

This Fact Sheet is to summarise the proposed Final Land Use for the former Anambah landfill site, on Anambah Road, Rutherford. Owned by Maitland City Council, it is a historical landfill site that operated from 1976 to 1993.

### KEY POINTS

1. A “Final land use and remediation options assessment” document has been completed and endorsed by Council for consultation with the community, and feedback is requested.
2. The preferred option includes a relatively small area of commercial/industrial development in the north-west corner of the site, and a solar photovoltaic array across much of the remaining north of the site and some of the west of the site, with the remainder still to be decided after a further feasibility study.
3. Council has engaged a contaminated land consultant to prepare a remediation action plan for the site which has been declared “significantly contaminated” by the Environment Protection Authority (EPA). This work is underway but is dependent upon the future use of the site for its development. The plan will then be reviewed by an independent EPA-accredited site auditor and formally reported to the Council.
4. Council is in discussions with the EPA around the management of landfill gas.



*Above: An artist's impression of the former landfill site and surrounds, showing potential future land uses – subject to further feasibility assessment.*

## BACKGROUND

Landfill sites usually generate landfill gases, such as methane, in a natural process as the waste inside the landfill breaks down. This can occur for some decades after the landfill is closed. Gas generation is being monitored and results indicate that this has peaked and is slowing.

## COUNCIL IS PROPOSING FUTURE USES OF THE SITE AND ONCE DECIDED THIS WILL INFORM DEVELOPMENT OF A REMEDIATION PLAN

Council has appointed a contaminated land consultant to develop a remediation action plan. Decisions about the future use of the site help shape which remedial options can be proposed and implemented. Council will continue to consult with the local community as this develops.

## COUNCIL HAS ENDORSED PROPOSED FINAL LAND USES

The preferred option includes a small area of commercial/ industrial development in the north-west corner of the site, a solar photovoltaic array across much of the remaining north of the site and some of the west of the site.

## COUNCIL IS CURRENTLY SEEKING FEEDBACK

A "Final land use and remediation options assessment" document has been prepared and Council has endorsed it for community feedback. The options assessment document is now available for review and feedback is sought from community members and business owners particularly in the vicinity of the site.

## FURTHER INFORMATION

We will continue to engage with local residents and community members to discuss any concerns. Further information is available on our website at [www.maitland.nsw.gov.au/anambah-landfill](http://www.maitland.nsw.gov.au/anambah-landfill). If you wish to speak with a project team member about this work, you can contact us:

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Above: The former landfill site and surrounds, showing monitoring locations.