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Council to continue regional waste management rationalisation

Consolidating waste management and recycling services at a regional level will continue to be a strong focus for Gladstone Regional Council during the next 12 months.

In handing down the 2010/11 Budget today, Council revealed a key funding commitment of $250,000 towards the design, planning and approval phases of the proposed expansion of the Benaraby Landfill.

“With a licensed landfill capacity of 50,000 tonnes per annum, the landfill facility is presently operating at a 43,000 tonne capacity per annum and is expected to reach its capacity within 18 months,” Environment & Regulation portfolio spokesperson Councillor Col Chapman said.

“An expansion of the existing site will be necessary to facilitate future growth and development.

“Part of the funding will be used to conduct a hydrology/geology assessment over an adjoining parcel of land to assess its suitability for use as a landfill.

“Council will also undertake a review of the landfill’s current Environmental Management Plan in conjunction with Council’s relevant approvals and licences and provide a suitably revised and updated plan to support the proposed expanded landfill operation.”

Cr Chapman said Council would continue to focus on rationalising waste management and recycling services across the Central Queensland Region with the commissioning of a new materials recycling facility in Rockhampton to service Central Queensland local government.

“This innovative facility will result in substantial cost efficiencies for Central Queensland Councils, eliminating the high cost involved with freighting recycling materials to Brisbane,” he said.

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