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Your submission for this review:

I am in the Maitland NSW Local Government Area...Maitland City Council (MCC) As a resident very concerned at escalating costs in waste management, use of third party contractors and erosion of services. We presently have a 3 bin collection service, Red Weekly, Green Fortnightly and Yellow Fortnightly. Bins are left Curbside, unsecured, for collection. MCC have advised a new residential waste management policy will apply from 2024. Essentially, this relates to MCC only offering collection of the Red Bin. This will now be collected fortnightly. Third party contractors are and will remain responsible for the collection of both the Green & Yellow Bin. MCC advise from 2024 there will be changes in frequency to collection of both the Green & Yellow Bins, expected to move to weekly. MCC advise these changes will save MCC LGA ratepayers "Millions" which will be returned as a non disclosed benefit to ratepayers. Concern is with Third party contractors increasing frequency of waste collection to weekly there will be an escalation in their costs which will be passed back to ratepayers. MCC will argue they are not increasing costs it is a "third party". As such any suggested savings (Millions) will rapidly be lost against escalating Third Party Costs. Unlike a majority of other Councils, MCC do not offer any "Curbside" residential waste collection service. They offer in lieu One (1) "free" Local tip voucher. This is both impracticable and unreasonable. Most residents do not own trailers to remove large / old residential waste eg Fridges, Lounge Suites, BBQ's, Bed Frames. To assist all ratepayers MCC should provide a free Bi Annual Curbside collection service for all residential properties. Local tip functionality needs improvement, it closes on any given day once the wind blows...that is their reason. All in all to me MCC in particular have seriously neglected their ratepayers when it comes to the effective management of Residential Waste Management.