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Dear BHRC Councillors

Just a very quick overview/feedback on Minister Stephen Dawson's visit to Stanley Road, this morning. I am sorry you could not all be invited to attend; the Minister requested that only a small number be involved. So, the party consisted of the Minister, his PA Jessica, Don Punch, Cr Wendy Dickinson, Tony Battersby, Jai Pearce and myself.

It was a beautiful sunny morning and we joked that the Minister had brought the Pilbara weather with him (he lives in South Hedland)!

Minister Dawson will be writing to us, with his views and I will share that letter with this distribution list on receipt.

Tony spend the first 20 minutes or so explaining how the Transfer Station works and Jai explained the Compost Process and our plans to relocate the Compost Facility to Stanley Road, as a fully enclosed system:



We then went for a drive around the site, called in at the offices and met the Education Team. Discussion items included:

Approvals of the Lined Cells: It was explained that the site was on hold with Capital Expenditure (with the exception of rehabilitation work) until security of tenure was assured. That assurance will come in the form of approval for the lined Cells and we asked the Minister to keep his eyes out for that, over the next few weeks. The Minister was made aware that the housing of our staff, in decent accommodation, was a priority for us, as was the move of Composting from Banksia Road to Stanley Road.

We touched briefly on the history of a Regional Facility and the return of the \$5M to the State. The Minister understands that we will be seeking Government financial support for improvements to Stanley Road.

Regional Overview: It was explained that surrounding Councils with landfills are operating with limited remaining landfill airspace or operating on year to year licence and that four (4) of the surrounding Councils are currently providing residents with a FOGO service (City of Bunbury, Shire of Capel, Shire of Collie and Shire of Donnybrook-Balingup) with a further 3 (Shire of Harvey, City of Busselton and Shire of Augusta-Margaret River) in the process of introducing or trialling FOGO. All Councils providing or implementing FOGO utilise the current BHRC Regional Compost Facility.

Tony, Mal & I worked on an email that was sent to the Minister on Monday, to provide him with an idea of our “agenda” but he had not seen that document by the time he got to site, so he was handed a hardcopy for his review. I also handed him a copy of the following:

What really happens to all that waste?

Waste is a hot topic at the moment, with the community wondering what really happens to their waste.

The Bunbury Harvey Regional Council manages both a waste and compost facility in the South West and would like to share with the community how it is combating the war on waste, and setting out to go even further to reduce waste going to landfill.

Since its creation in the early 1990s, the Bunbury Harvey Regional Council has set about to divert as much waste away from landfill by implementing recycling initiatives wherever possible. One of the most significant has been its Banksia Road Compost Facility which was set up in 2012 and processes waste from four local councils that have introduced a three-bin system (with the addition of the third bin also known as a FOGO bin).

This organic waste creates compost which is then placed back on farms. This is hoped to be expanded in the future with plans to create a new facility which is in line with the world's current best practices. The facility will be able to take up to 35,000 tonnes and will give other local councils an opportunity to get on board with waste diversion.

Bunbury Harvey Regional Council also runs the Stanley Road Waste Facility, a landfill site trying not to put things in a hole in the ground. The community may not see much of the diversion when they come to the site as the transfer station utilises a simple design with three bin colour coding. This encourages users to separate and recycle waste or use the great Trash and Treasure shop.

But behind the scenes is where the organisation takes the diversion to the

next level by recycling metal, wood, tyres, hazardous household waste, and electronic waste as well as other items and is always looking for new options to divert waste.

CEO Tony Battersby believes keeping up with waste diversion targets and striving to improve waste practices are vital in the current global climate.

"The BHRC hope to continue improving their practices by implementing best practice or higher new lined cells in the near future," he said.

As a part of the war on waste, the BHRC also want to diminish the myth that everything ends up in landfill by providing education within the community.

Kate Shaw, Waste Education Coordinator for the Bunbury Harvey Regional Council and six other Councils, provides opportunities for the community to understand how their actions have impact in waste. One of the best ways this is done is by providing tours of both facilities.

"If people can see what really happens to their waste they are more likely to want to change their practices at home," she said.

"The community has lost its connection with their waste and needs to be able to see how their actions can have a huge impact on the environment and can assist in achieving diversions targets within WA."

There are huge opportunities in WA to lead the way with waste diversion across Australia, and the Bunbury Harvey Regional Council always look for best practice application within its activities to keep reducing waste to landfill.

For more information phone 9797 2404 or visit www.bhrc.wa.gov.au/education.



The Bunbury Harvey Regional Council has made great strides in diverting waste from landfill.

As mentioned, I will share the thoughts of the Minister with you, when that correspondence comes to hand. I believe that Don and the Minister were pretty impressed with what they saw today at Stanley Road.

Kind regards and best wishes,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'Murray'.

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