

# OPEN LETTER FROM TAYLORVILLE RESOURCE PARK

- Independent scientific reports assure safety of water supply.
- Family owners and management committed to responsible operation of facility.
- Application for simplified Class 2 consent March 2025.

Dear Community

The owners and management of Taylorville Resource Park (TRP) would like to take the opportunity to provide some information and assurances in relation to our landfill facility which provides a responsible outlet for demolition waste.

Firstly, we wish to assure you of the safety of your water supply in relation to our facility. While TRP is located adjacent to the Grey River it is downstream from the water supply intakes, with its topography and site infrastructure making contamination practically impossible. This is supported by independent scientific reports from leading experts, including a **hydrological assessment**, an **impact report** and a **geotechnical report**.

In essence, all three reports assess the risk to the water supply from Taylorville Resource Park as 'low' or 'very low', even in the event of a significant earthquake – as per below.

*Based on site observations, geomorphic mapping, and slope stability analysis completed on the two slopes adjacent to Taylorville Road, we consider the risk of inundation from landsliding to Taylorville Road and the water treatment plant to be very low in both normal (non-seismic) and under earthquake conditions.*

ENGEO - Slope Stability Analysis December 2024

And while there have been very public concerns raised about the risk to the water supply, it may be of further assurance to note (as reported by the Grey Star in January 2025), the Minister for the Environment conveyed the same 'low risk' message to the Grey District Mayor in a letter in 2024 - quoting a risk assessment conducted by the West Coast Regional Council.

TRP is a family-owned business, we are committed to getting it right and are investing significantly to do so. That said, it would be disingenuous not to acknowledge there have been challenges with the site – with some historical issues still being worked through legally. However, we have worked openly and constructively

## About Taylorville Resource Park

- Taylorville Resource Park (TRP) is a consented, specialised waste facility servicing both local and South Island demolition and construction waste requirements.
- TRPs initial reason for being was the requirement to safely dispose of demolition materials from the Grey Hospital.
- Facilities like Taylorville are designed to provide a responsible and legal outlet for the dumping of demolition (with illegal dumping a known issue in the region).
- The site provides not only a vital service but also supports the local economy utilising local suppliers and service providers.

with key authorities to fix concerns as quickly and practically as possible, and there have been no adverse effects on the environment as a result.

In March 2025 TRP will apply for a revised resource consent. There's nothing particularly new or controversial to this application – it will simply be more fit for purpose and streamlined to the operation. Noting our current consents still have 17-years to run.

Under our current consents we can take and safely dispose of cleanfill, demolition and construction waste - including asbestos containing materials, coal tar and tyres. Contaminants, such as asbestos, are disposed of in fully lined cells to provide separation from the environment, using nationally recognised safety processes and standards. Our current consent also allows for us to take other contaminated materials. However, this is on a case-by-case approval basis from the West Coast Regional Council.

This last part is quite unusual and cumbersome for everyone involved. Therefore, in this new application we are seeking a Class 2 landfill consent. This will largely be as per our current consent, just with more specificity around what materials we can take without external approval. Included in our consent application will also be our pathway to development of the site.

Given the level of interest and political commentary there has been about TRP we wanted to engage with the community to provide some assurances – especially given the strong scientific evidence now available as to the safety of the site – and to give you the opportunity to seek further information, ask questions or provide feedback on our planned resource consent application.

You can do that via [www.taylorville.co.nz](http://www.taylorville.co.nz) or by emailing [admin@taylorville.co.nz](mailto:admin@taylorville.co.nz). It's also likely that following submission, our new resource consent application will become publicly notified via council processes, providing another feedback point.

We welcome your enquiry throughout the process and will likewise continue to provide updates, responses and more details.

Yours sincerely

**The Owners and Management of Taylorville Resource Park**