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## NO CHARGE TIPPING OF STORM DAMAGED MATERIALS AT WASTE DEPOTS

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### 1. PURPOSE

To provide a measurable decision point above which Council could permit free tipping of storm damaged tree waste within a specific timeframe.

### 2. STATEMENT

This policy statement is based on Council Minute 02.1393 of 22 October 2002, and reaffirmed with each new Council.

After storm events Council receives frequent requests to tip the storm damaged trees and other materials at Council's Recycling and Waste Depots free of charge. "Free" tipping results in a cost to Council in managing, transporting, processing or landfilling the waste. Landfilled waste also results in the payment of the State - imposed landfill levy. The urgency with which clean ups are generally required means that a rapid decision needs to be made with respect to free tipping. A rapid and concise decision pathway allows for surety in providing information to the public and the media, and removes the frustration often felt by people who are affected by a windstorm, but must wait for further details about the decision.

### 3. PROVISIONS

Council will provide a no charge service for the disposal of storm damaged trees, branches and green waste subject to the following conditions:

- a) Either there must have been at least 80 calls for assistance received by SES within 3 days of the event (which indicates the severity of the storm), or the State Government declares the area as a Natural Disaster Area.
- b) Only trees, branches and green waste damaged during the storm will be accepted at no charge.
- c) The period of the no charge service will be the greater of 10 days after the occurrence of the storm event or a period covering two full weekends after the event.

**4. IMPLEMENTATION**

The Works and Services Section, Waste Services Unit has the responsibility for implementing this policy.

**5. REVIEW**

Policy to be reviewed within one year of the election of a new Council.

**6. APPLICATION OF ESD PRINCIPLES**

Avoidance of illegal dumping.