

## **MEDIA RELEASE**

### **Culgoa Landfill to Close**

**23 June 2016**

Council is working with affected residents as it commences the closure of the Culgoa landfill which is now virtually full. Council will close the Culgoa landfill by 5 December 2016 and rehabilitate the site.

“The closure of facilities is never an easy decision. Council staff collated and analysed all available information in reviewing the options for the site. The landfill has limited available underground airspace remaining and conversion to above ground storage of waste would create a high level of risk to waste containment. There would also be extensive cost involved in going to above ground storage - \$2 million across the forecast life of such a facility”, said Mayor, Cr Reid Mather.

Culgoa residents will have three landfills available to them within forty minutes travel time in; Birchip, Sea Lake and Wycheproof. Kerbside waste collection will continue as normal.

A range of waste options will be discussed with the community including the Culgoa Development Group including the implementation of a bin bank. This will contain multiple 240 litre recycling bins that will be established in the township for an initial period of twelve months with a review to be undertaken in December 2017.



Council will provide further updates.

**End release**

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