

## Coldstream Compost Contracts Signed

Australian Native Landscapes signed a contract with **Least waste** to establish and operate Coldstream Compost on 2 August 2005. This was a significant milestone in establishing sustainable processing of green organics and the marketing of composted products in the Eastern Region of Melbourne.

Additional contracts were signed between **Least waste** and each of its five member councils, guaranteeing a minimum supply of 40,000 tonnes of green organics, to ensure viability of the facility. The site is permitted to process up to 120,000 tonnes annually.

Chairman, Cr Bob Beynon said "**Least waste** and its member Councils have vigorously pursued this project and overcome some significant challenges that could have stopped it becoming a reality. Over 750,000 people in the Eastern Region of Melbourne will benefit from this facility processing green organics into environmentally appropriate products." Coldstream Compost is a project of State significance with capital and equipment costs of \$4.5 million to be recovered from users over seven years.

The facility is to be established on Boral Quarry land in Coldstream. Licences for access to and use of part of the quarry site have been signed by **Least waste**. Paul Hillyer, General Manager Boral Metro Quarries, noted "Boral are pleased to see available land being put to the best use possible without compromising the quarry operations. This green organics composting facility is an operation compatible with quarrying that also benefits a broad spectrum of the community."

The local community have been involved in the planning of this project. Planning and Works Approvals have both been obtained without objections.

The Minister for Environment, the Hon John Thwaites, has recognised the importance of this project. He granted **Least waste** special permission to sign and operate this contract.

Council kerbside collected green organics will be delivered directly to the facility in compactor vehicles. Self hauled green organics from the general public, small gardening contractors and the like will continue to be delivered to the network of drop off centres and transfer stations throughout the Region prior to being able to be bulk hauled to the new facility. **Least waste** may approve delivery of additional material from other contractors.

Australian Native Landscapes currently operate a number of large composting facilities in New South Wales. Patrick Soars, Managing Director, Australian Native Landscapes said "With over 30 years involvement in the industry my company is pleased to be taking a key role in the beneficial use of green organics in the eastern suburbs of Melbourne. We have experience in receipt and processing of green organics as well as marketing resultant products to return organics to sustainable use."

Coldstream Compost will be well situated relative to the potential market of the Yarra Valley vineyards. Construction will commence in early September with green organics planned to be received by January 2006.



Patrick Soars,  
Graeme Stewart,  
Cr. Bob Beynon &  
Paul Hillyer  
signing contract  
documents (From  
left to right)

Schematic diagram of Coldstream Compost

