



KEMPSEY
Shire Council

MAYORAL REPORT

10th July 2007

MM2	REQUEST TO COLLECT AND RECYCLE WASTE COMPUTERS	EAG	{Folio No. *}
	FILE: 323		

SUMMARY:

Request for action on E Waste.

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DESCRIPTION:

We have received correspondence from the Total Environment Centre Inc to request the NSW Government to pass legislate to require manufactures to collect and recycle waste computers as enabled under the Waste Avoidance and Recovery Act 2001. ([Appendix A – Page A1](#))

At the present time the voluntary collection is not working and is not available (to my knowledge) in rural areas. As a result these items are going to land fill and are a major source of heavy metal contamination at land fill sites. Not to mention the costs to council and therefore ratepayers.

Due to the number of new and updating computers we in Australia use we are fast filling our land fill sites with this problem.

The Total Environment Centre is asking that we pass a council motion calling on the NSW government to require manufactures to collect and recycle waste computers under the above act. Also for local government to charge manufactures for the collection on the manufacturer's behalf, of such waste items in their local government area.

- ***Environmental:***

If successful this would reduce the amount of waste going to land fill and would also reduce the amount of resources being used for manufacture by recycling components of waste computers.

- ***Social:***

Nil

- ***Economic (Financial):***

Reduced cost of land fill and longer lifetime of present landfill sites. Possible small income from collecting on manufacture's behalf.

- *Policy or Statutory:*

Nil

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council request the NSW Government to require manufacturers to collect and recycle waste computers (e-waste) as enabled under the Waste Avoidance and Resource Recovery Act 2001.

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MAYOR