

**Submission
No 9**

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

Organisation: Fairfield City Council

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Greg Piper MP
Chair, Public Accounts Committee
Parliament of New South Wales
Macquarie Street
SYDNEY NSW 2000

Auditor-General's performance audit report – *Domestic waste management in Campbelltown City Council and Fairfield City Council*

Dear Greg,

I refer to your letter of 4 June 2020 requesting Fairfield City Council provide The Public Accounts Committee with a submission outlining Council's response to the Auditor-General's report on Domestic Waste Management in Campbelltown City Council and Fairfield City Council, tabled 5 June 2019.

Please find attached Fairfield City Council's response. This response is reflective of Council's position and actions taken in relation to the audit recommendations.

If you would like more information, please contact me on [REDACTED]

Yours sincerely,

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Brad Cutts
Director, Corporate Governance

IMPLEMENTATION OF RECOMMENDATIONS

Domestic waste management in Campbelltown City Council and Fairfield City Council

| | RECOMMENDATION | ACCEPTED OR REJECTED | ACTIONS TO BE TAKEN | DUE DATE | STATUS (completed, on track, delayed) and COMMENT | RESPONSIBILITY (Section of agency responsible for implementation) |
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| 1 | Better measure, monitor, and evaluate the effectiveness of their activities in improving residents waste-sorting habits, in order to make adjustments as needed | Accepted | a) Conduct Waste Contamination Management Project for “MUD” (multi-unit dwelling) and continue bi-annual kerbside audits. b) Collaborate with Monash University to conduct research on a “Kerbside Contamination” project. This project explores how the behavioural sciences can help reduce contamination of the kerbside comingled stream. c) Extension to recycling “SUD” (single unit dwelling) bin tagging project .The outcome is to reduce heavily contaminated recycling bins and provide a targeted area for delivering an educational campaign. | June 2021 | On Track | Waste Strategy |
| | | | | December 2020 | Delayed due to Covid restrictions | Waste Strategy |
| | | | | June 2021 | Delayed due to business restrictions resulting from Covid | Waste Strategy |

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| 2 Ensure all new buildings have adequate and appropriate waste storage facilities, to make it easy for residents to sort their waste properly | Rejected | <p>Council in many cases is not the Principal Certifier for construction of these developments and the included waste storage facilities. Variations between the development approval designs and those considered to be “generally in accordance with” those designs, as deemed appropriate by the Private Certifier, is likely to account for any variation or inconsistency and is a matter outside Council’s control or influence.</p> <p>Local Environmental Plans (LEPs) do not provide detailed development controls and guidelines along the lines of that suggested in the recommendation. Rather Development Control Plans (DCPs) provide this level of specificity. The Department of Planning would be the appropriate agency to consider the appropriateness of including this type of provision in an LEP, as it is responsible for the Standard Instrument LEP and the EP&A Act, which govern the content of LEPs. Similarly, the issue for Private Certification in respect to new multiple unit dwellings having appropriate waste storage facilities is a matter that the Department of Planning has appropriate jurisdiction to consider.</p> <p>* This finding is a generalisation and is the exception not the rule. Fairfield City DCP contain detailed waste management provisions that are applied at the development stage to ensure that all new buildings provide satisfactory waste storage facilities.</p> | Not Applicable | | |
| 3 Obtain more information on the costs of other viable options for | Rejected | a) Council is confident that its use of day labour provides a flexible use of resources and better agility to meet the changing needs of its waste operations. | Not Applicable | | |

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| waste collection, transportation, processing and disposal, in order to determine if there is a need to change existing arrangements | | b) Council have current contractual obligations that were procured following all Local Government Procurement guidelines and achieving cost efficiencies for Council in the processing and disposal areas, which prohibit Councils agility in this area. | Not Applicable | Processing & Disposal Contract is due for renegotiation in 2025 | |