



# Officer Presentation

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**E26/92 Response to Notice of Motion – Additional Green Waste Bins**



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**Melville**

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- At the OMC on 19 August 2025, it was resolved to request a report detailing resources and implications to implement a program to provide an additional FOGO bin to residents who are impacted by falling leaves. The bins are to be free of charge to the resident and provided for the period of leaf fall (approx. 3 months).
- It is recommended that the temporary FOGO bins not be supplied due to operational, financial and service delivery impacts, and noting that an existing additional FOGO bin is available on a user-pays basis.
- The report contains a number of assumptions and it is difficult to accurately predict the uptake and costs of the service.



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- Staff identified the trees likely to cause leaf litter complaints and their locations.
- Prepared cost estimates based on 3 scenarios:
  - 1,000 bins (\$132,000)\*
  - 2,000 bins (\$215,000)\*
  - 3,000 bins (\$298,000)\*

Note these costs don't include bin storage when not in use (approx. \$46,000 to \$80,000 pa).

### London Plane – 624 total

- March – May leaf and bark drop
- August – October fruit drop



### Jacaranda – 8,248

- August - October leaf drop
- March – May seed pod drop



### Liquidambar – 513

- May - July leaf drop
- May - August fruit (Gumballs) drop



### Queensland Box – 3,511

- February – May leaf drop
- June – November seed pod drops



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- It would be necessary to purchase, assemble and deliver bins.
- They would be emptied over the three month period, incurring additional collection costs.
- At the end of the three month period, the bins would need to be removed, cleaned, disassembled (for stacking) and stored at a secure location. The City doesn't have storage capacity so storage costs have been estimated based on leasing storage space.
- The bins could be stored for use again the following year (requiring re-assembling, delivery etc) or could be used as spare stock during the year for new services and to replace existing damaged bins or those at end-of-life.
- The City may also lose revenue as properties that already have a second FOGO bin (and pay \$213 per annum), may decide to just get a "free" bin for the three months of leaf fall.
- While it is intended to be free of cost for those who opt to get the additional temporary bin, the City would still incur the costs, which would end up being spread across all properties, rather than the current "user pays".

