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## Waste services clarification

Shoalhaven City Council will consider the tenders for the city's waste services on Tuesday 23 March 2010.

Following the:

- successful trial of waste collection at Greenwell Point
- home composting program
- a number of councillor and community information and feedback sessions
- plus a comprehensive review of where responsible waste management was going in the future,

Council in September 2009 decided on the scope of the new services to be tendered. This included a unanimous decision not to include the current two bin collection system in the current tender for waste services.

Council has called for tenders on the two bin recycling system used in the Greenwell Point trial and a three bin system discussed in July 2009. In August 2009 Council reiterated that the tenders for waste services from 2010 would include these two system alternatives, which will deliver significant increased amounts of waste diverted from landfill compared to the existing system.

A number of issues are impacting on Council's future expected costs. These issues include the waste levy paid to the NSW State government, which is expected to rise to about \$135 for each tonne of waste placed in landfill. Currently it costs council \$52 a tonne and in 2010/2011 will cost \$65.30 a tonne. Other factors include long term capacity at the council's waste depot at West Nowra, the commercial operator's role in delivering the services, and the environmental impacts of a different waste services system.

Under the "current two" bin system, 80 per cent of the city households have 240 litre recycling bin [yellow lid] and a 120 litre landfill bin [red lid]. Under the current waste charges for 2009/2010, this costs each household \$215 a year for the collection of 240 litres of waste each week.

Under the tendered three-bin option there would be nine different variations in bin sizes that a household could choose to acquire.

A service equivalent to the current 240 litres per week, under a three bin system, would be available in 2010/2011 for less than the current system is expected to cost.

[See over for details of bin systems.]

Under the current two bin system the following materials could be placed in the bins:

<b>Recycling bin [yellow lid]</b>	<b>Landfill bin [red lid]</b>
Plastic bottles, jars, tubs	Plastic bags and packets
Glass bottles, jars	Plastic film including cling wrap and cellophane
Steel and aerosol cans	Polystyrene foam
Aluminium cans, aluminium foil	Kitchenware
Milk, juice cartons	Medical and personal hygiene waste
Paper, newspapers, magazine, window faced envelopes	Broken crockery, glassware, Pyrex, light bulbs
Cardboard, including egg cartons	Toothbrushes, toothpaste tubes
	Textiles and rubber
	Seafood, meat, chicken scraps, wrapped in newspaper or paper
	Dairy products, egg shells
	Left over foods, fruit & vegetable waste
	Coffee grounds, tea leaves / bags
	Garden waste, including grass, weeds, leaves, flowers, prunings
	Paper towels, serviettes, tissues, nappies, pizza boxes
	Pet excrement, wrapped in paper

Under the tendered three bin system the following materials could be placed in the bins:

[Please see over for full details.]

<b>Organics bin [green lid]</b>	<b>Recycling bin [yellow lid]</b>	<b>Landfill bin [red lid]</b>
Seafood, meat, chicken scraps, wrapped in newspaper or paper	Plastic bottles, jars, tubs	Plastic bags and packets
Dairy products, egg shells	Glass bottles, jars	Plastic film including cling wrap and cellophane
Left over foods, fruit & vegetable waste	Steel and aerosol cans	Polystyrene foam
Coffee grounds, tea leaves / bags	Aluminium cans, aluminium foil	Kitchenware
Garden waste, including grass, weeds, leaves, flowers, prunings	Milk, juice cartons	Medical and personal hygiene waste
Paper towels, serviettes, tissues, nappies, pizza boxes	Paper, newspapers, magazine, window faced envelopes	Broken crockery, glassware, Pyrex, light bulbs
Pet excrement, wrapped in paper	Cardboard, including egg cartons	Toothbrushes, toothpaste tubes
		Textiles and rubber
		Cassette tapes, CDs, DVDs

Under the tendered two bin system the following materials could be placed in the bins:

<b>Organics bin [green lid]</b>	<b>Dry bin [yellow lid]</b>
Seafood, meat, chicken scraps, wrapped in newspaper or paper	Plastic bottles, jars, tubs
Dairy products, egg shells	Glass bottles, jars
Left over foods, fruit & vegetable waste	Steel and aerosol cans
Coffee grounds, tea leaves / bags	Aluminium cans, aluminium foil
Garden waste, including grass, weeds, leaves, flowers, prunings	Milk, juice cartons
Paper towels, serviettes, tissues, nappies, pizza boxes	Paper, newspapers, magazine, window faced envelopes
Pet excrement, wrapped in paper	Cardboard, including egg cartons
	Plastic bags and packets
	Plastic film including cling wrap and cellophane
	Polystyrene foam
	Kitchenware

	Medical and personal hygiene waste
	Broken crockery, glassware, Pyrex, light bulbs
	Toothbrushes, toothpaste tubes
	Textiles and rubber
	Cassette tapes, CDs, DVDs

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