



FOCUS AREA 7

Sustainable management of waste

Council is committed to reducing the generation of waste to landfill.



This section outlines how Council will extend the life span of the landfill, increase resources diverted by better valuing waste resources, reduce consumption and provide high value waste management services for the community.

Policy position

Moira Shire acknowledges:

- The production of waste is directly proportional to the consumption of goods;
- Most material currently considered as waste has resource potential;
- Extending a products life will reduce waste generated;
- Waste varies in its recycling potential, both in its cost to recycle and value of the end product;
- Diversion from landfill is essential; and
- Landfills have a limited life span.

Moira Shire Council will:

- Deliver efficient and effective services to the community;
- Use the waste hierarchy (EPA Victoria) to guide consideration and management of waste;
- Reduce consumption and production of waste;
- Continue to increase recycling and reduce Council waste to landfill;
- Participate and enable positive actions to enable a circular economy where opportunities arise;
- Continue to operate the Cobram landfill for Moira Shire's municipal waste; and
- Align the Waste Management and Services Strategy with relevant state and regional plans and strategies and statutory compliance (EPA Amendment Act).

Policy rationale

Council recognises:

- Waste management costs continue to increase;
- The benefits associated with diverting resources from landfill;
- There is no provision for a new landfill in Moira Shire in the medium to long term in the Statewide Waste and Resource Recovery Infrastructure Plan; and
- Waste has a negative impact on our natural environment.

Long-term target

Reduce consumption of products and waste to landfill.

Performance Indicators (by 2026)

The following performance indicators will be used to determine the successful implementation of the strategy:

1. Implement the Waste Management and Services Strategy 2018-2027.
2. Increased diversion from landfill across our three main waste streams:
 - a. Municipal solid waste;
 - b. Commercial and industrial; and
 - c. Construction and demolition.
3. Existing waste diversion services expanded to new sections of the community and increased diversion services available.
4. Reduced generation of waste within Council.
5. Improved recycling rates of Councils operations including capital works projects.

Actions

The following actions will support the implementation of the strategy:

- Incorporate management of waste (such as reduced consumption of materials, use of recycling streams and purchase of recycled products) into the procurement policy.
- Support uptake of diversion (e.g. soft plastics and printer cartridges) and consumption initiatives (e.g. Responsible cafes).
- Maintain and promote the Moira Shire Waste Info app.
- Audit kerbside recycling and organics for contamination.
- Improve availability of public recycling streams (including bin labels and skip bins).
- Collaborate with Parks Victoria to improve the management of waste generated by campers.
- Support projects and programs to create a more circular economy (e.g. reuse centres).
- Support Keep Australia Beautiful and Clean Up Australia Day campaigns and events.
- Be active members of the Murray River Litter Taskforce.
- Audit Council waste generation and investigate recycling stream options (e.g. glass crusher)
- Support recycling initiatives (such as container deposit scheme and organics and glass drop-off points).
- Support education programs to reduce material consumption and increase waste diversion.
- Support recycling projects (such as silage wrap and private recycling streams e.g. sharps, batteries and metals).
- Preference the purchase of products that are made from recycled materials.

