. These studies include assessments relating to traffic, noise, air quality, fire risk and hazard assessment, light spill, stormwater, ecology, landscaping and environmental management.

9. What are the operating hours of the facility?

Consistent with existing operations, the facility is proposed to continue operating 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

10. What assessments are being undertaken?

A range of technical and environmental studies are being prepared, including assessments relating to:

- Traffic and transport
- Noise and amenity
- Air quality and odour management
- Stormwater and drainage
- Light spill
- Landscaping and visual impacts
- Land and groundwater assessment
- Fire risk and hazard management
- Vegetation and arboriculture
- Operational and environmental management measures.

11. Will the community be able to provide feedback?

Yes. Community members and stakeholders will have opportunities to learn more about the project and provide feedback throughout the planning and assessment process. Information about engagement activities and consultation opportunities will be shared as the project progresses.

12. When is construction expected to begin?

Subject to planning and environmental approvals, construction is currently anticipated to commence in 2027. Construction is anticipated to occur over approximately 24 months and would be delivered in stages.

13. Will the site continue operating during construction?

Yes. The project is proposed to be delivered in stages so the facility can continue operating throughout construction. This staged approach is intended to maintain continuity of waste services while the upgraded infrastructure is progressively delivered.

14. Will truck movements increase?

The upgraded facility is proposed to support future waste volumes generated across Melbourne's central areas. Traffic and transport assessments are currently being undertaken to understand vehicle movements and ensure the surrounding road network can safely accommodate operational traffic.

15. Will trucks use local residential streets?

The facility is located within an established freight and logistics precinct with direct access to major arterial roads including Dynon Road, CityLink and the West Gate Freeway. Operational traffic is expected to continue using the established freight network rather than local residential streets.

16. Why is the Dynon Road access being upgraded?

The existing access arrangements are proposed to be upgraded to improve safety and operational efficiency for heavy vehicles entering and exiting the site and to keep up with increasing waste management needs.

17. Will construction impact traffic?

Construction activities may result in temporary traffic changes during certain stages of work. Traffic management measures would be implemented to minimise disruption and maintain safe access for road users.

18. Will the project create additional noise?

Noise assessments are currently being undertaken as part of the planning process. The upgraded facility is proposed to include modern operational systems and environmental controls designed to manage operational noise and minimise impacts on surrounding areas. Construction activities would also be managed in accordance with approved construction hours and management measures.

19. Will there be odour impacts?

Odour management is an important consideration for the project. The upgraded facility is proposed to include modern waste handling systems and operational management measures designed to minimise odour impacts. Relevant technical assessments will inform operational controls and environmental management measures.

20. How will dust be managed during construction?

Construction activities would incorporate dust suppression and environmental management measures, including water suppression, site management controls, stabilisation of exposed surfaces and vehicle and material management procedures.

21. Will there be any impacts on nearby vegetation or the Dynon Road Tidal Canal?

The majority of works would occur within the existing operational site footprint. Limited works are proposed near the Dynon Road Tidal Canal to accommodate upgraded vehicle access arrangements. Vegetation protection and management measures would be implemented during construction. Technical assessments relating to vegetation and arboriculture are currently being undertaken.

22. How will stormwater and runoff be managed?

The upgraded facility is proposed to include improved drainage and stormwater management infrastructure designed to manage water quality and minimise off-site impacts. Stormwater management measures will form part of the detailed design and approvals process.

23. How will fire risk be managed?

The project includes upgraded fire protection infrastructure and operational safety systems, including dedicated firefighting water tanks and associated fire protection measures. The upgraded facility would be designed and operated in accordance with relevant safety and regulatory requirements.

24. What types of waste are managed at the facility?

The facility manages waste collected from households, businesses and public areas, as well as recyclable materials and selected waste streams received through the Community Recycling Centre.

25. Will recyclable materials continue to be accepted?

Yes. Recycling and resource recovery activities would continue to form part of the upgraded facility's operations. The proposed Community Recycling Centre is intended to improve recycling access and resource recovery opportunities for the community.

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Project updates and additional information will also be made available on the project website as the project progresses.