

# BRODERICK ROAD RECYCLING SITE

## COMMUNITY INFORMATION

Since 2013, a materials recycling facility at 300–400 Broderick Road, Lara, has been accumulating a large volume of combustible recyclable and waste material. This material has been identified as a potential fire risk.

The site operator C&D Recycling and its director, David McAuliffe, have repeatedly breached planning permit conditions and orders from the Victorian Civil and Administrative Tribunal (VCAT), and criminal charges have been laid. The City of Greater Geelong has taken all possible action to prevent the site from continuing to operate.

### WHAT IS BEING DONE TO MANAGE THE SITE?

C&D Recycling is now insolvent and David McAuliffe is no longer involved with the site. Land owners, TASC0, are now responsible for rehabilitation of the site.

A local reference group has been formed to manage the situation, including City of Greater Geelong, EPA, CFA, WorkSafe and Victoria Police. The group is regularly monitoring the site and working together to protect the community and enforce VCAT orders for fire prevention and rehabilitation measures.

#### Fire prevention plans in place

- Security personnel on site 24 hours
- Regular testing of stockpiles for increased temperatures.
- Earth moving, firefighting equipment and heavy equipment on site
- Removal of large items (such as tyres) around the outside of the site
- Construction of emergency vehicle access roads
- Clearing of vegetation

As per the VCAT order issued in 2016, the site has a permanent permit to operate as a recycling facility.

The land owners are required to clean the site until it complies with the planning permit conditions. These conditions include maximum stockpile heights and types of materials allowed onsite.

### WHAT TO DO IN CASE OF A FIRE

- Please stay away from the landfill fire if you do not need to be in the area.
- If you live or work close by, avoid the smoke as much as possible by staying indoors until the fire is under control, or out. Keep windows and doors closed.
- Reduce physical activity and, if you have an existing heart or lung condition, rest as much as possible.

#### Stay informed

For up-to-date information about Broderick Road, visit [www.geelongaustralia.com.au/broderickroad](http://www.geelongaustralia.com.au/broderickroad)

For fire warnings and updates, please refer to:

- ABC local radio
- Twitter – @vicemergency and @CFA\_Updates
- Facebook – facebook.com/vicemergency) and facebook.com/cfavic
- VicEmergency Hotline – 1800 226 226
- Visit [www.emergency.vic.gov.au](http://www.emergency.vic.gov.au)
- Download the VicEmergency App at Google Play or the App Store.

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## HISTORY OF THE SITE

YEAR	ACTION
2013	The City issued a temporary planning permit for a materials recycling facility at 300–400 Broderick Road, Lara, in accordance with zoning and statutory regulations.
2015	An enforcement order was issued by VCAT in January. Mr McAuliffe was found guilty of breaching the enforcement order in December.
2016	Despite the City's opposition, the site operator successfully sought VCAT direction for a planning permit, allowing ongoing use of the site as a materials recycling facility. In November, Mr McAuliffe was found guilty of breaching the temporary planning permit.
2017	An interim enforcement order was issued by VCAT in December
2018	Further charges against Mr McAuliffe, for breaching VCAT's interim enforcement order, are scheduled to be heard on 14 and 15 November.