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Independent Planning Panel refuses Gundagai landfill extension

The expansion of a landfill in Gundagai will not go ahead, following the independent Southern Joint Regional Planning Panel's refusal today at Gundagai.

The proposal sought to increase capacity at the landfill from 150,000 tonnes of waste to 750,000.

The panel Chair, Pam Allan said the decision was made after hearing from members of the community and other stakeholders at a public meeting.

"The proposal was publicly exhibited for over 40 days for community feedback and received 62 submissions. A public meeting was held in May where members of the public were invited to address the panel directly, and the concerns raised at that meeting were addressed in the assessment report.

"The panel had access to written submissions and the report before the meeting. Today, we heard from experts retained by the applicant and interested members of the community. By the end of the meeting, the panel was satisfied that the application before the panel should be refused."

Assessment staff recommended that the expansion be refused for a number of reasons, including loss of amenity in the area, risk to the environment, lack of support from the NSW Environmental Protection Authority and that the public interest was not met. The panel agreed, and also noted the risk to the Murrumbidgee catchment.

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