

Policy

Title: **Waste and Recycling Collection from Private Residential Housing Estates**

Category: **Environment, Planning and Development Control**

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1. Objectives

To enable the Council, when considering a planning application for multi-dwelling development to give consideration to waste and recycling storage and access and subject to appropriate conditions, to enter private residential housing estates for the purpose of collecting domestic waste and recycling.

2. Background

This policy was developed at the request of the Policy and Budget Committee.

The Council introduced mobile garbage bins in 2001 which resulted in a significant policy amendment, requiring that appropriately sited bin storage areas must be incorporated into multi unit housing developments and provisions made for the bins to be serviced by the Council's collection vehicles.

3. Policy

That the Council garbage and recycling collectors will only enter onto private land for the purpose of collecting waste and recycling from residential and commercial properties subject to the following pre-requisites and conditions:

1. Where the Director City Amenity considers that the distance to manoeuvre bins to the roadside is unreasonable or the space by the roadside is insufficient or impractical for the number and location of bins to be collected.
2. The private access way is to be constructed to a standard deemed satisfactory to the Director City Amenity in consultation with the service provider for the operation of heavy vehicles.
3. The maximum grade on the private access way is not to exceed 1 in 4.5.

4. A suitable turning area for heavy vehicles is to be provided to the satisfaction of the Group Manager Engineering Services.
5. Any centralised storage areas will need to be aesthetically in keeping with the surrounding environment, have adequate ventilation, have suitable storage capacity for the required number of bins and be of a design which can be easily cleaned.
6. The City will only collect from designated mobile bins. In situations where a centralised storage area is required for the storage of these bins the following advice needs to be met:
 - (i) The mobile bins must be transported from the storage area and placed for collection by the roadside with a minimum of one metre between each bin.
7. Where the development comprises units for the elderly or the disabled or where there are other extenuating circumstances, the Director City Amenity may exercise their discretion in agreeing to provide a waste and recycling service notwithstanding the fact that all of the requirements of this policy may not have been met.

Nothing in this policy should be construed as varying in any way the normal rating liability (including its garbage collection component) of the owners of the land.

8. The owner or owners of the land shall indemnify the City against liability at law for any accidental damage or accidental loss occurring to any property on the said land and arising from the entry of the City's vehicles and employees/contractors to the land for the purpose of garbage and recycling removal.

This indemnity shall include accidental injury (including death) to any person arising from an incident on the land involved. This indemnity is to be in a form satisfactory to the City

4. Legislation, Terminology and References

Hobart City Council Health and Environmental Services By-law 1 of 2008:

Part 3 Division 3, Storage of bins in waste storage area, Clause 10.1;

Part 3 Division 4, Waste collection from wheelie bins, Clauses 11.1 and 11.3;
and

Part 3 Division 4, Recycling collection, Clauses 13.1 and 13.2.

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