

# Council delegation to inspect landfill sites

Four Armidale Dumaesq Councillors and three senior officers will set off on a fact finding tour of landfill operations at Grafton and the north coast this week.

They plan to inspect sites at Grafton, Coffs Harbour, Port Macquarie and Port Stephens during the two day tour.

Mayor Cr Brian Chetwynd will lead the group which also includes Deputy Mayor Cr

Peter Ducat, and Crs Herman Beyersdorf and Bruce Whan.

He said the four facilities represented the most advanced landfill practices as well as operations with alternative technologies and composting systems.

"This trip is going to provide us with further research and information to put towards our own strategy," Cr Chetwynd said.

"Our immediate aim

is to reduce landfill by 60-80 per cent in the short term and to reach zero landfill in the future when the technologies are available.

"Certainly we do not want any putrescibles entering our new landfill site and we do not want any risk at all to the environment."

The Mayor said the four Councils on the tour schedule had faced the problems of reducing landfill in recent years and had adopted

various strategies.

"They have taken different approaches and it will be interesting to see what results they are achieving, how successful they are and what they recommend from their experience in trying out some new technology," he said.

The group will report its findings to the Waste Management Committee and then subsequently to Council.



Cr Herman Beyersdorf



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