

Domestic waste management charges - Discussion Paper

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Review	Review of domestic waste management service charges
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1. Are there concerns with the prices councils charge for domestic waste management services? Why/why not?	My concern relates to the fact that with the introduction of the Return and Earn program the fortnightly collection of the recycling bin is not required by me and I expect many households have the same situation. Therefore I am required to pay for a service that I no longer require as a result of another collection strategy introduced by the Government.
2. If there are concerns, how should IPART respond? For example, if IPART was to regulate or provide greater oversight of these charges, what approach would be the most appropriate? Why?	
3. Would an online centralised database of all NSW councils' domestic waste charges allowing councils and ratepayers to compare charges across comparable councils for equivalent services (eg, kerbside collection), and/or a set of principles to guide councils in pricing domestic waste charges, be helpful? Why/why not?	
4. Do you have any other comments on councils' domestic waste management charges?	please refer to the attachments
5. Which Council do your comments relate to?	MidCoast
Your submission for this review:	Please see attached
If you have attachments you would like to include with your submission, please attach them below.	img222.pdf
Your Details	

Are you an individual or organisation?	Individual
If you would like your submission or your name to remain confidential please indicate below.	Publish - my submission and name can be published (not contact details or email address) on the IPART website
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Last Name	French
Organisation Name	
Position	
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IPART's Submission Policy	I have read & accept IPART's Submission Policy

To: MidCoast Council
Subject: Waste Bins

Good morning,

Since the introduction of the Return and Earn program, there has been a major reduction in the amount of recycling going into my yellow bin so much so that I do not need it serviced fortnightly.

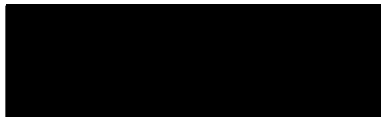
I would expect that most households are having the same experience. As the fortnightly collection is a cost to residents, has council investigated the impact of the Return and Earn program and if there can be a review of the current collection program. If there was reduction in the number of collections it would remove some collection trucks from the road and further improve the environment.

Most importantly, I find I am paying for a service that I don't need.

Your feedback would be appreciated.

Kind regards,

Barrie French



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From: Tammy Callaghan [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, 6 March 2020 11:35 AM
To: 'Barrie French'
Subject: RE: Waste Bins

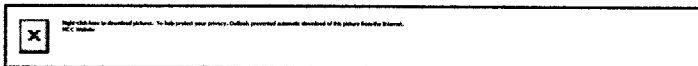
Hi Barrie, the current household waste collection service is under an existing waste collection contract agreement, unfortunately Council wasn't able to predict the implementation of a Container Deposit Scheme when the contract initially commenced in 2009. In 2009 the NSW State Government also introduced legislation that required Councils to pay a waste levy on all waste sent to landfill, the aim of the levy was to reduce waste to landfill, promote recycling and resource recovery hence the fortnightly 240 litre recycling bin was introduced.


Midcoast Council is aware of the impacts that the Container Deposit Scheme has had on residential kerbside collections, a requirement under section 496 of the Local Government Act 1993 is that Council levy an annual charge for the provision of a domestic waste management service, the annual charge you are currently paying for is an overall contracted household collection service and not for individual bins.

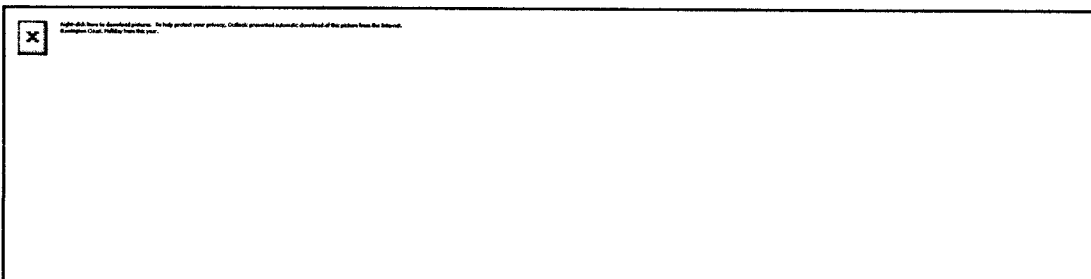
Councils Waste Services team are reviewing the current waste collection services in preparation for a new waste collection contract which will commence soon however, unfortunately it is not cost effective to tailor services to meet individual needs, Council's aim is to provide a cost effective and efficient service to cater for the whole community. It's great to see residents utilising the Container Deposit Scheme, managing our waste into the unforeseeable future will be an ongoing challenge for Council and we strongly encourage the community to reduce their waste generation where ever possible to assist in preserving our natural resources and impacts on the environment, thanks for your email.

Tammy Callaghan

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From: Barrie French [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, 26 February 2020 12:10 PM