



City of **HOBART**

Memorandum: Lord Mayor
Deputy Lord Mayor
Elected Members

Response to Question Without Notice

CARDBOARD RECYCLING

Meeting: City Infrastructure Committee

Meeting date: 26 May 2021

Raised by: Lord Mayor Councillor Reynolds

Question:

Given the large amounts of cardboard currently going into landfill, could the Director please advise if there is a better way to publicise or relocate the cardboard recycling bin as these bins are not visible when patrons prepare to unload on the landfill floor?

Response:

The site has revamped the cardboard recycling process over the past 12 months, moving from self-load 8m bins collected by a contractor, to a range of alternative options.

We have recently located a series of 660L mobile bins situated immediately at the access to the Waste Transfer Station for customers to put cardboard into. The bins are placed on both sides of the pit, and clearly labelled. These bins are then transported by staff to a larger container for bulk storage and transport to the recycler by City staff.

Customers are also able to load cardboard into the bulk container directly.

Further, a cardboard compactor has been installed and is fully operational on the entry side of the waste transfer station. This is visible upon entry to the site and will have further signage applied. Customers will be encouraged to deposit cardboard directly into the unit. This will allow larger volumes of cardboard to be carted to the recycler, creating further economic efficiencies.

Unfortunately, staff on site are limited in their ability to impact customer behaviour. While most customers that are advised to use the cardboard recycling facilities are happy to do so, there are customers that ignore direction and are just wanting to 'drop and go'.

We are aware that there is a significant volume of cardboard delivered to the site, and the changes implemented in the past 12 months have improved the type and number of options, and provided a financial benefit.

As signatory to this report, I certify that, pursuant to Section 55(1) of the Local Government Act 1993, I hold no interest, as referred to in Section 49 of the Local Government Act 1993, in matters contained in this report.



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