



# WANLESS RECYCLING PARK

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## PROJECT UPDATE - AUGUST 2020

Wanless Waste Management (Wanless) would like to thank Ipswich residents and local businesses for taking the time to review the development application for its Wanless Recycling Park and providing feedback to Ipswich City Council during the public notification period. Wanless is proposing to build a recycling and resource recovery facility at 304 Coopers Road and 350 Coopers Road in Ebenezer, approximately 12 km southeast of the Ipswich CBD. This represents a significant investment in the region and an opportunity to set an entirely new benchmark in waste management. Wanless' vision is to transform an old vacant, derelict mining site into a productive resource recovery and recycling precinct that generates employment and training opportunities for the local community.

### Development Application Progress

Wanless submitted the development application for the Wanless Recycling Park to the Ipswich City Council in December 2019. Since then, Wanless has been following the processes required by Local and State Government agencies to progress the application.

As part of the Council's assessment process, there was a public notification period about the proposed development between 14 May 2020 and 5 June 2020. During this time, residents and businesses were invited to submit their feedback on the proposal directly to Council for consideration in their decision-making process. Now that this period has ended, the Council has provided information to Wanless about the objections raised through the submissions. Wanless is logically and carefully working through the issues and expects to address them all and have a response to Council in the next month.

Wanless is also currently working with the State Assessment and Referral Agency (SARA), Department of Environment and Science (DES) and Department of Transport and Main Roads (DTMR) to address the remaining matters of concern.

### Responding to Concerns

The Ipswich City Council received 60 submissions about the proposed Wanless Recycling Park during the public notification period. Wanless is preparing a response to address all the concerns raised and will respond to Council in the coming month.

Some of the concerns, such as ones related to the engineering design or specific environmental assessments, require additional investigations and input from specialist teams working with Wanless on the proposed development. This may take additional time, but Wanless is committed to providing accurate and detailed information to assist the decision-making process.

Alongside the development application process, Wanless will apply to amend the existing Environmental Authority on the site from mining to recycling, resource recovery and waste management.

**Veolia-JJ Richards Ti Tree, which runs the landfill business next door, submitted a 100-page objection, which included a request for an economic needs assessment to assess the value of the remaining coal in the ground. However, Wanless is not proposing a return to coal mining and is determined to protect the environment from this unacceptable outcome.**

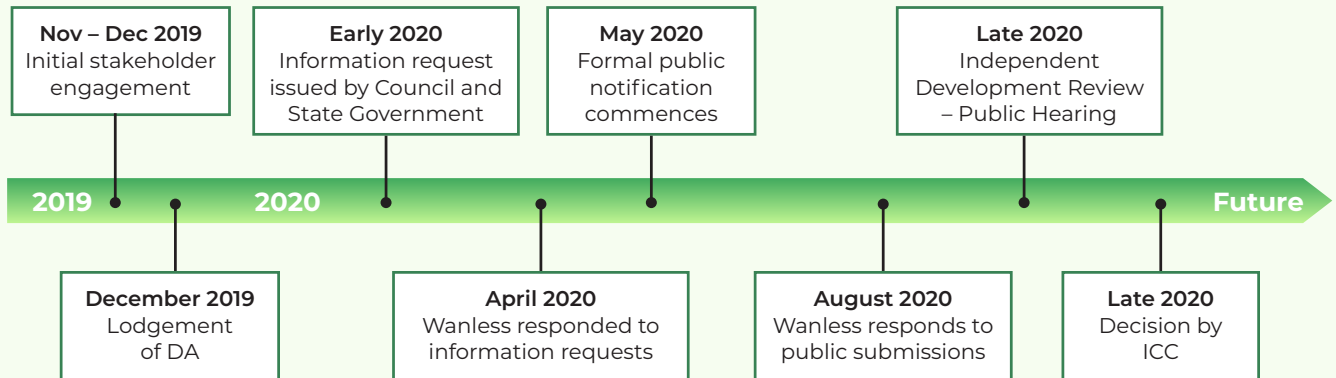


### How to View the Proposal

You can find a copy of the development application (*application number 10674/2019/CA*), information requests and responses on the City of Ipswich Council ePathway Online Tool at [ipswich.qld.gov.au/online\\_services/application\\_enquiry](https://ipswich.qld.gov.au/online_services/application_enquiry)

- If it is your first visit, accept the terms and conditions and continue to the next page.
- Select '**Application Enquiry**', then '**Development Application**' head to the '**Search by Application Number**' enter the application number **10674/2019/CA** into the appropriate boxes on the first line and press 'Search'. No other information is required.

## Development Application Process



(estimated timeframes - subject to change)

### What Happens Next?

During August, Wanless will respond to the concerns raised about the Wanless Recycling Park during the public notification period. Wanless also continues to provide information as requested by the Local and State Governments while they assess the proposal.

The development application will also go through the Independent Development Review Panel, which involves a third-party review of the Council's recommendations. This process includes a public hearing about the proposal, which gives local stakeholders another opportunity to learn more about the proposed development and have their say before Council makes a decision.

### Working Towards a Waste-free World

With Australia no longer able to send its waste offshore to other countries for recycling, local and state governments are looking at how to create a clean, sustainable and valuable industry here in Australia. Ipswich has an opportunity to lead the way with Wanless' proposed resource recovery and recycling precinct. Wanless is committed to diverting more than half the waste destined for landfill, and this is after the waste has already undergone basic recycling. Based on Wanless' experience elsewhere, the company knows the resource recovery and recycling rate could be as high as 80 per cent of waste diverted from landfill in future.



Wanless is also in discussions with a leading Queensland university about collaborating on research that will pave the way forward in recycling and resource recovery.



### Find out More or Give Feedback

You can find out more about Wanless Recycling Park at our website <https://wanless.com.au/about-us/wanless-recycling-park/>

See our demonstrated record of recycling and resource recovery at the Sydney Recycling Park [www.wanless.com.au/about-us/sydney-recycling-park](http://www.wanless.com.au/about-us/sydney-recycling-park)

Wanless welcomes your comments or feedback about the Wanless Recycling Park. Please email [WRPenquiries@recyclingparks.com.au](mailto:WRPenquiries@recyclingparks.com.au)