



Legislative Council Economy and Infrastructure Committee

Inquiry: Inquiry into the development and expansion of waste-to-energy (WtE) infrastructure in Victoria

Hearing Date: 07 May 2026

Question[s] taken on notice

Directed to: Hume City Council

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1. **David ETTERSANK, page 60**

Question Asked:

A couple of quick ones first if I may: am I correct in my understanding that the current structure plan or the PSP for the boundary with the HiQ site actually has a proposed town centre as well as multiple low-rise residential literally on the boundary with HiQ?

Sheena FROST: I have got the numbers. Did you want to answer this?

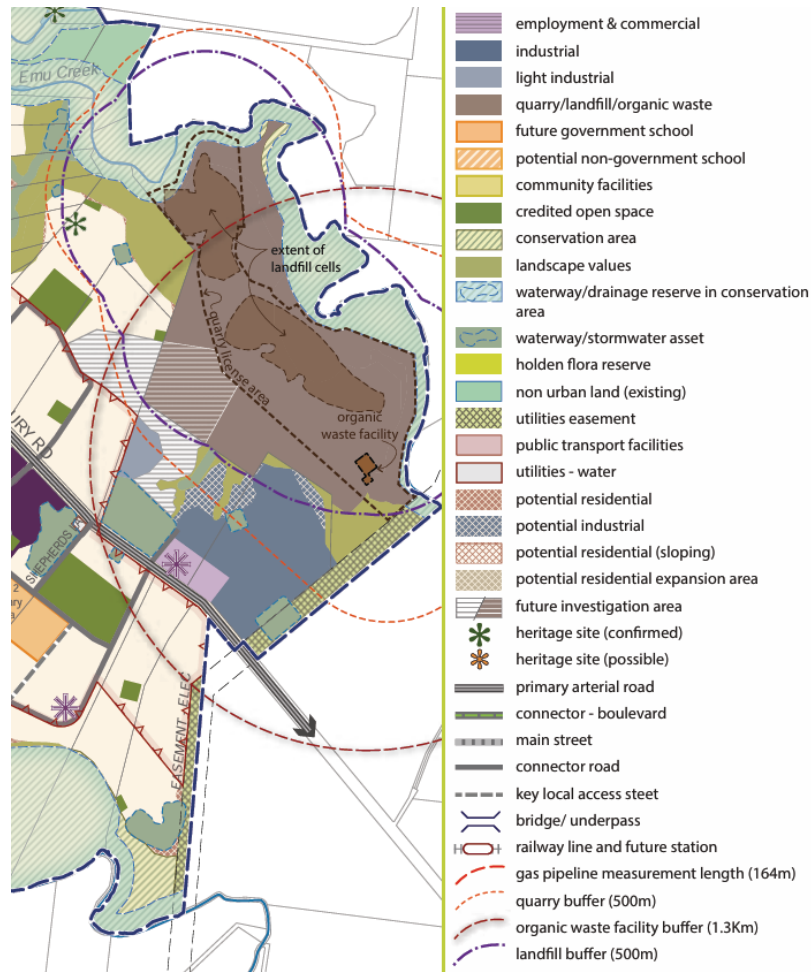
Carly MOORE: No.

Sheena FROST: In terms of proximity to HiQ, I might need to take that on notice just to confirm. In the last five years in that area within those two PSPs we have identified, we have had 2700 lots, and there are another 4000 lots expected in the five years following, so it is currently only 12 per cent complete. So that gives you a sense of the size and scale of those PSPs.

Carly MOORE: The closest residential zoned land is only 800 metres away, but I do not have any information in regard to where the town centre is located, so we would have to take that question on notice.

Response:

The image below is an extract of the Future Urban Structure plan from the Sunbury South PSP. While it shows development abutting HiQ, development in the buffer areas (the various circle on the map) is restricted until operations cease, and in the case of the landfill, the land is remediated.



2. **David ETTERSHANK, page 60**

Question Asked:

And perhaps you could also confirm my suspicion that that PSP or that structure plan has actually been approved by a previous planning minister. There is some inconsistency there. Okay, could I just clarify the extent of consultation between Hume council and the state government or the EPA, Recycling Victoria, prior to the awarding of the capped licences: was there any, or what was the extent of it, do you know?

Carly MOORE: There was certainly no consultation with the mayor of the day. I cannot speak to whether officers had received any correspondence or consultation, but I do not have those.

Sheena FROST: Yes, I would have to take on notice if there would be anything. I do not recall anything. But yes, I would have to take it on notice and just double-check the records on that. There was nothing formal that asked for our feedback.

Response:

Yes, the PSP was approved in the previous term of government when the Hon Richard Wynne was the Minister for Planning.

Council is not aware of any consultation on the issuance of the cap licences to the proponents. The Victorian Government did undertake public consultation on the Waste to Energy licence cap and the associated regulations.

3. **David ETTERS HANK, page 60**

Question Asked:

You have identified in the recommendations from the report adopted by council that there needs to be a duplication of Bulla Road or Sunbury Road. I think a number of the witnesses today have supported that. Has council actually done any traffic modelling with regard to what the likely impact is and how that roadway would deal with that?

Sheena FROST: We have.

David ETTERS HANK: Would you prefer to take that on notice?

Carly MOORE: We do have it here.

Sheena FROST: We do have it here, but we could come back to it, sorry.

Response:

Council has not done any traffic modelling on vehicular movements along Sunbury Road because of the planned HiQ development. However, based on 2025 data there is more than 27,000 vehicle movements per day on Sunbury Road, including over 16,000 small, medium and large trucks.

Council's ongoing concerns are based on what occurred as part of the development of the Westgate Tunnel Project where spoil was taken to HiQ. In September 2020 The Age reported that "there will be 15 truck trips per hour for soil transportation, including during the night"

This translated to 360 truck movements per day, and over 130,000 truck movements per year. On an arterial road that is already at breaking point, additional truck movements through Bulla will put even more pressure on that road.

4. **David ETTERS HANK, page 61**

Question Asked:

In terms of the capacity of 750,000 tonnes, there has been quite a lot of stuff about, 'We have to be able to service Hume,' and I know there are

various ways you can calculate it, but roughly how much red bin waste would you be producing in Hume council catchment per annum?

Carly MOORE: I think we would have to take that on notice. In terms of tonnes, were you asking?

Response:

Hume City Council disposes of approximately 89,000 tonnes of material to landfill each year across our kerbside, public litter, hard waste, and resource recovery centre operations. It is worth noting this does not represent all waste generated in Hume, rather the waste Council handles. Waste from commercial and industrial properties, construction and demolition, are generally handled by private industry and are therefore excluded from the above.