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## Regional Development Committee backs refusal of tip site.

Council's Regional Development Committee meeting backed the staff recommendation to the Joint Regional Planning Panel that the proposed Tomerong tip application be refused.

The development application received proposed to convert the void created between the current and future quarrying operations, into a solid waste, non-putrescible waste landfill facility.

The proposed landfill is anticipated to initially receive approximately 50,000 tonnes of waste a year which will incrementally build to 100,000 tonnes per year over an eight (8) year period.

There have been submissions received in relation to the development from both public authorities and the general public concerning a wide range of environmental, economic and social issues.

Key findings of a report prepared by Council's Senior Development Planner, which was presented to the Regional Development Committee resulted in a recommendation for the refusal of the development.

Major issues regarding the application are:

Non- Compliance with relevant Environmental Planning Instruments including:

- (a) State Environmental Planning Policy No.33 (SEPP 33) –
- (b) Hazardous and Offensive Development (SEPP 33),
- (c) Jervis Bay Regional Environmental Plan (JBREP),
- (d) Shoalhaven Local Environmental Plan 1985 (SLEP 1985),
- (e) Part 5 of the NSW Water Act 1912 (WA) and
- (f) Section 5A of the NSW Environmental Planning & Assessment Act 1979.

Other considerations are elevated noise level due to increase truck traffic as well as the lack of economic benefits to the city of Shoalhaven through limited local employment opportunities. I

Also noted as major concerns, were the unsuitability of site, and a strong public opposition to the development.

Chairperson of the Regional Development Committee, Clr. Gareth Ward strongly supports the report and the community groups opposing the development. He said "Not only did Council unanimously resolve to support the professional staff rejection of this application; we have also resolved to support SHUT's community submission to the JRPP. The Regional Development Committee has also asked me to make the case on behalf of Council directly to the JRPP next Monday."

Following Clr Wards submission to the Joint Regional Planning Panel, an assessment of the application and Council's report and recommendations will be undertaken before handing down the final decision.

