



Resource Recovery and Waste Minimisation Policy

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Policy Objectives

To provide guidance and direction to the City for the best practice waste management and the maximisation of resource recovery, whilst also providing a value for money service to our residents.

Policy Scope

To provide a statement on the City's position regarding resource recovery and waste management and to guide the operations and the development of future strategies to achieve environmentally and socially responsible waste management and resource recovery outcomes.

Definitions / Abbreviations Used In Policy

Southern Metropolitan Regional Council (SMRC), trading as Resource Recovery Group (RRG).

Western Australian Local Government Association (WALGA)

Department of Water and Environmental Regulation (DWER)

Policy Statement

The City of Melville is committed to the State Government's Waste Avoidance and Resource Recovery Strategy 2030 and the establishment of targets for waste diversion from landfill, now termed material recovery targets, of 70% by 2025 and 75% by 2030.

A significant strategy to help the City meet and seek to exceed these targets is the City's membership of and partnership with the RRG, WALGA, DWER and other local governments and their resource recovery and waste minimisation programs. In addition to the State Government target, the City seeks to continuously improve its performance in a range of best practice waste management activities on behalf of residents and ratepayers.

The City of Melville is committed to reducing our impacts on climate change by the development and support of recycling and resource recovery strategies in support of sustainable and responsible management of domestic waste. The City's approach also contributes positively towards its Carbon Neutral targets by 2030 (organisation) and 2050 (City-wide).

The City introduced a 3-bin Food Organics and Garden Organics (FOGO) system in 2019 which places the City of Melville as one of the leading Local Governments in waste management throughout Western Australia.

The City will comply with the following objectives:

- Conservation and efficient use of resources.
- Providing safe and efficient waste management and resource recovery.
- Continually improve services to maximise resource recovery and encourage active community participation in waste management.
- Compliance with regulatory requirements.

Within our operations, the City will:

- Recognise the needs of the community by providing best practice services for the management of all domestic waste generated.
- Work in partnership with the RRG, WALGA, DWER and other local governments to provide targeted waste education programs and material for the City's residents.
- Ensure all the waste collected from our residents and businesses is disposed or processed in licensed facilities in compliance with the DWER requirements.
- Provide a cost effective, diverse, and sustainable waste collection service to encourage maximum participation in recycling and resource recovery.
- Support a waste management hierarchy as follows:
 - Avoidance
 - Reduce
 - Re-use
 - Reprocessing/Repair
 - Recycling
 - Energy Recovery
 - Disposal

Support the Circular Economy concept and waste management hierarchy in our operations and waste management activities in the community by:

- Supporting the local processing of recyclable material in Australia, and in accordance with Council of Australian Government (COAG) recycling commitments and the establishment of local recycling industries and markets in the region.
- Constantly seeking out innovative and modern technologies to assist the Policy scope.



References that may be applicable to this Policy

Legislative Requirements:	Waste and Resource Recovery Act 2007
Procedures, Process Maps, Work Instructions:	N/A
Other Plans, Frameworks, Documents Applicable to Policy:	Climate Action Policy CP-120
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