

RESOURCE RECOVERY AND WASTE MANAGEMENT STRATEGY

REVISED STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES AND PRIORITY ACTIONS 2026-2030

This document should be read in conjunction with the Resource Recovery and Waste Management Strategy 2021-2030.

Council reviewed the Strategy in 2026 and endorsed revised Strategic Objectives and consolidated 76 Implementation Actions into 20 new actions that strengthen the focus on key emerging priorities, including landfill management, rehabilitation obligations, cost recovery for the service and planning for the future of its Transfer Station and drop off facilities.

STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE		STRATEGIC DIRECTION
	1. Avoid Creating Waste & Promote Sustainable Resource Use	Reduce the generation of waste across households, businesses and Council operations through waste avoidance, reuse and circular economy initiatives.
	2. Recover More Resources & Support a Circular Economy	Maximise recovery of recyclable and organic materials and reduce reliance on landfill and support a resilient local resource recovery sector that keeps materials in productive use and creates economic value from recovered resources.
	3. Protect the Environment & Community	Minimise the environmental impacts of waste management and landfill disposal while protecting public health and amenity.
	4. Manage Landfill Assets and Rehabilitate Responsibly	Ensure landfill sites are rehabilitated and monitored in accordance with regulatory requirements while minimising long-term environmental and financial risks.
	5. Ensure Financial Sustainability and Full-Cost Recovery	Deliver financially sustainable waste services through transparent pricing, efficient service delivery and full recovery of operating, capital and future liability costs.

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Updated Actions to Achieve Revised Strategic Objectives

Strategic Objectives	Objective Statement	Revised Priority Actions
1. Avoid Creating Waste and Promote Sustainable Resource Use	Reduce the generation of waste across households, in public spaces and Council operations through waste avoidance, reuse and circular economy initiatives.	1. Promote and deliver waste avoidance and behaviour change programs.
		2. Support repair, reuse and sharing initiatives.
		3. Embed circular economy principles into Council procurement and operations.
2. Recover More Resources and Support a Circular Economy	Maximise recovery of recyclable and organic materials and reduce reliance on landfill and support a resilient local resource recovery sector that keeps materials in productive use and creates economic value from recovered resources.	4. Continue to implement and optimise four-stream kerbside services.
		5. Reduce contamination in recycling and organics streams.
		6. Encourage innovation in local material recovery and processing and support end markets for recovered materials.
		7. Develop partnerships that strengthen regional resource recovery infrastructure.
3. Protect the Environment and Community	Minimise the environmental impacts of waste management and landfill disposal while protecting public health and amenity.	8. Increase procurement of recycled-content products.
		9. Reduce litter and illegal dumping.
		10. Minimise waste disposed of at landfill.
4. Manage Landfill Assets and Rehabilitate Responsibly	Ensure landfill assets are operated, closed, rehabilitated and monitored in accordance with regulatory requirements while minimising long-term environmental and financial risks.	11. Encourage responsible public litter and recycling disposal.
		12. Improve environmental compliance across all waste facilities (Transfer Stations and Drop-offs).
		13. Establish and regularly review landfill rehabilitation cost estimates and ensure that these are reflected in forward budgeting processes.
		14. Develop and implement rehabilitation and aftercare plans for closed landfills. Implement a schedule of rehabilitation works commencing with Alvie in 2029.
5. Ensure Financial Sustainability and Full-Cost Recovery	Deliver financially sustainable waste services through transparent pricing, efficient service delivery and full recovery of operating, capital and future liability costs.	15. Monitor and manage post-landfill closure obligations.
		16. Review the need for public transfer stations to remain at Alvie and Birregurra
		17. Implement a full-cost recovery model across waste and resource recovery services.
		18. Maintain waste reserves that are used to hold funds accumulated for funding landfill rehabilitation
		19. Review staff resourcing to facilitate effective management of waste contracts and other waste management priorities
		20. Regularly review waste fees and charges to reflect the rising cost of waste management services provided.