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City's decision against Bibra Lake Crusher will stand following withdrawal of appeal

An appeal attempting to overturn the City of Cockburn's decision to refuse the development of a crushing facility in Bibra Lake has been withdrawn.

In 2021, the City of Cockburn Council received an application from Brajkovich Landfill & Recycling to develop a crushing facility on Barrington Street in Bibra Lake.

At the May 2021 Ordinary Council Meeting, the City's Officers presented Council with a report recommending the application be denied. The report cited concerns about the management of asbestos, dust and noise at the facility's proposed location within 500 metres of residential houses. The report also included testimonies from over 300 local residents opposed to the proposed facility. Council voted to approve the officer's recommendation and refuse the development.

Brajkovich Landfill & Recycling consequently appealed this decision to the State Administrative Tribunal.

The City has been defending its position and fighting the appeal over the last 14 months.

In preparing its case, the City has collaborated with professional consultants and representatives from government agencies. In particular the City has worked closely with the Department of Health to provide the Tribunal with information on the potential impact of dust created by crushing construction material and the risks associated with accidental crushing of asbestos.

The Department of Water and Environmental Regulation also provided the City's defence with valuable technical information and analysis.

On 10 August 2022, the City was informed that Brajkovich Landfill & Recycling had withdrawn their appeal, following their acceptance of an offer to purchase the site by a third party.

The City's Chief of Built and Natural Environment, Daniel Arndt, said the City was happy with the outcome, especially considering the local community's high level of interest in the matter.



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“The health and safety of our community is our top priority. Local residents were extremely concerned about this proposal and we believe we have represented their concerns throughout this process.”

“I would like to thank the representatives from the Department of Health and the Department of Water and Environmental Regulation for their significant contributions to the City’s defence.”

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