

# New landfill a reality, says Beyersdorf, but time still for a public meeting

AN ARMIDALE Dumaresq Councillor wants a public meeting on the new landfill and Alternative Waste Technology (AWT).

Cr Herman Beyersdorf, chairman of council's waste management committee, said such a meeting could be held during the budget consultation process.

"The meeting would look specifically at the issue of the new landfill and Alternative Waste Technology, and the costs associated with it," he said.

Cr Beyersdorf believes council has no alternative but to proceed with the landfill.

"Unfortunately, this costs money," he said.

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Cr Bruce Whan, who is also a member of council's waste management committee, was critical of the stand

taken this week by Crs Brian Chetwynd, Bev Roobol and Margaret Walford.

"Their call not to increase waste charges and to abandon plans for a new landfill is irresponsible because the only alternative to a new class two landfill - which is what we are planning - is to ship your waste somewhere else," he said.

"Council officers have already explored that option and it is a frightening option, both economically and from a sustainability point of view."

Cr Whan said that, even with the installation of an AWT system, there would still be some residual which cannot be economically recycled.

He accused the three councillors of 'shooting from the hip'.

"Everything they are saying is where we are heading already - reducing landfill, increasing recycling, introducing composting," he said.

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