
STRATHFIELD SOUTH MATERIAL RECOVERY FACILITY

Capacity Increase



Polytrade is proposing to increase the glass processing capacity at its Strathfield South Materials Recovery Facility, located at 40 Madeline Street.

About Polytrade

Polytrade Operations Pty Ltd, an entity of Re.Group, operate one of the largest networks of recycling facilities across Australia. Re.Group's mission is to design, build, operate and optimise infrastructure that enables the maximum amount of waste to be diverted from disposal and positively reused as a renewable resource.

About the Project

Strathfield South Materials Recovery Facility currently processes 99,900 tonnes per annum of materials including paper, cardboard, mixed metals, glass and mixed plastics.

Polytrade is planning to increase the glass processing capacity at the facility. If approved, the Project will increase the total materials received and processed on site from 99,900 to 200,000 tonnes per annum, keeping this material out of landfill to be positively reused elsewhere.



PLANNING AND APPROVALS TIMELINE

2023

◀ WE ARE CURRENTLY HERE LATE 2023 – PREPARE EIS:

Prepare EIS: The purpose of the EIS is to assess the likely economic, environmental and social impacts of the Project. We are consulting with the community during this phase. Findings and feedback will inform the preparation of the EIS.

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◀ EARLY 2024 – SUBMIT EIS AND PUBLIC EXHIBITION:

We will submit the EIS to DPE who will publicly exhibit it for a minimum of 28 days. Anyone can make a submission on the proposal during the public exhibition period. We will continue to consult with the community during this stage.

◀ MID 2024 – PREPARE AND LODGE RESPONSE TO SUBMISSIONS REPORT:

We will prepare a report responding to any submissions. We will submit our report to DPE who will assess the Project and prepare a report.

◀ LATE 2024 – PROJECT DETERMINATION:

DPE will issue a Notice of Determination which if approved, will include conditions and requirements for how the Project must be operated.

2025

◀ OPERATIONAL COMMENCEMENT



Infrastructure

Additional glass processing will use existing infrastructure, and no additional buildings, plant or equipment are proposed.

By increasing the glass processing capacity at the Strathfield South MRF, Polytrade will be making an important contribution to Australia's recycling, circular economy and sustainability goals by producing recycled glass that can be used in bottle-to-bottle manufacturing.

There may be some impacts associated with the increased traffic and proposed expanded hours of operation.

Traffic and truck movements

The Project will generate additional daily traffic including up to 13 B-doubles and/or semi-trailers delivering the additional glass to site and up to 3 B-doubles and/or semi-trailers collecting and transporting the additional processed glass off-site. Up to 6 light vehicles will transport additional staff employed to support the increased processing.

The Project will continue to use the same heavy vehicle road network that restricts southerly access to residential areas along Madeline Street.

Hours of operation

The Project proposes a slight variation to the existing approved hours of operation, to allow glass to be received at the facility from 4.30am to 6pm, Monday to Saturday. Materials are currently received at the facility between 4.30am and 3pm as imposed by Development Consent DA 2015.177.2.

Status and approval process

Polytrade's Project is classified as a State Significant Development (SSD). Planning approval for the project is required through the Department of Planning and Environment (DPE). As part of the planning approval process, Polytrade must develop an Environmental Impact Statement for the SSD application.

Polytrade has engaged EME Advisory to coordinate a range of technical specialists to complete detailed environmental assessments to inform the Environmental Impact Statement. These include for key issues such as air quality, odour, noise, traffic, social impact and hazard and risk assessments.

When complete, the EIS will be lodged with the Department of Planning (DPE) and placed on public exhibition. Community and interested stakeholders will have the opportunity to provide a formal submission during the exhibition period. This process will be managed by DPE. Polytrade will continue to use ongoing feedback from the community to help inform project planning.

Location of the project site



Understanding your feedback and questions

Door knocking

We are currently consulting with the local community to provide information about the Project and understand your views, ideas, and questions. Members of the project team will be in the local area to door knock nearby neighbours and answer any questions on:

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Monday 23 October 2023
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Please call us on **0407 795 796** if you'd like to make a time to connect with us face-to-face.

In person drop-in session

To hear more about the Project, its benefits, and potential impacts, we invite you to attend our drop-in information session to be held on:

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**Tuesday 24 October
from 5.30pm to 6.30pm**
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Please email **engagement@bdinfrastructure.com** to RSVP for this session.

Online survey

Community feedback will help inform our Social Impact Assessment (SIA), which is being prepared as part of the EIS. The SIA will outline the Project benefits and impacts and describe how Polytrade will seek to minimise and/or mitigate any negative impacts of the project. The QR code will take you to the online feedback form which closes on:

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Sunday 5 November 2023
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Use this QR code to access the online feedback form



KEEPING YOU UPDATED

bd infrastructure is working with EME Advisory to undertake community and stakeholder engagement for the Project.

We welcome any questions and comments regarding the Project. We will consider all feedback received and endeavour to keep you informed throughout the Project's development. Please contact us via email or phone:

Email: **engagement@bdinfrastructure.com**

Phone: **0407 795 796**

