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## **Citywide enters MoU for Energy from Waste project to fuel growing circular economy and reshape waste disposal landscape**

Citywide is pleased to announce that it has entered into a Memorandum of Understanding to explore participation in a state-of-the-art Energy from Waste (EfW) facility in Victoria, following the signing of an agreement with the project's participants.

The Maryvale EfW project in Victoria's Latrobe Valley is being developed by a consortium comprising Opal Australian Paper, SUEZ Australia and New Zealand, Tribe, Masdar, and Acciona.

"We are excited to have entered into this agreement which will enable Citywide to supply feedstock to the new EfW facility via a rail link, and potentially also participate as an equity partner," Chris Campbell, Citywide's Chief Executive Officer, said.

"Consistent with Citywide's Waste and Recycling Strategy, participation in this project is about our commitment to finding alternatives to landfill for non-recyclable waste; it's about the relentless pursuit of more sustainable solutions for effective waste management that help shape healthy, safe, thriving liveable cities and communities.

"Last year, Victoria sent 4.6 million tonnes of material to landfill. Even with the best recycling practices, there is still a lot of material that needs disposal. The EfW facility will allow us to divert waste from landfill by turning it into something that can benefit the whole community.

John Brumby AO, Chairman of Citywide, said: "We are proud to be part of a process that will reshape the waste sector in Victoria, divert non-recyclable rubbish from landfill, reclaim energy from resources and create employment through existing and streamlined logistics systems.

"Our participation in this world class project underscores Citywide's commitment to continually push the boundaries of innovation, be it through products, services, systems of work, as well as to work collaboratively with like-minded partners to facilitate better outcomes."

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Responsive and innovative, we shape liveable cities by delivering the full scope of civil infrastructure, open space and environmental services to government and private enterprise. Collectively, our services positively impact more than 12 million Australians every day. For further information, visit: [www.citywide.com.au](http://www.citywide.com.au)

### **About the Maryvale EfW Project**

Opal Australian Paper, SUEZ, Masdar and Tribe are building a state-of-the-art Energy from Waste (EfW) facility at the Maryvale Mill in the Latrobe Valley in Victoria's east. This modern EfW facility will process non-recyclable residual waste to recover energy with sophisticated flue gas treatment to meet the stringent emissions limits of EPA Victoria and the European Union.

The Mill is a large user of natural gas and grid electricity in its manufacturing operations. Escalating energy costs are impacting the Mill and the EfW facility will reduce its reliance on grid based energy, freeing enough gas and electricity to supply over 50,000 homes. In addition, the facility will deliver a significant reduction in greenhouse gases estimated at over 270,000 tonnes of CO2 per year.

Construction of the EfW facility is expected to commence in late 2021, with completion expected by early 2025. The construction phase is estimated to generate 500 jobs on average over the three-year period.

Further information: <https://opalanz.com/news/maryvale-energy-from-waste-project-moving-forward/>

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