

# Woodlawn Advanced Energy Recovery Centre [ARC]



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We are delighted to announce the relaunch of the Woodlawn Advanced Energy Recovery Centre (ARC) project newsletter, to keep you informed about the progress and next steps of the Woodlawn ARC Project.

## Advanced Energy Recovery Centre (ARC)

For those who may not be across the ARC project, here is a brief recap of the proposed facility.



### **An artist's impression of the proposed ARC located within the Eco Precinct**

Veolia is proposing to develop and operate the Woodlawn ARC, an energy recovery facility at the Woodlawn Eco Precinct in Tarago, New South Wales. Building on Veolia's existing waste management activities at the Eco Precinct, the ARC is part of our continued investment in regional NSW.

The project will create over 340 jobs during construction and operation, drive economic growth and supports our long-standing ambition for the Eco Precinct to eventually move away from landfilling towards more sustainable technologies.

The ARC will divert up to 380,000 tonnes of non-recyclable waste from landfill per year and turn it into energy, producing enough electricity to power 40,000 homes a year. In addition, the facility will provide diversion rates of over 95% for incoming waste once fully optimised.

## Planning Update

During the public exhibition of the environmental impact statement, a total of 621 public submissions were received, including from individuals, businesses and special interest groups. Five submissions were received from local government authorities, as well as advice and comments from 17 government agencies and public authorities. The key topics raised in the community submissions related to air quality, human health, agriculture and traffic.

During 2023 we spent time reviewing each submission, undertaking additional studies and continued to seek clarity from some submissions to ensure we are able to adequately address topics and concerns raised. In late 2023 we submitted our interim response to the submission report and draft studies to the NSW Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure and NSW Environment Protection Authority.

At the end of last month we received the results of this gap analysis review and we are currently working through the comments received. We appreciate your patience as we strive to provide comprehensive responses to the matters raised in your submissions. Veolia is committed to providing full and transparent information to the community about the project - and this takes time.



## Other Activities

On 3 March, Veolia participated in the Tarago Show and Medieval Faire 2024 where we had the opportunity to interact with local residents and engage in discussions about the ARC project and Woodlawn Eco Precinct. We appreciated speaking to everyone who provided us with valuable insights and feedback from the community.



### The Veolia team and stall at the Tarago Show and Medieval Faire

As we continuously work on improving our operational milestones at Woodlawn, we are focused on enhancing all aspects of our operations. This includes the ongoing improvement of landfill gas collection, energy generation, composting of organics, site rehabilitation, and developing aquaculture to provide produce to restaurants. We will keep you updated on the progress of these milestones as they continue to evolve.

## Site Visits

The Woodlawn Eco Precinct is always happy to host tours for local school and community groups. If you are interested in visiting the site, you can either join an existing group or form your own group, and we will schedule a site tour. To express your interest and coordinate a tour, please reach out to us via [woodlawn@veolia.com](mailto:woodlawn@veolia.com). We look forward to welcoming you and showcasing the operations at Woodlawn.

## Next Steps

We are working to finalise the response to the Submissions Report and update the additional studies requested. Once completed, the report will be lodged on the Major Projects portal and will become publicly available. We will notify the community once the report is available.

## Stay connected

Our ambition at Woodlawn Eco Precinct has always been to listen to all the voices and be a part of the Tarago community. To access detailed information about the ARC project, we encourage you to visit our official website - [Woodlawn ARC Project](#). As always, we are happy to answer any questions from the community. So reach out to us by email at [thearc@veolia.com](mailto:thearc@veolia.com)

Stay tuned for further updates!