



## **THE ADMINISTRATION OF NORFOLK ISLAND**

### **MEDIA RELEASE**

# **Waste Management Centre now processing chemical waste**

Mr Jock Germany from Chem Collect visited Norfolk Island this week and advised the Administration on the disposal of chemical waste at the Waste Management Centre.

Mr Germany worked with the staff at the Centre, giving them further guidance as to how to identify and dispose of different chemicals. Staff are now able to classify chemicals into types that can be treated locally, types that require further analytical testing in Australia, and hazardous “scheduled” chemicals that will be packaged for shipment to Australia, subject to approval by the Australian Quarantine and Inspection Service (AQIS).

A manual has been drawn up and made available to waste management staff, detailing appropriate handling processes for the treatment of chemical waste. This manual includes safe working procedures and risk assessments. The Administration will continue to consult with Chem Collect from time to time for advice on treatment and disposal of chemical waste.

Anyone wishing to dispose of chemical waste at the Waste Management Centre should pass on these chemicals to an officer rather than dropping them into the bins, and provide as much information as possible so the chemicals can be identified and processed safely and effectively.

Any questions regarding the receipt of chemical waste should be directed to either Mal Snell or Todd Buffett at the Waste Management Centre on telephone 24090.

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