Newsletter

Woodlawn Advanced Energy Recovery Centre *[ARC]*

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We are pleased to share the next edition of the Woodlawn Advanced Energy Recovery Centre project newsletter, bringing you the latest updates on the progress and upcoming milestones of the Woodlawn ARC Project.

ARC project overview

The Woodlawn Advanced Energy Recovery Centre (ARC) is a proposed facility that will divert up to 380,000 tonnes of waste that cannot be recycled from landfill and generate electricity using Energy from Waste technology. Energy from Waste (EfW) technology is a proven method and currently Veolia owns and operates more than 65 energy recovery facilities globally.

This project is set to create around 300 jobs during construction and 40 operational jobs upon completion.

Project timeline update

The project team continues to monitor the NSW Environment Protection Authority (EPA)'s ongoing review of the Energy from Waste policy framework. We are closely following this review process and will assess any implications for our project documentation once the EPA's review is complete. We remain committed to ensure all reports meet regulatory requirements and will keep the community informed of any developments.

Policy and plan updates

In October 2025, the NSW Government released the first chapter of the NSW Waste and Circular Infrastructure Plan, an important document guiding investment in critical waste infrastructure. The Plan directly addresses infrastructure shortfalls facing Greater Sydney, with key landfills expected to close from 2030 or earlier.

Consistent with Veolia's approach, the NSW Government's plan strongly supports reuse, repair and recycling ahead of energy recovery, treatment or disposal in landfill to extend the life of Greater Sydney

landfills. However, the Plan acknowledges that even with a circular economy transition, there will always be residual waste that cannot be recovered. This residual waste requires a safe, resilient, and long-term disposal pathway. Energy from Waste is identified as an alternative to landfilling for this residual waste.

Inquiry into proposed Energy from Waste facilities

Veolia has made a detailed submission to the NSW Parliamentary Select Committee's inquiry into proposed Energy from Waste facilities. The inquiry submission period has now closed, and we await the Committee's next steps in their review process.

Our submission explained the proven safety and effectiveness of EfW technology when operated to international best practice standards, and the significant economic and environmental benefits the Woodlawn ARC will deliver to the region and state.

Veolia's public submission, along with all other submissions to the inquiry, can be viewed on the NSW Parliament website.

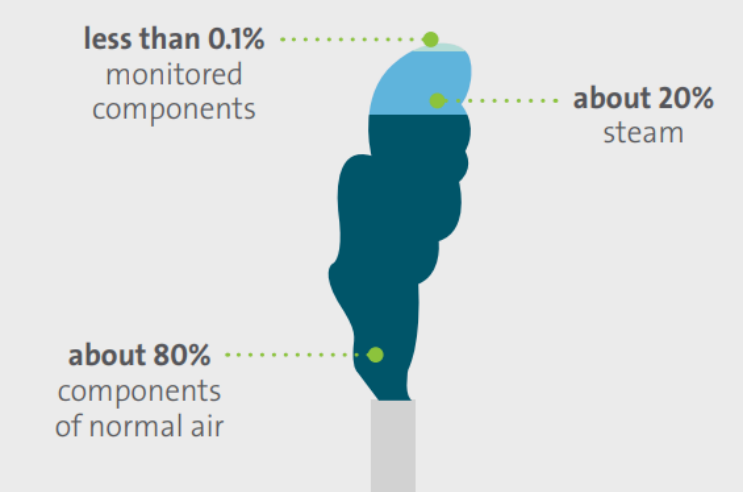
Ask us anything!

We have launched our new **Ask Us Anything - Energy from Waste Campaign** to help answer your questions. We understand this project raises questions, and we're committed to providing transparent information.

Whatever you want to know, our experts are here to help. Submit your questions through our website and we'll provide clear, factual answers.

Ask us anything here: www.anz.veolia.com/en-au/newsroom/newsroom/ask-us-anything-energy-waste

Understanding air emissions



We recognise that air quality has been a key topic of interest for the community.

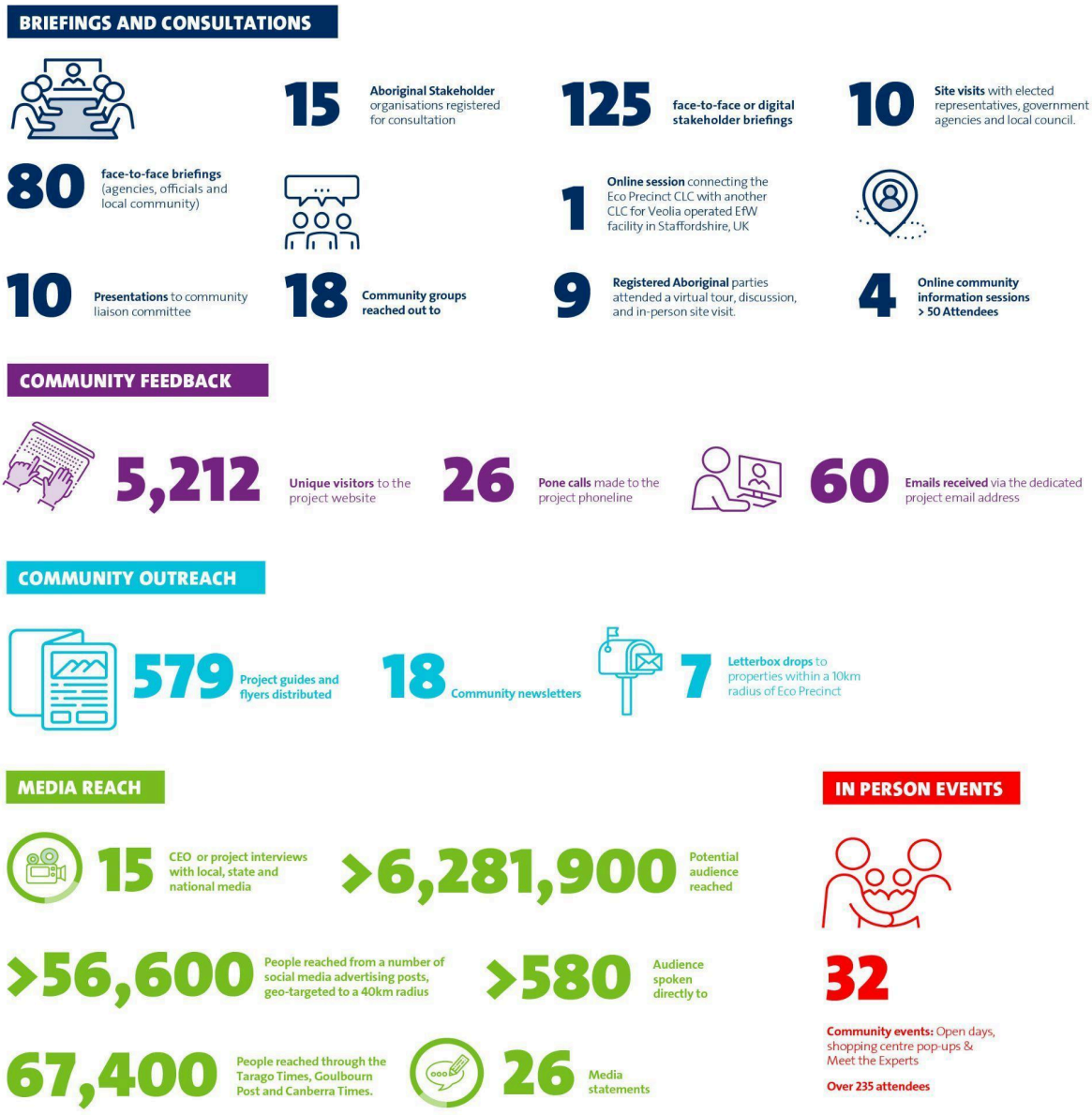
Did you know that almost 80% of what comes out of the stack is made up of components of normal air—nitrogen, oxygen, argon and carbon dioxide. About 20% is steam, which may be visible during certain weather conditions. Less than 0.1% of emissions are compounds that are monitored against health guidelines.

The Woodlawn ARC will feature continuous emissions monitoring and operate under strict EPA oversight, with data available to the community. The facility is designed to international best practice standards, with emissions carefully controlled and monitored in accordance with regulatory requirements.

Link to factsheet

Engagement overview

Veolia remains committed to open, respectful dialogue with the Woodlawn Eco-Precinct's surrounding communities. We understand that community members hold different views on this project, and we respect all perspectives shared with us. We sincerely thank all community members who have participated in our engagement activities, attended information sessions, and shared their feedback and concerns.



The above infographic provides a comprehensive summary of all community engagement activities undertaken from the project's inception in 2021 through mid-2025, demonstrating our ongoing commitment to transparent and varied communication

Our team is planning to visit additional neighbouring properties in late 2025 to provide project updates and answer questions directly. Further engagement activities are also being planned for 2026.

Our Community Liaison Committee (CLC) meeting met on 12 November, providing another opportunity for discussion and information sharing with community representatives.

We acknowledge this has been an extended timeline as we await clarification on any upcoming policy updates from the NSW Government. The team will continue to provide updates as more information becomes available.

What happens next?

We will continue to monitor the EPA's policy review process. In the meantime community engagement activities will continue into 2026 and beyond. We will provide updates as the EPA review progresses and we will continue to provide updates to the community via the Woodlawn ARC newsletter, the CLC, our website and community events.

For more information

For further details on our upcoming engagements, FAQs and resources related to the project, please visit the Woodlawn ARC Project webpage.

Get in touch

Your feedback, questions, and ideas are important to us. Please feel free to reach out to us via email at thearc@veolia.com with any inquiries or feedback you may have.