

DIRECTOR SHIRE SERVICES

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DSS12	KERBSIDE RECYCLING
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SUMMARY:

Reporting on the progress of the introduction of Kerbside Recycling in Kempsey Shire.



Tender documents are currently being prepared for new domestic waste collection and recycle processing contracts at Hastings Council. Prices will be sought based upon their current suite of services, but will also explore options, including tendering collectively with Kempsey Shire Council, for both domestic waste and recycle collection.

Both Kempsey Shire Council and Hastings Council have recognised the opportunities in acting co-operatively in waste management. Investigations with infrastructure sharing and collective contracting have demonstrated economies and efficiencies can be realised with this joint approach. Accordingly, planning has taken place between the Waste Managers of Kempsey and Hastings Councils and consultants, Impact Environmental, that could see:

- Tender documents, based on the current waste services, being prepared for Hastings Council.
- Tender documents prepared for the processing of recycle, including the construction of a new Materials Recovery Facility (MRF) at the Cairncross Waste Management facility. The term of the contract would be twelve (12) years. Processing capacity would include the quantities receivable from Kempsey Shire, plus a growth factor.
- Tender documents prepared for Kempsey Shire Council for the servicing of recycling receptacles, including the roll out of new bins and the delivery of recycle to the Cairncross MRF.
- Tender documents prepared for Kempsey Shire Council for the collection of residual waste and transportation to Kempsey Shire Council Landfill (KWR&DF)
- Contract documents prepared between Kempsey Shire Council and Hastings Council for the processing of Kempsey Shire recycle.

The tenders will seek schedules of rates based on collective tendering whereby:

1. rates will be subject to the successful tenderer winning contracts with both Kempsey Shire and Hastings Council; and
2. rates should the tenderer win the contract for only one of the Councils.

The collective approach is for the tendering process only, and each Council will manage their contract with the successful tenderer. The benefits of the collective approach for the contractor would include:

- one transport depot to serve both centres
- one site manager
- flexibility of plant
- increased cash flow

REPORT IMPLICATIONS:

▪ ***Environmental***

The implementation of “Best Practice” waste management services to Kempsey will assist in assuring environmental sustainable practices in relation to waste collection and disposal within the Shire. With the introduction of a kerbside recycling program, much material (estimated at over 2000 tonnes per year) can be diverted from landfill, increasing the tipping life at KWR&DF and reducing the effect of landfilling on the neighboring environment.

The collection and processing of recyclates will increase the amount of materials available for reuse and recycling, reducing the amount of virgin feedstock and energy required for the manufacture of new goods.

▪ ***Social***

In the Community Satisfaction Survey conducted in March 2004, priority scores were developed for the 34 Council services or facilities. Of these, the provision of recycling facilities was identified as the highest priority due to the high importance but low satisfaction rate of the community surveyed.

The community’s expectation would be to receive a waste service of a standard similar to that received in other council’s, particularly the neighbouring one of Hastings. There would also be an expectation that an increase in the level of waste services being offered would come at an increased cost. The cheapest option would be to continue with the current service levels. However this is not seen as being in the best interests of the community and does not assist in the promotion of State and Federal programs of waste reduction and increased resource recovery.

▪ ***Economic (Financial)***

The revelation of the true costs of providing the domestic waste services will be at the end of the tendering process. The approach described is seen as being the most beneficial approach.

The current agreement between Kempsey Shire Council and it’s waste collection staff is due to terminate in August 2005, giving Council an opportunity to review it’s current waste service provisions and identify the options available for improved and expanded services to the community.

- ***Policy or Statutory***

The introduction of kerbside recycling, waste diversion and resource diversion for Kempsey is in line with the Kempsey Shire Council Waste Management Strategy, adopted June 2003, the Midwest Regional Resource Recovery and Waste Management Strategy and the NSW Waste Avoidance and Resource Recovery Strategy 2003.

- ***Director's Comment***

Council is asked to support the recommendation.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the proposal for the development of a new waste and a recycle collection and processing tender as detailed within this report, including the collective tendering with Hastings Council, be endorsed.

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