



A LETTER TO THE KINGSTON COMMUNITY

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Dear Neighbour,

You might be surprised to learn that tucked away behind thousands of trees on Kingston Road is one of Victoria's leading recycling facilities – Alex Fraser's Clarinda Recycling Facility. This facility has been recognised for operating to world's best practice, and has never received a complaint.

We've been part of the Kingston community since 2009, employing 50 locals to serve the community by recycling up to a million tonnes of construction material and glass waste from your kerbside collections – enough to fill the MCG every two years.

This material is diverted from landfill and recycled to make construction materials urgently needed for Victoria's 'Big Build' infrastructure projects, like the Level Crossing Removal Projects, Monash Freeway Upgrade, Thompsons Road Upgrade, and the Hallam Road Upgrade. These recycled construction materials help reduce the carbon footprint of new projects by up to 65 per cent.

The permit for this vital recycling facility is due to expire in 2023, and, without an extension from Kingston City Council, the site will shut down. As allowed under the current permit, Alex Fraser has applied to Kingston City Council for a 10 to 15-year extension, to give time to find and relocate to an alternative site.

If the Clarinda Recycling Facility is shut down, Victoria's recycling crisis would worsen, with more materials which could be recycled potentially going to landfill. It would also dramatically reduce the availability of construction materials urgently needed for Victoria's Big Build - increasing heavy vehicle traffic, and the cost of major projects.

BUT – a Council decision to extend the permit at Clarinda would provide a vital solution to Victoria's recycling crisis. It will also ensure the continued supply of sustainable materials needed for infrastructure projects planned for Melbourne south-east; like the Suburban Rail Loop, South Eastern Roads Upgrade, and Mordialloc Freeway.

This site is privately owned and if shutdown, the land will be unavailable for public use. To provide certainty about the site's long term use, Alex Fraser has committed to give the Kingston community ownership of the 22 hectares of land in 2033. We'd love to see this land redeveloped to serve the community as a public park and recreation space, which could include facilities for netball, soccer and football. To help fund this kind of community development, Alex Fraser would lease the land from the community until the planning permit expires in 2038; providing Kingston City Council with \$1 million in rent every year, for five years.

Alex Fraser actively supports our local communities, and we have established long-term charity partnerships with Riding for the Disabled (Moorabbin), Search and Rescue Dogs Australia, our neighbouring school, and other local groups. An extension to the operations of the Clarinda Recycling Facility would see these partnerships strengthened. After discussions with Council, we have committed to a ten-year program to improve local sporting and recreation facilities, with a contribution of \$250,000 per year.

Our application for an extension to our permit is currently with Kingston City Council for their consideration.

To help keep you informed, we've prepared the following information that summarises what we do, why we're requesting a permit extension, and how we can support the local Kingston community.

I hope you find this helpful. If you have any further questions, please feel free to email us at info@greenroads.com.au.

Yours Sincerely,

Peter Murphy
Managing Director, Alex Fraser



About Alex Fraser and the Clarinda Recycling Facility



Established in 1879, Alex Fraser is a recognised global leader in the recycling of construction and demolition waste, and the production of sustainable construction materials through its network of sites across Melbourne and Brisbane.

At its Clarinda Recycling Facility, which commenced operations in 2009, Alex Fraser recycles problem glass waste from kerbside collections, and construction waste, diverting it from landfill to make the recycled construction materials urgently needed for Victoria's 'Big Build' infrastructure projects.

The Clarinda Recycling Facility has the capacity to recycle around one million tonnes of waste each year alone – that's around 25 per cent of Melbourne's glass and construction waste; enough to fill the MCG every two years.

Alex Fraser's Clarinda Recycling Facility forms a critical part of Victoria's network of world-class recycling facilities. It has a large buffer zone, is extremely well screened from view, and is well serviced by the road network which allows waste to be conveniently transported in and recycled materials transported out.

The site represents an important shift away from traditional landfill and quarry activities to a more sustainable future. The need for the recycling capacity, the materials supplied, and the high standards of operation of the Clarinda Recycling Facility have been recognised by multiple government agencies.





How Alex Fraser is helping to build Victoria

Almost every Victorian has driven on a 'green road', built from materials recycled by Alex Fraser.

Alex Fraser supplies recycled construction materials to projects including the Level Crossing Removal Projects, Monash Freeway Upgrade, Thompsons Road Upgrade, and the Hallam Road Upgrade. It is also ideally located to supply the planned Suburban Rail Loop, South Eastern Roads Upgrade, and Mordialloc Freeway. The construction materials Alex Fraser produces from waste that would otherwise go to landfill reduces the carbon footprint of projects by up to 65 per cent.

The Issue

The operating permit for the Clarinda Recycling Facility is due to expire in 2023. Without an extension from Council, the site will shut down.

This would mean one million tonnes of waste could have to go to landfill every year, instead of being recycled into construction materials required for Victoria's 'Big Build' infrastructure projects. Indeed, Melbourne would need to establish a major metropolitan quarry to extract the same volume of resources needed to build the infrastructure planned for Melbourne's south east – further driving up costs.

Kerbside glass is at the heart of Victoria's recycling crisis. Did you know that only about half of the glass you put in your wheelie bin can be turned back into bottles? Alex Fraser's Clarinda Recycling Facility recycles the equivalent of 200 million bottles

of remaining problem glass every year – closure could mean this goes to landfill instead.

Alex Fraser is seeking a 10 to 15-year extension to its operating permit so it can continue to save up to one million tonnes of waste from going to landfill every year, and continue to produce construction materials urgently needed for Victoria's major infrastructure projects.

An extension will provide Alex Fraser with time to find and move to an alternative site, so this vital community service doesn't stop.

What's at stake?

50 direct job losses

1 million tonnes (per year) of recycling could be sent to landfill

40,000 tonnes of problem glass waste per year will not be recycled

1 million tonnes (per year) of sustainable resources - the Government will need to find another million tonnes of material to supply planned infrastructure, resulting in an additional 10,100 tonnes of carbon emissions

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LESS LANDFILL



LESS CARBON



LESS EXTRACTION



LESS TRAFFIC



LESS GLASS

What does Government and Industry think?

These extracts, from letters received by Alex Fraser, highlight the vital nature of the Clarinda Recycling Facility and the potential impact of its closure:



Department of Treasury and Finance

Department of Treasury and Finance, Invest Assist – 7 March 2019

“Invest Assist confirms all possible options have been explored. Based primarily on the land size required, only limited options are available and none within the timeframe required. We will continue to assist in exploring opportunities as they arise...”



Sustainability Victoria – 27 March 2019

“With respect to the site at Clarinda, [Sustainability Victoria] recognises that this is an important site for resource recovery in Melbourne... We are acutely aware of the shortage of quarried materials to supply the state’s significant infrastructure program and having a site of this scale located in close proximity to these major projects is essential in ensuring ongoing supply of recycled construction products and materials.”



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waste management association

Victorian Waste Management Association – 22 March 2019

“I write to you to convey the Victorian Waste Management Association’s concern regarding the potential closure of your Clarinda recycling facility and the unacceptable impact this will have on the Victorian waste and recycling network, the environment, economy and local jobs.”



Jaclyn Symes MP

The Hon. Jaclyn Symes MP – Minister for Resources – 14 October 2019

“I appreciate the important role that your facility plays in recycling construction materials that supplement the critical supply of extractive resources that are needed to build new infrastructure and housing across Victoria. With the demand for extractive resources expected to double by 2050, the ongoing supply of well-located recycled construction materials will assist in supporting a competitive construction materials market, particularly as mature quarries come to the end of their production in the coming years.”



Infrastructure Sustainability Council of Australia – 25 March 2019

“We encourage stronger collaboration between government, industry and community in supporting the 10 year extension of the current permit in order to seek and migrate to a new site. Any significant interruption to the supply sustainable resources into the market would have a substantial impact on the industry’s ability to achieve positive social value and environmental outcomes on the major infrastructure projects planned and underway.”



Roads Australia – 21 March 2019

“I write to convey Roads Australia’s concern about the proposed closure of the Alex Fraser Clarinda Recycling Facility and to express our strong support for the facility to be granted a 10-year extension of its current permit in order to seek and migrate to a new site.”

Written response from Minister for Energy, Environment and Climate Change Lily D’Ambrosio to a Constituency Question asked in Parliament on 12 September 2019 by the Member for the South-Eastern Metropolitan Region

“Green Wedge zoning does not prevent [Kingston City Council] from granting a permit extension after considering the planning scheme and relevant legislation. The Government will continue to work with Alex Fraser and recognises the important contribution it makes to providing content for infrastructure projects and diverting resources from landfill.”



Supporting the community of Kingston

Alex Fraser has been a proud member of the Kingston community for more than a decade. We have been working with Kingston City Council to identify ways to support the community realise its vision for the municipality.

Along with an extension of our permit, Alex Fraser will provide \$2.5 million over ten years (\$250,000 per year) to support Council and sporting groups with the development or improvement of local sport and recreation facilities for the benefit of the Kingston community.

In addition, in 2033, we will give the Kingston community ownership of the 22 hectares of land on which we operate. This land could then be redeveloped to service the community as public park and recreation space, including facilities like netball, soccer and football fields.

To help fund that kind of community development, Alex Fraser would lease the land back from the community of Kingston until the planning permit expires in 2038; providing Kingston City Council with \$1 million in rent every year.



Future use concept plan



This is a conceptual image of what Alex Fraser's 22 hectares of land could look like in the future – owned by the local Kingston community.

LEGEND:

- 1 Senior Oval (Dual AFL and Cricket Pitch)
- 2 Senior Soccer Field
- 3 Netball Courts
- 4 Pavilions
- 5 Picnic/Community Activity Hub
- 6 Junior and Senior Playspaces
- 7 Half Court
- 8 Kick-about area
- 9 Multi-Use Venue (Community Hall and Two Indoor Basketball Courts)
- 10 Car Parking
- 11 Pedestrian Entrances
- 12 Vehicle Entrance/Exit

- Existing Trees
- Proposed Infill Tree Planting
- Proposed Tree Planting
- Proposed Lawn
- Existing Water Storage Pond

FAQs

Here are answers to some Frequently Asked Questions. If you have any further questions, please don't hesitate to contact us at:

info@greenroads.com.au

What are you asking for?

Alex Fraser is seeking a 10 to 15-year extension to its operating permit so we can continue to save up to one million tonnes of waste from landfill every year, and continue to produce the construction materials urgently needed for Victoria's major infrastructure projects.

An extension will give us time to find and move to an alternative site.

Why can't you move?

Alex Fraser has been actively seeking and working with the State Government to identify possible alternative locations. Unfortunately, there are no viable alternative sites in Melbourne's south east that would enable us to continue to recycling waste and supplying major infrastructure projects beyond 2023.

In order for recycling facilities to work well, they must be located close to where waste is generated, and close to their finished products are required – in this case, close to major projects needing materials.

An extension of the permit would allow time to find a suitable site for relocation.

Do you guarantee you won't apply for another extension when this one expires?

Yes. We're simply asking for more time to find and move to an alternative site, so we aren't forced to shut down in 2023.

To give the community and Council certainty, Alex Fraser has pledged to give the Kingston community ownership of the 22 hectares of land in 2033. Alex Fraser would then leave the site at the end of the permit extension.

We'd love to see this land redeveloped to service the community as public park and recreation space, including facilities like netball, soccer and football fields.

If you don't get an extension, what will happen?

If this facility is shut down, Victoria's recycling crisis would only worsen, with an additional million tonnes of waste potentially going to landfill. That's enough to fill the MCG every two years.

It would also dramatically reduce the availability of construction materials urgently needed for Victoria's 'Big Build', driving up the cost of these infrastructure projects.

This private land is not part of the 'Chain of Parks', if shut down, it will be unavailable for public use.

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"Alex Fraser has been a proud member of the Kingston community for over a decade. We want to help develop local active recreation areas."

