The Minister for Planning has approved a planning permit application for the expansion of the Melbourne Regional Landfill in Ravenhall. The expansion will be strictly regulated, and is smaller than what was applied for.

This decision is consistent with the EPA Works Approval granted in March 2017 and reflects advice from an independent planning panel.

**Key Information**

- The permit approves an expansion less than half the size of what was originally proposed.
- The permit limits the landfill to the southern portion of the site only, away from existing and proposed residential areas.
- The landfill expansion will be more than 3km from established residential areas, and no closer to existing homes than the current landfill.
- The permit has an expiry date of 2046, providing about 13-14 years of additional landfill capacity beyond the life of the existing landfill, giving certainty to industry and the community.
- The Victorian Government’s commitment to ‘call-in’ the planning permit application allowed the community to be heard and the expansion proposal to be considered by an independent planning panel.

**Permit Conditions**

The permit includes a range of strict conditions that require activities to be undertaken prior to the commencement of any works, and throughout the operating life of the landfill.

These include the development, implementation and regular review of:

- Odour, litter, and dust controls and monitoring systems.
- A noise management and monitoring plan.
- A traffic impact assessment.
- A community consultation and complaints management strategy, including the establishment of a community consultation committee and a complaints handling procedure.

There have been 13 months of extensive engagement and consultation with the community and stakeholders on this proposal.

The expanded landfill will be a best practice waste management facility that will help secure the waste infrastructure needs of our growing city into the future.

**Find out more**

