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Australian Paper's \$7.5 million energy study takes a major step forward

Australian Paper has taken an important step in its investigation of Energy from Waste technology at the Maryvale mill with the appointment of Jacobs Engineering Group to undertake key components of its \$7.5 million feasibility study. The Australian and Victorian Governments have each contributed \$2.5 million.

"We are delighted to have appointed Jacobs to help us explore the feasibility of a \$600 million state of the art Energy from Waste facility at Maryvale which would support more than 1,600 jobs in the construction phase and more than 400 ongoing," said Peter Williams, Australian Paper's Chief Operating Officer.

"While Australian Paper is Victoria's largest generator of renewable base load energy, we are also the State's biggest industrial user of natural gas and a significant customer for coal-fired electricity.

The rising price of gas and electricity means we need to find new ways to become self-sufficient for base load energy while ensuring we meet the Latrobe Valley community's high standards for environmental stewardship," he said.

Jacobs has had a long association with the Latrobe Valley, having been involved in a number of projects in the region over the past 25 years. This has included providing specialist advice on a range of issues including energy generation and transmission, renewables, and asset, waste, water and environmental management.

"As part of this current study, Jacobs will undertake detailed assessments to ensure a potential Energy from Waste plant would meet strict emissions standards and environmental controls. They will be involved for the duration of the study, which we expect to conclude in mid-2018," he said.

Australian Paper will continue to seek out and explore the views of the Latrobe Valley community on this proposed investment. It is also opening a project centre in Morwell to help make the study more accessible to the community.

"We have already conducted a number of local community focus groups to seek feedback on our study. To further support this approach, and provide information for the community, we have opened our project centre in Morwell," said Mr Williams.

"The project team will be based in this office, which features displays on the feasibility study process and the latest Energy from Waste technology. We encourage members of the community to visit the centre to learn more about the study, our progress and Australian Paper's role in the Latrobe Valley," he said.

Australian Paper's Creating Energy from Waste project office is located at 126 George St, Morwell.

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