

Friday 10 April 2015

CITY OF RYDE RESPONDS TO TWU PROTEST

A small contingent of TWU organisers and members approached the Ryde Civic Centre this morning to protest against the proposed contracting out of drivers by SITA Australia (Council's new waste provider due to commence 1 May 2015).

Council's General Manager, Gail Connolly, stated, "Council awarded the contract to SITA Australia in December 2014. We awarded that contract in good faith. We expect SITA to honour that contract when it commences on 1 May 2015 including the current working conditions of the drivers. Council's consent is required before SITA Australia is able to sub-contract any of the driving positions and that consent has not been provided.

We have advised the TWU this morning of Council's position which is that we intend SITA Australia to honour the contract including the existing working conditions of the drivers."

Council has requested SITA Australia to confirm in writing that it will commence waste collections within the City of Ryde on 1 May 2015 in accordance with all terms of the contract.

To date, Council is yet to receive that confirmation.

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