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## SOMETHING TO SPOUT ABOUT

A LARGE scale Rural Fire Service training exercise at the Gunning Showground on Sunday will prove vital this summer, organisers say.

Brigade captains, crew leaders and brigade training coordinators from around the Southern Tablelands RFS zone joined volunteers and staff from the ACT RFS and NSW Ambulance for the day-long activities, which included demonstrations, talks and emergency strategy discussion.

Pictured is Tarago Brigade's category 1 tanker, demonstrating its in-cab, electronically adjustable, 38mm water director, the first of its kind in the zone and a piece of equipment that has proved very effective.

A full report about the training day will appear in Monday's Town & Country Magazine.

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# Eight is enough: Panel

By LOUISE THROWER

**A** LOCAL company says it will find "other ways" following a planning panel's refusal of its waste and recycling centre at north Goulburn.

Denirth Pty Ltd commercial manager Garry Brims was speaking on Tuesday after the five-member Southern Regional Planning Panel (SRPP) unanimously rejected the Bridge St proposal.

"Having read the (independent) assessment report, we fully expected this," he said.

## Winners and losers as waste plan rejected

"So now we move on and find some other way. We have not formulated that yet."

Denirth director Andy Divall told the Post he was disappointed but accepted the umpire's decision.

The panel refused the plan on eight grounds recommended by independent consultant Paul Hume, including odour, traffic and amenity impacts and non-compliance with buffer distances.

But they also added three more:

that it was inconsistent with the B6 enterprise zone objectives and unsuitable for the site given it was on Goulburn's entry; that the Bridge St/Sydney Rd intersection was an "inappropriate" entry and exit point for Denirth vehicles; and that with the land subject to probable maximum flood and located in the Sydney Catchment Authority, the centre was not in the public interest.

While Denirth is disappointed, the 10 objectors who spoke on

Wednesday were delighted.

The North Goulburn Action Group's Kevin Watchirs said members were "over the moon."

At Wednesday's panel sitting, chaired by Pam Allan, he praised Mr Hume as "the Eddie Mabo of Goulburn."

Mr Watchirs said the report was rational and based on sound information. It had recommended refusal "for eight very good reasons."

"Last Tuesday (when the report

was released) was a great day, a milestone for the community."

He called on the panel to demonstrate the same "vision and integrity" as the consultant and reject the plan.

Co-member Maeve O'Meara also told the meeting that having their concerns validated had confirmed their sense of place and their place within it.

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