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WASTE MANAGEMENT POLICY		

Policy Statement

The Waste Management Policy (*the Policy*) outlines the framework for the management of waste and resource recovery across all waste streams and adopting a circular economy approach within the Copper Coast Council (*Council*).

Council will implement a waste management system that complies with Federal and State legislation.

Council will continue sustainable practices, maintaining the value of resources, reducing the quantity of waste and associated costs, rehabilitate closed landfills, control illegal dumping and deal with hazardous and problematic waste as is possible with available resources.

[Note: This Policy must be read in conjunction with the Waste Collection Service Guidelines attached to the Policy]

1. Introduction

Green Industries SA is the statutory authority, established to implement waste reforms to increase waste being recycled and reduce waste delivered to landfill.

South Australia has the capacity to improved resource recovery with staged regulatory reforms to achieve zero waste being sent to landfill in a safe, beneficial and equitable basis.

In principle, Council is responsible for the implementation of:

- a) Kerbside collection services for general household, recyclables and green waste;
- b) Resource recovery centre (licensed) to receive and transfer general household, recyclables and green waste to approved sites;
- c) Education programs; and
- d) Compliance and enforcement.

2. Policy Objectives

The Policy objectives are to:

- a) Comply with the intent of the applicable Federal and State environment legislation, regulations, standards, policies, and initiatives.
- b) Keep a pace with emerging technologies and actively participate with peak industry bodies, organisations and operators to advocate a circular waste economy.
- c) Strive to implement strategies and innovative solutions to improve the sustainability and management of waste.
- d) Maintain a safe, sustainable, affordable and transparent approach to waste management and provide a consistent level of service to businesses and residents.

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- e) Ensure best practice waste and recycling services when processing all waste streams generated within the Council area.
- f) Increase recycling and recovery rates and reduce contamination across all waste streams.
- g) Reduce the amount of litter, illegal dumping, and storm water pollution across the Council area.
- h) Provide education with effective techniques to reduce, reuse and recycle waste whether at home, work or play.
- i) Continue to monitor, collate and report quality waste and recycling data within the Council locality.
- j) Increase procurement of recycled materials and resources.
- k) Protect public health and minimise the environmental impacts associated with waste management services.

3. Scope of Services

Through responsible and functional waste management, Council will implement services that maximise waste diversion by improving and extending resource recovery options across Council with supporting educational programs to encourage resident and business participation.

Kerbside collection and centralised waste collection services will be reviewed on an ongoing basis and implement improvements to increase sustainability and financial viability.

a) Kerbside Collection Service - Within Town Service Area

Currently, residential properties, business premises and non-rateable properties (eg lessees of Council owned properties) within the Town Service Area are entitled to receive a Kerbside Collection Service as follows:

- i. Business premises within the designated Town Service Area:
 - Two (2) 140 litre weekly general household waste collection
 - A 240 litre fortnightly recyclables collection.
- ii. Occupied residential properties within the designated Town Service Area:
 - A 240 litre weekly general household waste collection
 - A 240 litre fortnightly recyclables collection
 - A 240 litre monthly green waste collection.

From 1st February 2021, businesses, and from 1st July 2021, residential properties within the Town Service Area will be entitled to receive a three bin Kerbside Collection Service as follows:

- iii. Business premises within the designated Town Service Area:
 - A 240 litre weekly general household waste collection
 - A 240 litre weekly recyclables collection
 - A 240 litre weekly food organic and green organics collection.
- iv. Occupied residential properties within the designated Town Service Area:
 - A 140 litre fortnightly general household waste collection
 - A 240 litre fortnightly recyclables collection
 - A 240 litre fortnightly food organic and green organics collection.



b) Centralised Waste Collection Service – Outside Town Service Area

Currently, occupied residential properties outside the Town Service Area are entitled to a three-bin centralised waste collection service as follows:

- A 140 litre weekly general household waste collection
- A 240 litre fortnightly recyclables collection
- A 240 litre monthly green waste collection

From the 1st July 2021, occupied residential properties outside the Town Service Area will be entitled to a three bin centralised waste collection service as follows:

- A 140 litre fortnightly general household waste collection
- A 240 litre fortnightly recyclables collection
- A 240 litre fortnightly food organic and green organics collection.

Residents wishing to access this service are referred to the attached *Waste Collection Service Guidelines*.

The centralised waste collection points will be reviewed by Council and Councils waste contractor regularly to ensure locations are safe, accessible, and suitable to the authorised users and contractors.

c) Variation to Collection Services

Waste collection services are generally provided to residential properties and other properties as listed above and Council acknowledges the need for variation at times. Notice of any variation will be provided as is practicable via social media, Council's website and/or the local newspaper.

i) Exceptional Circumstances Collection Service

Under exceptional circumstances provisions, households will be able to apply for a variation to the collection service each year. Large families, households that produce nappies and households with special medical needs can apply for Exceptional Circumstances Collection Service in accordance with the *Waste Collection Service Guidelines* attached to this Policy.

ii) Schools and Childcare Facilities

Schools (childcare, kindergartens, primary schools, high schools) are supported in their use of the kerbside recycling system in accordance with the *Waste Collection Service Guidelines* attached to this Policy.

iii) Holiday Season

With the influx of tourists and holiday makers the collection service will be amended to cater for the increased population in accordance with the *Waste Collection Service Guidelines* attached to this Policy.

iv) Community and Special Events

Council supports special community events, festivals and large sporting events subject to application in accordance with the *Waste Collection Service Guidelines* attached to this Policy.

v) Additional Kerbside Collection Services outside Standard Entitlement

Any collection service additional to the collection of one set of bins per rateable, eligible property for residents and businesses is considered to be an additional collection, which is to be applied for and purchased from Council annually in accordance with the *Waste Collection Service Guidelines* attached to this Policy.



vi) Exempt Properties

Properties classified as exempt from kerbside collection services in accordance with the *Waste Collection Service Guidelines* attached to this Policy are not entitled to a kerbside collection.

d) Circular Waste Events (Recycle, Unwanted Household Items)

Council will coordinate events from time to time to provide the opportunity for residents to be recycled, reused or repurposed unwanted household items, to reduce landfill (eg free kerbside giveaway).

e) Public Street Litter Bins

Council will provide public street litter bins in areas of high use and will, when financially viable, transition to a separating style bin that support Council's objective of recycling and reducing landfill.

Public street litter bins are provided for waste produced by the general public and specifically allocated for the needs of the general public and visitors to the area.

The use by businesses as commercial bins and also residents for their household waste is prohibited.

f) Bin and Kitchen Caddy

The property owner/occupier is responsible for the purchase, replacement and maintenance of compliant EN840 Standards and AS4123 Specification of two (2) wheeled Mobile Garbage Bins which will be available from Council's contractor and local businesses.

Kitchen caddies will be provided free of charge as a once off arrangement on the initial implementation of Food Organics and Green Organics to each household who receives a collection service.

Compostable bags will be available free of charge for the first five years of the implementation of Food Organics and Green Organics to each household who receives a collection service.

g) Bin Audit and Compliance

Council will, from time to time, carry out audits and inspections of bins placed out for kerbside collection to determine that the correct bins are being used and the waste is disposed of in the correct bin. Disposal of the incorrect waste in a particular bin may constitute littering and illegal dumping, which may lead to loss of service entitlement, fines and legal action.

h) Resource Recovery Centre

Council will operate a licensed transfer station (*Resource Recovery Centre*), as a drop-off facility for receptacle and aggregation of waste streams which will be transported to another location for further sorting, resource recovery or disposal.

Council will continue to investigate and implement systems to improve conversion of landfill waste to recycled waste by offering appropriate infrastructure to segregate all waste streams.

Ratepayers and residents are entitled to deliver waste to the *Resource Recovery Centre* and will be charged in accordance with Council's *Register of Fees and Charges*.

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i) Littering and Illegal Dumping

Council will pursue the unlawful disposal of waste on private and public lands or in a public place without Council permission. Authorised officers will investigate all incidents, arrange remediation and seek to identify the person(s) and take legal action as appropriate.

j) Outside Policy and Guidelines Scope

Where an item or provision of service for waste and recycling falls outside the scope of the *Waste Management Policy* and the *Waste Collection Service Guidelines*, a request for an amendment can be made to the Director of Development Services for consideration, in consultation with the Chief Executive Officer.

4. Applicable Legislation, Documentation and References

The Policy aligns with and supports the strategic directions of the following Federal, State and Local Government plans, policies and regulations.

- Local Government Act (SA) 1999
- South Australian Public Health Act 2011 (SAPH Act)
- South Australia’s Waste Strategy 2020-2025
- Local Nuisance and Litter Control Act 2016
- Environmental Protection (Waste to Resources) Policy 2010
- National Waste Policy 2018

5. Integration with Corporate Objectives

The Policy has been formulated in conjunction with the Copper Coast Council Strategic Plan Mission Statement - by enhancing community lifestyle, providing effective and affordable facilities and services and managing and protecting our environmental assets.

6. Definitions

The Act	Refers to the Local Government Act 1999
Business Premises	Defined as any of the following types of premises offering goods or services for sale, including but not limited to: accommodation facilities, restaurants and cafés, finance, insurance and administration services, manufacturing and industrial activities, repairs and maintenance services and other premises where operations or work is carried out in a commercial nature.
Centralised Waste Collection Point	Centralised waste collection points are locations that Council staff and Council waste contractor have set as a waste collection designated location for approved residents who live outside the Town Service Area and do not receive a kerbside collection service. The location of the centralised waste collection points are included in the Waste Collection Guidelines.
Collection	A collection is defined as one (1) mobile garbage bin lift by Council’s contracted contractor waste collection vehicle.
Contractor	The business appointed by Council to undertake the kerbside collection services.

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Council	Refers to the Copper Coast Council, including any authorised representatives or staff under delegated authority of Council.
Council Properties	Refers to properties owned by Council or Crown Land where the land is under the care and control of Council
FOGO	Food Organics and Green Organics are composting material waste with the ability to be recycled into compost.
General Household Waste	Defined as the waste, other than domestic clean-up waste, recyclable or green waste, interceptor waste or waste discharged to a sewer, produced as a result of the ordinary use or occupation of domestic premises.
Mobile Garbage Bin	A container that meets Australian Standard and approved by Council for storing general household waste, recyclable or green waste at premises within the Council area. Also known as a waste container, wheelie bin, MGB (hereinafter referred to as a 'bin').
Non-Rateable Property	Refers to properties identified as non-rateable in accordance with the Local Government Act 1999
Rateable Property	Refers to properties identified as rateable in accordance with the Local Government Act 1999
Recyclable Waste	As defined by the Environmental Protection Act 1993: the component of the waste stream that is separated from domestic waste intended for disposal, sorted and recycled.
Register of Fees and Charges	A schedule of fees and charges reviewed annually and adopted by Council (available on Council's website).
Resident	Occupier of a rateable property within the Council boundaries.
Standard Entitlement	The waste collection minimum service to be received.
Town Service Area	Defined waste collection area where kerbside waste collection services are provided by Council. The Town Service Area is clearly identified on the designated waste collection area maps of Kadina, Wallaroo, Moonta, Paskeville and Cunliffe (refer to Waste Collection Guidelines - Maps). Council reserves the right to amend the designated waste collection area as development requirements warrant it.
Resource Recovery Centre	A transfer station for the reception and aggregation of waste streams prior to their transport to another depot or location for further sorting, resource recovery or disposal.
Waste	Defined as any discarded, rejected, abandoned, unwanted or surplus matter, whether or not intended for sale or for recycling, reprocessing, recovery or purification by a separate operation from that which produced the matter; or anything declared by legislation or regulation to be a waste; whether of value or not.
Waste Collection Areas	Defined as the designated Town Service Area where domestic and commercial waste collection services are provided. For location of the Town Service Area maps, refer to the Waste Collection Guidelines – Maps).

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7. Training

Council is committed to the development of skilled, knowledgeable, and dedicated staff, and recognises the importance of training that enables staff to:

- Work within a safe environment;
- Implement changes to ensure compliance of legislation and relevant standards, codes and guidelines with required timeframes;
- Strive to ensure Council is an efficient and cost-effective leader in its operations and services offered now and in the future.

8. Application

The *Waste Management Policy* is a Strategic Policy, which should be read in conjunction with the *Waste Collection Service Guidelines*.

9. Delegation

For further information regarding this Policy, contact the Coordinator of Waste and Inspectorate, or in his/her absence, the Director of Development Services.

The Chief Executive Officer can approve waste management solutions where the resident or organisation can demonstrate exceptional circumstances that require flexibility in the application of this Policy and that the solution(s) will have little or no cost implications for Council or its Contractor.

10. Adoption and Review

This Policy will be reviewed as required by the Development Services Department and, if any changes are proposed, a report will be presented to Council for consideration and adoption.

11. Availability of Policy

This Policy will be available for inspection without charge at the Council's Principal Office during normal business hours, and on Council's website.

A copy of the Policy can be obtained on payment of a nominated fee from Councils' principal office. The Policy can be downloaded on Councils' website free of charge.

Signed: _____

Mayor



Signed _____

Chief Executive Officer



Date: _____

9th February 2021

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