

# Endeavour's Plan B

## Council helps recycling firm find 'certainty'

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**T**HE Council will commit up to \$30,000 to help Endeavour Industries find a site for its expanded recycling operations.

The decision came at Tuesday's council meeting, where it was also revealed Endeavour was considering relocation to the former Heggies Transport depot at North Goulburn.

It would give the organisation two "irons in the fire".

Local firm, Denrith Pty Ltd, has already lodged a development application to incorporate Endeavour's operations into its proposed waste transfer station in Bridge St, north Goulburn.

The bid is before the Joint Regional Planning Panel. But with no sign of a decision anytime soon, the recycler must plan ahead, chairman David Humphreys says.

"Indications are that a decision could take anywhere from six months to two years so obviously we need to plan for our future," he said.

"We are trying to increase recycling for Council and that is just not possible at our current Oxley St premises."

Mr Humphreys said it was imperative Endeavour Industries found a new site, given it was taking up a renewed council contract in December.

In addition, the looming carbon tax, coming into effect on July 1, would cost ratepayers if more recyclables weren't removed from the city's landfill.

"We needed certainty," he said.

The not for profit organisation will lease the former Heggies Depot from owner Andy Divall for



**COUNTING CARBON:** It's in Council's and ratepayers' interest to back Endeavour Industries' recycling expansion as it saves methane emissions at the Goulburn Waste depot, David Humphreys says.

five years, with a five-year renewal option. Mr Divall is also a director of Denrith Pty Ltd.

But with the site sitting in the water catchment area, the adaptation could be deemed a designated development, for state government assessment.

If it is, an Environmental Impact Study may cost up to \$30,000,

Endeavour estimates. On the other hand, Council assessment would cost about \$5000.

Councillors on Tuesday agreed to allocate up to \$30,000 from next year's budget. Staff will firstly check with auditors whether it's appropriate for funds to come from its domestic waste management reserve.

Cr Geoff Peterson voted against.

He said he couldn't support it until he had more information on how this plan fitted in with the Denrith proposal.

"And given the whole gamut of waste options on the table at the moment, I suggest we defer this matter," he said.

Mr Humphreys had addressed councillors the week before, however Cr Peterson was an apology.

The former told the *Post* that Endeavour would still let the Denrith application run its course.

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