

# Media Release

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## ENERGY FROM WASTE PROJECT COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT WELL UNDERWAY

The Cleanaway team has already begun the community engagement process for the Western Sydney Energy and Resource Recovery Centre which was announced on October 3. Beginning as they mean to continue, the team commenced a range of activities to reach out to residents commenced on project announcement day.

The engagement process is currently beginning a dialogue with residents and the business community about the energy from waste project, proposed for an industrial site at 339 Wallgrove Road, Eastern Creek. The project, which would safely turn red-bin waste from local homes and businesses into renewable energy for 65,000 homes, will be the subject of a planning application in the next few months.

Cleanaway CEO Vik Bansal said this first round of engagement is being conducted early and ahead of the planning application to better understand community issues and ensure the application addresses them.

“Over the last few days we have extensively letterboxed the homes and businesses in suburbs surrounding the Eastern Creek industrial area. We are inviting every resident and business to contact us with questions and to see if we can meet further with interested people,” Mr Bansal said.

“The team is doorknocking over 200 homes and businesses and ready to meet with residents when they need. We have had some very positive conversations with people. We want to reach out to as many people as we can.”

Residents and the community are encouraged to learn more about the proposal as well as ask questions and submit feedback.

Project website: [www.energyandresourcecentre.com.au](http://www.energyandresourcecentre.com.au)

Community hotline: 1800 97 37 72

Email [energyandresourcecentre@cleanaway.com.au](mailto:energyandresourcecentre@cleanaway.com.au)

Pop-up stalls, the first two of which are:

- Blacktown Drive In Markets  
Prospect, Sunday 20 October; 7.00 am to 12 noon
- Lizard Log Markets  
Abbotsbury, Saturday 26 October; 8.00 am to 2.00 pm

“We can talk residents through the proposal and its features,” Mr Bansal said.

Energy from waste is a smarter form of waste management and is a supplement to waste avoidance reuse and recycling. The proposal targets Western Sydney's red bin waste that cannot be recycled and has the capacity to cut Western Sydney's growing annual landfill volumes by 500,000 tonnes – almost a third of the red bin waste generated per year in the local area.

“Our project reduces climate change gases – it's environmental technology. We are only processing red bin waste that cannot be recycled.

“It would use the latest technology and adhere to strict emissions standards. The emissions from the centre would be cleaned using scrubbers, and 99.9% the gasses leaving our stack are common to air.

“We understand that some residents have concerns, and we are keen to talk to those residents to provide more information.

“We are very confident in this technology that is common in European cities like Paris, Dublin and Copenhagen and are excited to deliver this project that will create 800 construction and 50 operational jobs for Western Sydney, reduce landfill, and generate electricity for the grid.”

Cleanaway has entered into a joint venture utilising the renewable energy expertise of Macquarie's Green Investment Group to develop the energy from waste project.

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