

APOMA Community Engagement

What's it all About?

APOMA has a couple of important decisions coming up — how to address illegal dumping at the Andamooka waste facility, and what to do with donated assets and we'd like to hear from the community on both issues. Please take a few minutes to read through the information below and share your thoughts either through the survey link provided or by attending a community meeting.

Addressing Illegal Dumping: Proposed Change to Dump Operations

The Situation

- **The Andamooka landfill has around 7 months of capacity left.**
- There is no land available to expand the landfill – once it's full, it's full.
- Illegal dumping is using up this limited remaining space faster than it needs to.

What's being proposed

To help protect the landfill's remaining life, APOMA is proposing a dump sticker scheme for the Andamooka waste facility. Stickers would be distributed to (a) rate/levy payers and (b) renters who hold paid APOMA membership, recognising their contribution to the town asset.

- This is a change to how the dump operates day to day – it does not change who manages the dump.
- The aim is simple: reduce illegal dumping so the remaining landfill capacity lasts as long as possible while a long-term solution is worked out.

What Should We Do with APOMA Assets?

The Situation

In May 2025, BHP Olympic Dam gave APOMA a Caterpillar grader and a Caterpillar loader, free of charge. Both are in excellent condition. BHP gave them “as is”, with no warranty, and once APOMA took ownership, it also took on the cost of insuring, servicing and looking after them.

What It Costs to Keep Them

Cost	What it means	Approx. cost																					
Insurance	Covers both machines and public liability for a year	\$5,850 / year																					
Servicing	Scheduled service every 250 hours of use	From \$1,660 per service																					
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Other	Risk management, registration, storage/yard space, and a qualified operator	Varies																					

- Servicing costs rise the more the machines are used – light use keeps costs low, heavy use (e.g. contracting) brings on bigger bills sooner.

What are the Options?

1. Sell them and fund other community projects

Good points	Things to watch
• Money can go straight to projects the community has already asked for.	• It's a one-off amount, not an ongoing asset.
• No more insurance, servicing or storage costs.	• Might be hard to get full value in a remote area.
• Simple – nothing more to manage.	

2. Keep them for community use

Good points	Things to watch
• Machines stay useful for community jobs.	• APOMA pays around \$5,850/year insurance plus servicing, with no income to offset it.
• Keeps valuable equipment in Andamooka.	• Machines may sit idle much of the time.
• Low risk – no commercial activity involved.	• Needs a registered, qualified operator.

3. Keep them and hire/contract them out

Good points	Things to watch
• Could earn income to cover costs or fund more projects.	• Needs registration and likely higher insurance for commercial use.
• Puts the machines to good use instead of sitting idle.	• More use means bigger, more frequent servicing bills.
• May create local work opportunities.	• Needs proper insurance, licensed operators and a business plan – a lot for a small volunteer group to manage.

In Short

Selling gives certainty and no ongoing cost, but the asset is gone for good. Keeping the machines for community use benefits Andamooka directly, but costs money with no income coming in. Hiring them out could pay for themselves but needs more setup and risk management than APOMA currently has in place. Transferring them to another group removes the cost, but APOMA gets no lasting benefit.

How to Have Your Say

- Complete the survey using the QR code.
- Attend the Community Meeting 12pm – 2pm Wednesday 29 July 2026

