

Questions Submitted in Writing – Special Council Meeting – 13 May 2020

Anthony Brown, Elliminyt

1. **Can Colac Otway Shire assure shire residents with kerbside waste collection that recyclable materials are being recycled and not going directly or indirectly to landfill? And does the new waste contract ensure that recycling occurs?**

Response from General Manager, Infrastructure and Leisure Services

Colac Otway Shire can assure residents that all recyclable waste collected in the shire is going to a recycle centre. Currently Colac Otway Shire recycled waste collected by Wheelie Waste is going to the VISY recycle centre.

The new waste contract does ensure that all waste types including recycled waste are deposited to the appropriate disposal centres.

James Judd, Colac

1. **Regarding Council Budget 2020-2021, should the Victorian State Budget for 2020-2021 when brought down and passed during the session commencing in October 2020, make any alteration to state changes included on Council rate notices issued for the 2020-2021 year? Will a revised Council Budget be required to be brought down plus amended rate notices issued to bring to account any changes, or, will the issued rate notices stand firm for the 2020-2021 rating year even if changes mean an increase or decrease of total payable when one item could cause a reduction in some payable amounts when Council has persistently claimed it does not know the amounts until State budget is brought down?**

Response from General Manager, Corporate Services

Anything introduced in the State budget that affects the Colac Otway Shire will be responded to in the appropriate way, within legislative requirements and as agreed by Council as necessary.

That being said, the draft 2020/2021 Council budget does provide some flexibility for Council to respond to unknown circumstances as a result of COVID-19, e.g. the delayed State budget.