

4.4 CLAYTON SOUTH REGIONAL LANDFILL USER GROUP BUDGET 2021/22
(SH, ENV17.)

Responsible Director: Ossie Martinz

RECOMMENDATION

That Council, as a member of the Clayton South Regional User Group, endorses the Clayton South Regional Landfill User Groups Management Committee's recommended Management, Rehabilitation and Monitoring works Budget for 2021/22 year and notes the future projected cash flow.

PURPOSE

This report provides the Clayton South Regional Landfill Managing Committee, comprising of a member from each of the owner councils, the recommended Budget for the 2021/22 year for the Management of the sites' rehabilitation and monitoring program.

KEY CONSIDERATIONS/ISSUES

The Clayton South Regional Landfill is jointly owned by five municipal Councils who are bound by a legal agreement with a charter having been approved by each member council. Each member of the Supervising Committee is formally appointed by the Council represented with powers related to the approval of expenditure and to execute contracts on behalf of council.

The Clayton South Regional Landfill ceased taking Municipal Waste in late 2015. The site is now being rehabilitated in accordance with the EPA Best Practice Guide Lines and the requirements of the Planning Permit.

It is expected that major cap rehabilitation works will be completed by December 2021, some delays have been experienced mainly due to Covid-19. Ongoing site management and maintenance will be required.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The Management of the site, rehabilitation and monitoring costs up until this year has been mainly been sort from reserves obtained from the charges from the waste deposited at the site over the years of operation. Reserves are set be depleted by early in the 2021/22 year and Councils will be called upon to contribute directly to these costs. This has been flagged in earlier budgets and included in Monash's long term financial plan.

Expected net deficit for the 2021/22 is \$2,020,480 (for all owning Councils). This will be supplemented by cash reserves of \$390,000 and Council contributions of \$1,930,480 leaving a closing cash balance at 30 June 2022 of \$300,000.

There is direct financial implications for the 2021/22 year and future years as described. Monash owns a 16.8% share of the landfill and will be required to contribute \$324,320, \$208,066 and \$212,436 in the 21/22, 22/23 and 23/24 years respectively. These has been included in budget considerations.

CONCLUSION/RECOMMENDATION

That the Budget as prepared by the Clayton South Regional Landfill User Group Management Committee, be endorsed and the future projected cash flow noted.