



## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

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Editor:

In an article published yesterday, Ted Rattray, president of Wastech Services Ltd., raised a number of questions about the future of the GVRD's Ashcroft landfill proposal.

Many of these questions have now been settled following a positive and constructive meeting between myself and representatives from the GVRD, Ashcroft and Cache Creek.

Following that meeting, I asked officials with my ministry to work with the GVRD to complete an amendment of their Solid Waste Management Plan as quickly and efficiently as possible. This should take about 9-12 months.

I'm confident that if all sides work together, the issue can be settled well in advance of the expiration of the Cache Creek landfill in 2008.

As Minister of the Environment, my goal is a solution that meets the needs of all communities involved and the needs of B.C.'s environment. I'm confident that we're now on the path to such a solution.

Sincerely,

Barry Penner  
Minister of Environment