

3.3: PROPOSED RURAL WASTE FACILITIES PASS SYSTEM FOR 11/12

Land Description	: Landfill Sites/Transfer Stations detailed at Paragraph 3
Proponent	: City of Albany
Owner	: N/A
Business Entity Name	: Transpacific Cleanaway Pty Ltd as per Waste Minimisation Contract (C02061) with City of Albany
Attachments	: N/A
Appendices	: N/A
Councillor Workstation	: N/A
Responsible Officer(s)	: Executive Director Works and Services (K Ketterer)

IN BRIEF

- Approval to introduce a Rural Waste Facilities Pass System as from 2011/2012

ITEM 3.3: RESPONSIBLE OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

VOTING REQUIREMENT: ABSOLUTE MAJORITY/SIMPLE MAJORITY

1. That the Council **APPROVE** a Rural Waste Facilities Pass system to be introduced from 2011/2012 Financial Year.
2. That a public communication process be **INITIATED** to inform all affected parties of the system

BACKGROUND

1. The City has rural waste transfer stations at the following sites, and each has recycling facilities available.
 - Hanrahan Landfill Site
 - Baker's Junction Landfill Site
 - Kronkup Transfer Station
 - Redmond Transfer Station
 - Manypeaks Transfer Station
 - Cheynes Beach Transfer Station
 - Wellstead Transfer Station

CEO:

RESPONSIBLE OFFICER:

2. At present, the record and control of the usage of these sites is very difficult as there is no accurate form of recording tonnage deposited and removed from each facility. This information is important for reporting, control, budgeting and management purposes. The current recording system is by means of a written record of vehicle registration numbers, estimated tonnages, and through the wave of a friendly hand to familiar local residents.
3. It is therefore proposed to introduce a Rural Waste Facilities Pass, as from July 2011/2012, for Rural Waste ratepayers. This pass will provide for each rural ratepayer to use the services of the transfer station, but in a controlled manner, with the usage recorded in an appropriate manner. Unauthorised use by residents of adjoining shires and from the urban area will be prevented through the introduction of the Pass system.

DISCUSSION

4. In practice the Pass is a clip card, providing for 52 tokens. This then will provide for each rural household to access the transfer stations on a weekly basis on average, for the deposit of the equivalent of a 140 litre mobile garage bin (MGB). This quantity is in addition to any recycled material placed in the recycle bins.
5. This Pass is envisaged to be a wallet sized, waterproof card which will be issued to rural waste ratepayers in June each year, prior to the rates assessments going out in July. When a ratepayer uses the Pass, the relevant token amounts will be punched, by the waste site attendant.
6. Each of the 52 tokens on the Pass will allow entry into any of the Council's controlled waste disposal sites. The tokens are valid for a three month period, to discourage the accumulation of rubbish in excess of the allowable amount for that period. If there is an excess on any occasion, extra tokens will be punched, thus lessening the quantity that can be dropped off in subsequent periods. Once all the tokens on the Pass have been used, charges will then start to apply. Once charges apply, these residents will no longer be able to utilise the transfer stations, as they do not collect money at these sites, but instead would need to go to Hanrahan or Baker's Junction Landfill Sites, where charging facilities are available.
7. The Rural Waste Facilities Pass will remain linked to the relevant rural property. If new owners take possession of a property, the Pass is to be handed over to them as part of the settlement process. A small number of extra Passes (estimated at 50) will be printed for those new properties that enter the system during the year.
8. If Passes are lost, no replacement Passes are to be issued, and the ratepayer will have to make use of the facilities at Hanrahan Rd or Bakers junction, and make payment for the quantities deposited.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

9. The Rural Waste Collection Charge has been recommended to be increased from the 2010/2011 amount of \$50 to \$60 in the 2011/2012 financial year. There are currently 1485 ratepayers that are paying the rural waste charge in their annual rates.
10. A quotation of \$1,245 (GST inc.) has been received, to print the estimated 1500 Passes in full colour with lamination. As there are currently five Transfer Stations plus Hanrahan and Baker's Junction, seven punch tools will need to be bought, at \$2.95 each totalling \$20.65. These should be the only added costs involved, and will be adequately covered by the Rate increase.
11. The figures from the 10/11 financial year show the following costs and income for the rural waste management

Income (budget \$85 000)	\$50 pa x approx 1500 households	\$75 000
Expenditure	Cleanaway service charge for Transfer Stations	\$455 000

This reduces to a cost of approximately \$300 pa per rural household, and a subsidy rate of approximately \$250 pa per household.

The introduction of the Pass will not necessarily increase income, but it should place a tighter management on illegal deposits in the rural transfer facilities. with resultant reduced costs for the removal of the waste by Cleanaway.

RISK IDENTIFICATION & MITIGATION

Risk	(L)	(C)	Risk Rating	Mitigation
If project not approved, continuation of unauthorised waste deposits at rural transfer station will continue.	Likely	Minor	Medium	Approval of the recommended Pass system

SUMMARY CONCLUSION

12. The Rural Waste Facilities Pass system will improve the efficiency of running Transfer Stations and ensure there is an improved monitoring of usage by eligible Rural Ratepayers. It will also alleviate the problem of non eligible members of the public using the Transfer Stations. The costs of the passes/tools are minimal and will be adequately covered by the increase in the Annual Rural Waste Collection fee.

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