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Dear Harminder,

Thank you for your letter dated 25 February 2026.

As you have kindly given us the opportunity to respond to these questions directly, we respectfully request that each of our answers is provided to the resident in full, and that where you quote our responses, you do so in their entirety.

Please find our responses to the questions below:

**1. (Tamala Park Waste Facility) Official closure date(s) as set in the Plan, and whether these have been revised since previous versions**

As the City of Wanneroo is aware, there is no official date or plan for the closure of *Tamala Park Waste Management Facility* which will remain operational to provide recycling and waste disposal services to the community for the foreseeable future.

As the City of Wanneroo is also aware landfilling operations at the *Tamala Park Waste Management Facility* are expected to cease in 2028 or 2029.

**2. Any planned transition or replacement strategies for the facility and how these will be funded and implemented?**

As the City of Wanneroo is aware, MRC's Council is exploring new circular economy initiatives which will allow the Tamala Park site to continue to provide recycling, reuse

and waste reduction options to established and emerging communities in the north metro area.

This will ensure that the site – the second busiest of its kind in Western Australia – will remain relevant to the people who depend on its services; a large proportion of whom come from the City of Wanneroo.

Subject to the agreement of MRC's member councils landfilling services at Tamala Park (estimated to cease in 2028 or 2029) would be replaced by the provision of a waste-to-energy service at a facility south of the Swan River. This would ensure that the nearly 800,000 people who currently depend on the existing landfill will continue to have their red bin collected and emptied each week.

As the City of Wanneroo is aware, MRC is primarily funded by member council contributions, its fees and charges.

### **3. How community feedback has been considered in setting these timeframes**

Mindarie Regional Council has not been made aware of any instance where the City of Wanneroo has collected community feedback on these matters.

### **4. Why the closure timelines have been repeatedly extended and what realistic timeline the Council now anticipates**

Throughout its operational life, the expected closure date of the landfill at Tamala Park has been dictated by the volumes of waste received from MRC's member councils – including the City of Wanneroo and its predecessor, the Shire of Wanneroo (which also included the area now known as the City of Joondalup) – and the available volume of airspace left at Tamala Park landfill in comparison to its final design capacity (which has not changed markedly since its approval in 1990).

As the City of Wanneroo is aware, the closure of the landfill is estimated to take place in 2028 or 2029. This estimation is publicly available through the MRC website and has also appeared in City of Wanneroo communications to its ratepayers.

**5. How can the odour-afflicted City of Wanneroo suburbs obtain a social justice outcome enabling them to live their lives in the same comparative ease and odour-free comfort as the non-odour affected local government communities of Stirling, Perth, Victoria Park, Vincent, Cambridge?**

MRC's operations at the Tamala Park landfill aim to comply with the requirements of all relevant legislation and align or even better current landfill management practice norms. Given concerns in recent years from community members, MRC has reviewed those practices to ensure that they are relevant and has adopted further new management tools which exceed contemporary standards in Western Australia.

The above, added to MRC's efforts to close the landfill in alignment with the Best Practice Environmental Management guidelines which DWER follow and provide an alternative waste-to-energy solution for its member councils (including the City of Wanneroo's residents), are likely to provide the most acceptable outcome for nearby residents whilst taking into account the reality that the Tamala Park landfill has been encroached upon by residential development since first opening in 1991.

As the City of Wanneroo is aware, the City of Wanneroo has previously supported MRC's efforts to identify the waste-to-energy solution discussed above and its officers were included in the tender evaluation panel that resulted.

**6. The November 2025 Mindarie Regional Council minutes record consideration of a Business Plan for the Neerabup FOGO facility, with the motion carried 7-5 after a casting vote. Can the City confirm whether this Business Plan involves reopening the Neerabup facility for large-scale FOGO processing? We request the specific information directly in the response and do not wish to be referred to website links, policies or agenda item numbers.**

As the City of Wanneroo is aware, MRC is currently negotiating an outcome which could result in the Neerabup facility being opened to receive FOGO materials.

As the City of Wanneroo is aware, it is important to note that, if successful, the site's operations would be fundamentally different to those undertaken on site previously with no composting taking place (which can potentially be odorous). Therefore, the potential for odorous outcomes on site, compared to previous operations, would be vastly reduced.

- 7. With Tamala Park approaching closure, is the Neerabup FOGO proposal intended to replace processing capacity currently provided at Tamala? Please provide a direct response and not a referral to external documents. This requires a yes or no answer.**

As the City of Wanneroo is aware, there is no plan to close the *Tamala Park Waste Management Facility*, though landfilling at the site is estimated to end in 2028 or 2029. The estimate provided above already includes assumptions relating to the provision of any future FOGO services.

As the City of Wanneroo is aware, all discussions relating to the implementation of FOGO services at 109 Pederick Road in Neerabup are confidential as they relate to ongoing contractual negotiations.

- 8. What is the proposed maximum annual tonnage for the Neerabup Resource Recovery Precinct FOGO facility under the Business Plan referenced in the November 2025 MRC minutes? Please provide the specific tonnage figure and do not refer us to policies, webpages or reports. Just the answer please.**

As the City of Wanneroo is aware, all discussions relating to the implementation of FOGO services at 109 Pederick Road in Neerabup are confidential as they relate to ongoing contractual negotiations.

- 9. Will the Neerabup facility accept FOGO from councils beyond the seven MRC member councils or from private operators? Please provide a clear yes or no answer and details if applicable and do not refer us to policies, webpages or reports. Just the answer please.**

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- 10. The previous composting facility at Neerabup was closed due to odour impacts. What specific engineering controls and odour mitigation measures have been incorporated into this proposal to prevent recurrence? Please detail the actual measures rather than referring to general policy statements, reports or websites.**

As the City of Wanneroo is aware, the initial statement is incorrect.

As the City of Wanneroo is aware, the closure of the facility at 109 Pederick Road was purely a commercial decision taken by MRC and all MRC member councils (including

the City of Wanneroo) and there were no environmental matters involved which impacted the decision of MRC or its member councils (including the City of Wanneroo).

As the City of Wanneroo is aware, all discussions relating to the implementation of FOGO services at 109 Pederick Road in Neerabup are confidential as they relate to ongoing contractual negotiations.

However, as with all our operations, the management of odour to prevent unnecessary impacts on the communities living close to our facilities is top priority for MRC.

**11. Has independent odour dispersion modelling been completed for the proposed Neerabup FOGO facility? If so, what were the results and will the modelling be publicly released prior to any planning approval?**

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**12. What groundwater impact assessment has been completed for this Neerabup proposal given the site's location within the Gngangara groundwater system? Please provide the findings directly.**

As the City of Wanneroo is aware, all discussions relating to the implementation of FOGO services at 109 Pederick Road in Neerabup are confidential as they relate to ongoing contractual negotiations.

Any testing requirements, if necessary, would be required under and necessary future licensing regime enforced by DWER.

However, reports relating to groundwater and contamination testing, more generally, have been carried out, periodically by the past site operator. The testing was undertaken in the context of several factors:

1. The direction of groundwater flow underneath the site
2. That the groundwater flow underneath the site is susceptible to contamination from other sources 'up stream' of the MRC site (especially from contaminated sites)
3. The geological makeup of the surrounding soil
4. Biological activity within the groundwater column (such as iron bacteria) which can affect the chemistry within the bore

5. Historical use of the MRC site and the surrounding land, noting that their current use may not be associated with any contamination.

It is important to note that the Neerabup site is not (and never has been) classified as a contaminated site.

Yours sincerely,



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