



ENERGY FROM WASTE FACILITY REFERRED TO COMMISSION FOR DETERMINATION

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The state's Independent Planning Commission will make a decision on plans for a new energy from waste facility in Sydney's west.

The Department of Planning and Environment has today delivered to the Commission its Environmental Assessment Report for the proposed Next Generation Energy from Waste at Eastern Creek, which has found the project should be refused.

Under recent changes to the state's planning laws, the Commission is the consent authority for certain state significant development applications where there have been 25 or more public submissions objecting to the application and/or the local council is opposed.

Blacktown City Council has expressed its opposition to the proposed development, while the Department has received more than 900 public objections.

The Chair of the Independent Planning Commission, Professor Mary O'Kane, has appointed a three-member panel to determine the state significant development application: Ms Robyn Kruk AM (Chair), Mr Peter Duncan AM and Mr Tony Pearson.

"The Commission will examine the application, the Department's report and other relevant material, providing a further layer of scrutiny to the process, and carefully weigh all views – community, proponent and government agencies', before deciding if the proposed facility is in the public interest," Professor O'Kane said.

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