



District Council of
Mount Remarkable

20 May 2021

Council's Waste Strategy

At the 18 May Ordinary meeting, Council considered a report outlining a number of changes to better serve the community with a waste strategy for the District. Council resolved to introduce a green waste kerb side collection service in the 2021/2022 financial year and to close the Wirrabara and Port Germein Waste Transfer Stations. A new operating model for the proposed Willowie Waste Transfer Station facility will see the facility opening to the public every second Saturday morning.

Council has also approved for negotiations to commence with Council's current kerbside waste contractor to facilitate a license agreement for the operation of Willowie as a transfer station for a period not exceeding ten (10) years. The 2021/22 Budget will include a capital allocation of \$180,000 for necessary works to be undertaken at Willowie for the transfer station to be constructed. Council also requested that a review of current waste charges be included within the draft 2021/2022 budget.

"Council presently maintains three waste sites - Port Germein Waste Transfer Station, Wirrabara Waste Transfer Station and Willowie Landfill. The sites carry significant health and safety risks for Council due to the age of them, and the operational structural arrangements in which they have existed for many years without any comprehensive review to ensure they are viable and meet best practice, compliance and linkages to existing State Government waste management strategies.

Council has been operating waste management in some format since inception and has agreed to a strategy moving in to the future to ensure the community has good access to waste disposal while also ensuring Council is managing its risks associated to waste management" said CEO Sam Johnson.

"These decisions of Council align with several objectives of Council's recently adopted "Community Plan 2021-31" to provide quality of, and improve the efficiency and effectiveness of Council services" said Mayor Phillip Heaslip.

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Further updates and announcements, including timeframes on the rollout of the new green waste kerb side collection bins will be announced in due course.

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References - 18 May 2021 Ordinary Meeting of Council:

1. Agenda item 4.5 - https://www.mtr.sa.gov.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0036/895293/PUBLIC-Notice-and-Agenda-Ordinary-Meeting-of-Council-18-May-2021.pdf
2. Minutes ([Council Agenda and Minutes | District Council of Mount Remarkable \(mtr.sa.gov.au\)](https://www.mtr.sa.gov.au/council-agenda-and-minutes))