



# BUDGET 2011-2012

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### **FOCUS ON WASTE AND RECYCLING SERVICES**

Over \$15 million has been allocated to deliver professional waste management services to residents and to facilitate further efficiencies in refuse disposal processes to meet new State Government legislative requirements, according to Deputy Mayor and Waste and Recycling Spokesperson, Cr Tony Ricciardi.

“This will bring us to 98% of full cost recovery for our important collection service” said Cr Ricciardi. “A second landfill cell will be constructed at the Cedars Road Regional Landfill site to accommodate future growth in demand and new weighbridges and associated infrastructure at University Drive and Quanba waste facilities will ensure that the new State Government legislation covering commercial waste can be managed efficiently”.

One initiative that will prove popular with many residents is the provision of a second recycling bin at cost price. “Many residents are such committed recyclers that they fill their recycling bin before the fortnight is up” said Cr Ricciardi. “An extra recycling bin service will cost \$77 a year, less than \$3 a service, and will ensure that we don’t waste recyclables into waste bins”.

“This budget will see this year’s Waste and Recycling services cost per household rise to \$273 per year which is a modest 5% increase to waste and recycling service” said Cr Ricciardi. “This increase is a direct result of ongoing work to ensure compliance with State Government environmental requirements and rising fuel costs, which are unavoidable”.

“Overall Council has put in place very efficient and professional Waste and Recycling Services across the region” said Cr Ricciardi. “We have kept costs to the very minimum in these post-flood recovery times.

The Budget provides for:

- \$4.7 million for Refuse and Recycling Collections;
- \$6.7 million for Operation of Refuse Disposal Facilities/Transfer Stations across the Region;
- \$1 million to commence construction of the next cell at the regional land fill site; and
- \$500,000 to install weighbridges at University Drive and Qunaba refuse collection sites.



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