



**DIRECTOR SHIRE SERVICES REPORT**

13 October 2009

<b>DSS2</b>	<b>GREEN WASTE COLLECTION SURVEY</b>
<b>FILE: T2008-001</b>	<b>BJM {Folio No. *}</b>

**SUMMARY:**

Reporting on the outcome of the green waste collection survey for the first two areas surveyed to ascertain the community desire for an extension of the green waste collection service area to include rural residential areas that adjoin urban areas.

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**DESCRIPTION:**

Council resolved at its ordinary meeting of 14 July 2009:

1. *That Council progressively survey the areas considered at the waste workshop held on 16 June 2009 to determine whether the majority to property owners are in favour of a Green Waste Collection service.*
2. *That the results of these surveys be presented to Council as they are completed and the services be implemented in accordance with the outcome of the surveys.*

A copy of the letter and survey form distributed to property owners is attached [Appendix A – Page SS1](#). The letters were mailed to property owners on 7 August 2009, with a response to council requested by return mail by 28 August 2009. Whilst most responses were received by the nominated date some responses were still trickling in when this report was prepared. All responses received up until the report preparation were included.

The two areas surveyed were the Crescent Head Road area and the Frederickton area, with a total of 206 and 73 residents surveyed respectively for each area. The response to the survey was considered good with in excess of 55% for each area. The outcome of the survey was strongly against the extension of the waste collection service to include a green waste service for both areas with only 15.56% wanting the service in the Frederickton area and 7.7% desirous of the service in the Crescent Head Road area. The actual details of the surveys are as shown in the table below:

	<b>Properties Surveyed</b>	<b>Total Responses Received</b>	<b>Responses for Green Waste</b>	<b>Responses not in favour of Green</b>

				<b>Waste</b>
Crescent Head Road Area	206	117 56.8%	9 7.7%	108 92.3%
Frederickton Area	73	45 61.64%	7 15.56%	38 84.44%

The positive responses were marked on a map of the two areas to ascertain whether any contiguous sections of the community could be reasonably added to the green waste collection zone. This exercise indicated that the property owners wanting the green waste service were spread out across the areas and that it would not be commercially viable to have the contractor provide this service.

Given the decisive nature of the outcome against the establishment of the green waste collection service, the value of surveying the other areas is questionable. Whilst it is appreciated that some pockets of residents have been quite vocal in their calls for the green waste collection it is anticipated that the outcome will be similar, as the Frederickton area along with the Warneton area were the two most vocal groups advocating for a green waste collection.

#### **REPORT IMPLICATIONS:**

- **Environmental**

*The majority of residents of rural residential properties have alternative means of disposing of green waste, with effective on site recycling.*

- **Social**

*Nil*

- **Economic (Financial)**

*Nil*

- **Policy or Statutory**

*Nil*

- **Director's Review**

*Nil*

#### **RECOMMENDATION:**

- 1 That Council not extend the green waste collection zone to include the rural residential areas along Crescent Head Road and adjoining the Frederickton urban areas.**
- 2 That the property owners surveyed in the Crescent Head Road and Frederickton areas be notified of the outcome of the survey.**
- 3 That Council not proceed to survey the other areas considered at the waste workshop held on 16 June 2009**

**with the current waste service continuing to be provided to these residents, which excludes a green waste service.**

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