

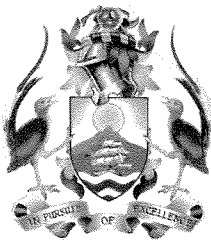
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## INQUIRY INTO MUNICIPAL WASTE MANAGEMENT IN NSW

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The Committee Manager  
Standing Committee of Public Works  
Parliament House  
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Dear Sir

### **Municipal Waste Management in New South Wales**

Council wishes to submit the following submission to the Inquiry into Municipal Waste Management in New South Wales.

1. Council believes that its current municipal waste management practices are effective and appropriate. Council has a weekly 50:50 divided 240 litre MGB service. One side to collect recycling and the other waste material.

In addition Council offers a voluntary 240 litre MGB fortnightly garden waste collection and a 240 litre MGB weekly recycling collection from multi unit dwellings. Recycling materials are sorted and sent to market and waste is disposed of to landfill, which still remains the cheapest disposal option.

2. Council acknowledges the current arrangements may not be best practice, however, other options that were considered were more expensive and did not receive support from the community. There are also no incentives for Council to practice better waste management alternatives.
3. The Department of Environment and Conservation have assisted the development of best practice methods by the development of model guidelines for Waste and Recycling Collection Contracts. These guidelines should improve the cost effectiveness and planning for new waste management contracts.
4. Council has investigated new technologies associated with waste collection and disposal, however believes that these technologies are not proven and are not a realistic alternative for landfilling at this stage. The higher cost of disposal may also be an impediment. Council is monitoring this situation.
5. Council is aware that disposal of waste by landfilling does impact on the environment, however, other methods of waste disposal with a lower environmental footprint are either not proven or, too expensive or both.

Yours faithfully

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