

Port Stephens

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POLICY

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TITLE: FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR THE DISPOSAL OF WASTE IN PORT STEPHENS 2013

BACKGROUND

The financial assistance program allows charitable, not for profit and benevolent organisations to dispose of waste at Salamander Bay Waste Transfer Station and the SITA Newline Road waste facility at Raymond Terrace at no cost to the organisation up until 20 tonnes of waste after which a cost per tonne will be payable as shown in the below table for 2013/14.

Tonnage	Cost per Tonne
0 - 20	Free
>20 - 60	\$32.50
>60 - 150	\$65.00
>150	Full Gate Fee at Waste Facility - Waste Levy

Charges for following financial years will be added to the Annual Fees and Charges for the Salamander Bay Waste Transfer Station with increases being limited to increases in CPI.

The program was developed and adopted in 2000 under the Donations Policy and Section 356 of the Local Government Act.

The program was formalised as a specific policy in 2007 and was amended in 2009

OBJECTIVE

To lessen the financial burden of waste disposal for charitable organisations that provide bona fide community services.

PRINCIPLES

- The Council is a publicly accountable statutory authority. While its funds are finite, the demands on it are unlimited.
- In all areas of expenditure, the Council needs to achieve the best value and return to all residents and ratepayers.

POLICY STATEMENT

Port Stephens Council will provide Financial Assistance for the disposal of waste. To qualify for the financial assistance program, organisations must fulfil the following requirements:

- ◆ Organisations must be registered as a charitable, not for profit or a benevolent organisation. Supporting documentation is required.
- ◆ Organisations must apply for an exemption of the waste levy from the NSW Environment and Protection Authority and supply this information to Council for use in determining requests for assistance.
- ◆ The waste generated by the organisation for disposal must be generated by a community service and that service must be considered a bona fide function of Council as described in the Local Government Act 1993.
- ◆ Organisations are required to reduce waste to landfill and meet waste recovery targets by sorting waste into recyclable and non recyclable items and by adopting procedures to reduce the amount of waste they generate or receive.
- ◆ Schools which conduct volunteer working bees may be approved for one off waste disposal vouchers.

RELATED POLICIES

Port Stephens Council Waste Management and Resource Recovery Policy 2009 (24/11/2009, Min: 396)

SUSTAINABILITY IMPLICATIONS

SOCIAL IMPLICATIONS

This policy enables Council to provide a service to charitable, not for profit, and benevolent organisations. By relieving these organisations of a major portion of the cost burden associated with waste disposal, they will be able to focus more of their activities on other community programs.

ECONOMIC IMPLICATIONS

Approved organisations will be able to direct costs savings back into other aspects of their organisation.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

This policy enables organisations to dispose of waste which is illegally dumped on their premises or around clothing bins in various areas of Port Stephens.

RELEVANT LEGISLATIVE PROVISIONS

The Financial Assistance Program for the Disposal of Waste in Port Stephens is required to comply with section 356 of the Local Government Act 1993. This section of the act allows Council to grant financial assistance for the purpose of carrying out its functions.

IMPLEMENTATION RESPONSIBILITY

Waste Management Coordinator, Community & Recreation Services Section and Facilities & Services Group

REVIEW DATE

Within the first year of a new Council term.