



ORDINARY MEETING

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13: Amendments to 2018-2019 Council Fees and Charges - Domestic Waste Charge for the provision of an extra recycling service

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Outcome	<i>We have confidence in our Council</i>
Strategy	<i>Manage our money and our assets to be sustainable now and into the future</i>
Service Activity	<i>Support financial sustainability through financial planning and budget management</i>

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Council is requested to approve an amendment to the Fees and Charges section of Council's Management Plan to allow an increase in the additional Domestic Waste Charge for any service with an extra recycling bin, which was proposed to be \$35 but now is proposed to be \$50. This increase is required for cost recovery due to shifts in the import of recycling commodities impacting recycling processing costs.

BACKGROUND

The 2018-19 Domestic Waste Management Charges are calculated for full cost recovery. All waste charges are set by Council to cover the cost of domestic waste collection services, landfill, waste processing costs, education, communications, illegal dumping and provision for future planning and new technologies and all other associated services.

The Fees and Charges currently on exhibition for service options with an extra recycling bin are currently based on \$35. The \$35 cost for an additional recycling bin has not changed for the past two financial years.

Information provided by the EPA and recycling contractor, VISY Recycling, have given strong indication that there will be significantly increased processing fees for recycling within the next 12 months. This is due to shifts in the import of recycling commodities with more stringent controls on contamination levels impacting recycling processing costs.

The impact of the proposed increase is shown in the tables below:

Service Option- 3 bin service	Currently Charge on Exhibition	Proposed Charge
Domestic Waste Standard Service 1 Org & 2 Rec	\$434	\$449
Domestic Waste Wkly 140L Red Service 1 Org & 2 Rec	\$618	\$633
Domestic Waste Reduced Organics 2 Recycling	\$402	\$417
Domestic Waste Wkly Red Service (Sml) 1 Org & 2 Rec	\$585	\$600



Domestic Waste (Medium) Service 1 Org & 2 Rec	\$501	\$516
Domestic Waste (Lge) Service 1 Org & 2 Rec	\$507	\$522
2 Domestic Waste (Lge) Service 1 Org & 2 Rec	\$682	\$697
Domestic Waste Wkly Red Service (Lge) 1 Org & 2 Rec	\$791	\$806

Service Option- 2 bin service	Currently Charge on Exhibition	Proposed Charge
1 Domestic Waste 2 Recycling	\$481	\$496
1 Domestic Waste 3 Recycling	\$516	\$546
2 Domestic Waste 3 Recycling	\$927	\$942
2 Domestic Waste 4 Recycling	\$962	\$992
1x140L Dom Waste 2 Recycling	\$445	\$460

FINANCIAL SERVICES MANAGER'S COMMENT

The Local Government Act 1993 section 610E (2) requires the Council to provide public notice of proposed categories in the same way as it is required to give public notice of the amount of a proposed fee under section 610F (2) or (3). That is, the Council must give public notice (in accordance with section 705) for at least 28 days.

As the proposed increased charge for the provision of an extra recycling bin was not included in the original 2018-2019 Operational Plan, Council will need to provide at least 28 days public notice of its determination.

To account for the significantly increased processing fees for recycling, it is considered appropriate that the fee for provision of an extra recycling service be charged on a cost recovery basis.

RECOMMENDATION

That:

1. The information contained in the report on Amendments to 2018-2019 Council Fees and Charges - Domestic Waste Charge for the provision of an extra recycling service be received.
2. The Draft 2018-2019 Fees and Charges, currently on exhibition, be amended by the increase in the additional Domestic Waste Charge for any service with an extra recycling bin, which was proposed to be \$35 but now is proposed to be \$50 for cost recovery.
3. Council's determination in 2 above be placed on public notice for at least 28 days.

ATTACHMENTS/APPENDICES

There are no attachments for this report.