



District Council of  
**Mount Remarkable**

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**MEDIA RELEASE**

## **Port Germein Transfer Station – Temporary Closure**

Council Chief Executive Officer Sam Johnson has announced that a temporary closure to the Port Germein Transfer Station will come into effect from Tuesday 19 January.

Council has taken this step in light of the fact that the community operated transfer station at Port Germein has reached its capacity for waste storage and poses some risks in terms of health and safety.

Mr Johnson said “As it appears the dump has reached capacity for waste storage in respect to appropriate regulations, Council must now ensure that all potential risks are mitigated for those community members who use the transfer station or who assist on a voluntary basis at the transfer station operationally. It is prudent at this time for Council to do a complete review of the operations, including ensuring that appropriate controls are put in place for the safety of everyone concerned. This step has not been taken lightly, and appropriate conversations have been had with key stakeholders to ensure the reasons for the sudden closure is understood by those who are directly involved with the facility”

Council’s waste strategy is currently a key focus, and the Port Germein transfer station has unique issues around costs for Council relating to transportation and disposal of what is currently stored at the site. A complete assessment of the facility, and the issues that Council needs to consider, will be undertaken by Council and a report will be provided to Council in the near future.

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Council will need to consider the broader ongoing management of all waste, which will include additional operating sites such as Wirrabara and Willowie. Council must ensure that it is reviewing its operations ensuring that what is provided to the community meets community expectations, and risk management and mitigation must be a significant factor in any decision made.

Community members can access alternative waste management facilities within the Council area at either Wirrabara, or Willowie, and can access public waste management facilities in other Council locations such as Port Pirie.

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