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There's no time to waste

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PROponents of a waste processing and recycling facility say they are frustrated by the time taken to decide the development.

It's been one year since the Southern Joint Regional Planning Panel (JRPP) first considered Denrith Pty Ltd's plans for the centre in Bridge St, North Goulburn.

Back then, the panel, led by Allen Grimwood, expected a decision to take several months. An independent consultant, engaged by Council, was to complete an assessment report.

But Denrith spokesman Peter Walker said despite furnishing additional requested information last January, the company hasn't heard anything since.

"We were told last October it would be considered before

Christmas, then after Christmas..." he said.

"We keep asking the question but we don't get a reply...It's a frustrating process and Denrith is still looking at the proposal in its current form."

The company wants to receive up to 20,000 tonnes of putrescible waste and some 8000 tonnes of recyclables annually at a fully enclosed facility, off the Sydney Rd. Endeavour Industries

intends to relocate from its cramped Oxley St site, if approved.

The JRPP heard from the proponent, the community - including objectors and supporters, and state government agencies at a sitting in Goulburn last October.

Council's planning and community services director Chris Stewart said he was now awaiting the consultant's report.

Council engaged him to stay at arm's length from the process. Endeavour Industries has its recycling contract and Denrith has lodged an expression of interest in a long-term waste strategy for Goulburn Mulwaree.

But the consultant's report is not the sole hold-up, Mr Stewart says.

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GIDDY UP! SPRING RACING IS HERE

THE Goulburn spring Thoroughbred racing season kicks off on Sunday (family day) with the running of the Crookwell and Anniversary Cups.

Both events are important lead ups to the prestigious Goulburn Cup on November 25.

Trainer Ken Callaghan and jockey Richard Bensley were pictured this week putting chestnut gelding Enemy Underfire through its paces in preparation for Sunday's 1000m maiden.

The eight race programme has attracted

capacity fields, with the first to jump at 1.20pm.

A huge variety of entertainment for the whole family will also feature.

Goulburn and District Racing Club's spring carnival continues next Saturday with Girls Day Out, featuring the Equumen Gift.

Meantime, Goulburn Harness Racing Club hosts a fantastic city-class meeting today.

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