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MASSIVE TIP THREATENS COMMUNITY

Stop the Tip Campaign Launch

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The Stop the Tip campaign launches today, in reaction to a proposal from Boral to massively expand the Western Landfill in Deer Park.

Boral proposes to increase the current site by 179 million cubic metres – that’s a tip the size of 105 MCGs, 15 storeys above ground level.

Stop the Tip is calling on Melton City Council to reject Boral’s proposal.

“Local residents want homes, jobs and economic opportunity, not a tip,” said campaign spokesperson Michael Rus.

Boral is attempting to sneak this huge expansion through the back door, rather than engaging in community and stakeholder consultation. The proposal lacks appropriate buffers to surrounding land, and will create massive piles of rubbish more than 50 metres above ground level.

“We can’t let Boral ruin our community,” says Michael Rus, who points out that residents already have to deal with odour and litter issues from the current, much smaller tip.

He says that people who live in the surrounding communities of Deer Park, Caroline Springs, Burnside, Albanvale, Rockbank and Plumpton don’t want to become Melbourne’s dumping ground.

“Melton City Council must put the community first and reject the Boral Deer Park proposal” said Rus.

For more information on the Stop the Tip campaign visit www.stopthetip.com.au or call (03) 9539 3388.