

Waste Management and Resource Recovery Policy

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Head of Power

This policy is consistent with the following legislation and policy:

Local Government Act 2009 - Chapter 4, Part 1, s91 (2) allows the imposition of rates and charges for a service, facility or activity supplied by or undertaken by a local government or someone on behalf of the local government (including a garbage contractor, for example) and s92 (4) allows the imposition of utility charges for a service, facility or activity including waste management.

Environmental Protection Regulation 2019 – Chapter 6 sets out the requirements for waste management in local government areas, including storage and collection relating to serviced premises and requirements for waste facilities.

Waste Reduction & Recycling Act 2011 - Part 2A allows the imposition for a local government to, by resolution, designate areas within its local government area in which the local government may conduct general waste or green waste collection and decide the frequency of general waste or green waste collection in the designated areas.

Waste Management and Resource Recovery Strategy - this sets out the Queensland Governments waste strategy objectives and resource recovery performance targets.

This policy supports the “Green Living” outcome in Council’s corporate plan, specifically outcomes 2.3 “Council’s waste management plans address current and future needs, and include plans for closed landfills and regional collaboration” and 2.4 “Council and the community actively recycle and reduce waste”.

This policy also supports the waste hierarchy whereby waste disposal is the least preferred option and encourages waste avoidance, reuse, recycling and resource recovery.

Policy Objective

To support the following strategic priorities:

- Minimising the generation of household waste and diversion of recyclable materials including organics from landfill.
- Improving the quality of recyclable materials to support recycling and resource recovery service providers and industry.
- Management of waste and recyclable material collections in accordance with relevant legislation to ensure compliance with environmental standards.

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- Oversee the operation, management and maintenance of a network of assets for the receipt, segregation and temporary storage of solid waste and recyclable materials generated from domestic and commercial sources.
- Providing advice and guidance to customers to support waste minimisation and resource recovery behaviours.
- Reducing cost pressures on the community for waste management services by investigating innovative and cost effective waste management initiatives.

Policy Statement

Council is committed to:

- Mandatory waste and recycling, and optional green waste kerbside collection services to domestic premises.
- Waste, recycling and green waste collection services to commercial premises on request.
- Operation and maintenance of a network of waste disposal and resource recovery facilities.
- Waste disposal fee exemptions that are consistent with provisions contained in the Waste Reduction and Recycling Act 2011.
- Waste disposal fee exemptions for community service organisations including but not limited to “not for profit” (NFP) organisations, churches and charities in the Redland City local government area.
- Recovery of the Queensland Government’s waste disposal levy on commercial waste collection services and commercial waste disposed at Council’s waste disposal and resource recovery facilities.
- Engaging with the community and businesses within the city to improve overall waste management and resource recovery performance and improve sustainability awareness and implementation.

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Definitions

The following definitions are extracted from the definitions within the *Environmental Protection Act 1994* and other subordinate legislation.

Term	Definition
Commercial premises	Any of the following types of premises: a) A hotel, motel, caravan park, café, food store or canteen. b) An assembly building, institutional building, kindergarten, child minding centre, school or other building used for education. c) Premises where a sport or game is ordinarily played in public. d) An exhibition ground, show ground or racecourse. e) An office, shop or other premises where business or work, other than a manufacturing process is carried out.
Commercial waste	Waste generated by a business activity and includes any waste generated or transported for fee or reward.
Domestic premises	Means any of the following types of premises: a) A single unit private dwelling. b) Premises containing two or more separate flats, apartments or other dwelling units. c) A boarding house, hostel, lodging house or guest house.
Domestic waste	Waste generated by a resident as a result of the ordinary use and occupation of their home/residential premises.
General waste	General Waste is waste other than regulated or prohibited or recycling waste, which may be either domestic or commercial.
Green waste	Grass cuttings, trees, bushes, shrubs, tree loppings, or similar matter produced as a result of the ordinary use or occupation of premises.
Kerbside	The edge of a pavement which separates it from the road.
Recyclable waste	Clean and inoffensive waste that has the potential to be recycled.

Associated Documents

Community Service Obligation Administrative Directive ([A196670](#))
 Waste, Recycling and Green Waste Collection Services Guideline ([A3169645](#))
 Exemption of Waste Disposal Fees at Council Waste Transfer Stations Guideline ([A196625](#))
 Disposal of Waste at Council Waste Transfer Stations Guideline ([A3905221](#))

Document Control

Only Council can approve amendments to this document by resolution of a General Meeting, with the exception of administrative amendments which can be approved by the relevant ELT member. Refer to *Policy Instrument Development Manual* for an explanation on administrative amendments ([A4063988](#)).

Any requests to change the content of this document must be forwarded to relevant Service Managers(s).

Approved documents must be submitted to the Corporate Meetings and Registers Team for registration.

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Version Control

Version number	Date	Key Changes
2	March 2013	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Updated to include funding for all closed landfills including the recently closed landfills at Birkdale and Giles Road Minor editing to consolidate the policy wording and include alignment with new related documents
3	November 2015	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Change of name of related document Change to department and group
4	January 2019	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Updated associated documents.
5	September 2019	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Minor editing to consolidate the policy wording and include alignment with new related documents
6	January 2020	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> New policy combining three existing policies.

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