

Seeking feedback on Waste and Resource Recovery Plan

South Gippsland Shire Council is seeking community feedback on a draft Waste and Resource Recovery Plan. The Plan follows on from the previous Waste Management Strategy 2016 – 2021 and outlines the proposed provision of waste service in South Gippsland from 2024 – 2034.

Importantly, the draft Plan incorporates the Victorian Government's upcoming waste and recycling policy reforms, which include the introduction of compulsory new services including a weekly food and organics collection service (FOGO), fortnightly recycling collection, and the separate collection of glass for recycling.

A number of challenges related to waste and resource recovery are identified in the draft Plan and include recycling contamination and future landfill requirements. Opportunities are also highlighted, particularly in waste minimisation and education where Council is keen to see sustainable waste management practices supported and embedded into daily life.

The draft Waste and Resource Recovery Plan also features some waste management achievements for South Gippsland. These include substantially increasing levels of recycling across the Shire with - on average - 75 per cent of material delivered to transfer stations diverted from landfill, demonstrating a robust commitment to environmental sustainability.

The draft Waste and Resource Recovery Plan is currently open for feedback at

<https://yoursay.southgippsland.vic.gov.au>

Feedback closes Sunday 7 July.

Quote attributable to Kerryn Ellis, Chief Executive Officer South Gippsland Shire Council

"The draft Waste and Resource Recovery Plan outlines how Council will manage household waste over the next nine years. It incorporates significant changes, driven by Victorian Government policy reforms, and presents a sustainable approach to waste management. I encourage people to take a look at the draft Plan and to provide feedback on this important document."

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