

**Submission
No 8**

**EXAMINATION OF AUDITOR-GENERAL'S PERFORMANCE AUDIT
REPORTS FEBRUARY 2019 - JULY 2019**

Organisation: Campbelltown City Council

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Mr Greg Piper MP
Chair of the Public Accounts Committee
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Dear Mr Piper

AONSW Ref PA6623

**PERFORMANCE AUDIT DOMESTIC WASTE MANAGEMENT IN CAMPBELLTOWN CITY COUNCIL
AND FAIRFIELD CITY COUNCIL**

I refer to your letter dated 4 October 2019 in relation to the performance audit of Council's domestic waste management service and attach a 6-monthly update (May 2020) on progress with the recommendations from the Performance Audit for your information.

In relation to further resource recovery and waste management activity, Council is undertaking a number of initiatives to strengthen its long term strategic position, including the future design and delivery of domestic waste management services. In this regard a number of projects which may be of interest to your Office are as follows:

- Domestic Waste Characterisation Audit – a consultant has been appointed to conduct the audit commencing in June 2020. The audit will assist understanding of trends in the waste disposal habits of residents, changes to the waste stream and also be used to inform the Resource Recovery and Waste Management Education Strategy.
- Feasibility Study Waste Transfer Station – a consultant has been appointed to conduct a feasibility study into the provision of locating a waste transfer infrastructure within the Campbelltown Local Government Area. This project is to assess the potential commercial viability of a local WTS given the lack of key waste management and resource recovery infrastructure in the region.
- Project 24 is a regional collaboration involving five Councils in South-Western Sydney in a joint procurement project to secure optimal resource recovery and processing outcomes from mixed waste and the other kerbside streams.
- Resource Recovery and Waste Management Education Strategy – Council is currently preparing the strategic framework that will guide the necessary programs and activities to maximise resource recovery and reduce waste generation across all sectors of our community. A consultancy brief is being prepared for release to engage a consultant to prepare the strategy.

Council will keep your Office updated with progress with the recommendations from the Performance Audit on a 6-monthly basis.

If any additional information is required please contact [REDACTED]
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Yours sincerely

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Attachment

**PERFORMANCE AUDIT – Domestic waste management in Campbelltown City Council and Fairfield City Council
Campbelltown City Council Response to Recommendations
UPDATE 20 MAY 2020**

	Recommendation	Accepted or Rejected	Actions to be taken	Status (completed, on-track, delayed) Comment	Responsibility
Campbelltown City Council should:					
1	better measure, monitor, and evaluate the effectiveness of their activities in improving residents waste-sorting habits, in order to make adjustments as needed	Accept	Council appointed a dedicated Resource Recovery Education Officer (RREO) tasked with the responsibility of improving source separation for resource recovery across the community.	Officer appointed November 2019	Domestic Waste Service Coordinator
2	ensure all new buildings have adequate and appropriate waste storage facilities, to make it easy for residents to sort their waste properly	Reject	Council's Development Control Plan (DCP) is in process of being amended to adopt the EPA's recommended resource recovery practices contained in their latest publication "Better practice guide for resource recovery in residential developments" April 2019. This publication cites the latest research and rationale in which to maximise resource recovery particularly in medium and high density residential developments.	DCP currently in process of being adopted by Council.	Domestic Waste Service Coordinator
3	obtain more information on the costs of other viable options for waste collection, transportation, processing and disposal, in order to determine if there is a need to change existing arrangements.	Reject	(a) Collection Contract – Council has obtained the best available market price for collection arrangements from an open market competitive tender process. This contract expires in 2024. (b) Processing Contract – Council has joined with 3 other Councils in the region to obtain the best available market price for long term processing and disposal services. The participating Councils obtained authorisation from the ACCC for a collective bargaining arrangement that resulted in a highly competitive rate for processing and disposal services over a 15 year period, which expires in 2024.	No change to status. Tender preparation to commence in 2021.	Domestic Waste Service Coordinator

