

EN1 – Removal of Fee for E-Waste Collection at Bargo Waste Management Centre for 2016/17 Financial Year

The Waste Team starting sending e-waste to a company outside of the National Scheme and paying for the transport of the e-waste to their depot where it was being sorted. Due to the cost of transport, in the 2016/17 Fees & Charges a fee of \$10 was applied to e-waste at Bargo Waste Management Centre.

The Current Situation

A recent discussion with a metals recycling/processing company it was indicated they could provide an alternative collection service for no fee (collection and transport). The company is part of the national scheme and entering into a formal agreement with the company will provide Council with a reliable service into the future.

Entering into an agreement will provide benefit to Council in a number of ways.

Firstly, Council will not be paying for the collection or transport of e-waste from Bargo Waste Management Centre. All infrastructure required for the collection of the e-waste is provided by the company.

Council will be providing an e-waste service under the national scheme which provides lawful regulations for collectors and processors. This will give Council confidence that materials collected are being processed in a regulated and lawful way.

Council will be able to provide access to a free service to householders and small businesses, rather than charging \$10. Under the national scheme, as mentioned previously, we are required to provide a free service to the community.

Council is in negotiations to entering into a formal agreement with the company. This agreement will help manage expectations, address any perceived challenges and risks and to provide a clear understanding of respective roles and responsibilities in the provision of the service.

CONSULTATION

Previous contact with a number of companies who operate under the national scheme in 2015, indicates that providing e-waste directly to an e-waste processor, rather than a broker (such as Tech Collect), guarantees an ongoing service.

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FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Due to the change from having a transport cost for e-waste in 2016/17 to having no collection or transport cost for the remainder of the financial year, we request a change to the fees currently appointed for e-waste in our fees and charges.

ATTACHMENTS

Nil.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council approves, subject to the General Manager being satisfied that a suitable agreement for e-waste disposal has been entered into, the removal of the \$10 fee for e-waste at Bargo Waste Management Centre for the remainder of the 2016/17 financial year.