# Waste Workshop

Council Information Session 5 December 2023



### Purpose

Appetite from Council to do more in the Waste and Sustainability space.

- 1. Overview of waste management services and operating environment
- 2. Workshop future opportunities to inform our next tranche of work



# Outline

### Presentation (15 minutes)

- Circular Economy
- Waste Management and Recycling Services
- Education and Behaviour Change
- Objectives / Pledges and Targets
- Workshop (45 minutes)
  - Each table discuss opportunities and challenges across 4 topics



# The Team









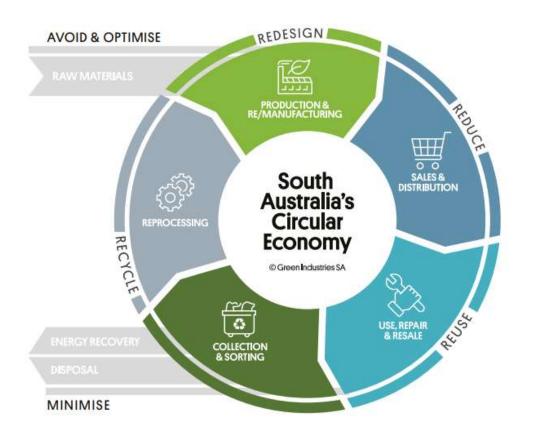


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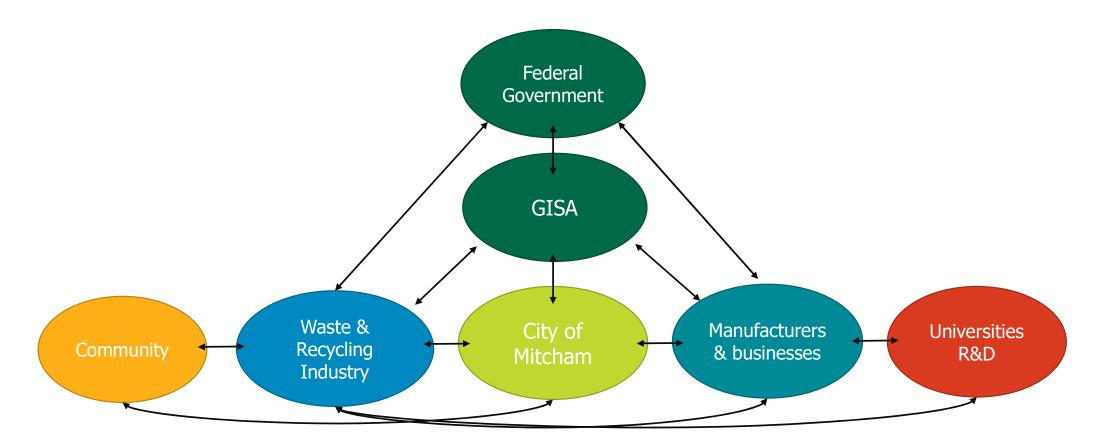
Dennis Team Leader Waste Services

# **Circular Economy**



- Moving away from linear `take, make, waste' and towards a circular system
- Requires a whole-of-council approach

# **Circular Economy: Key Stakeholders**



# Circular Economy: Our journey so far



Road map and actions identified



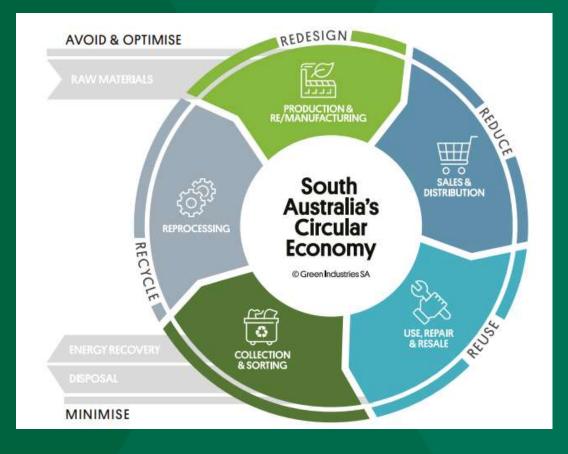
Community Shed





Recycled plastic and crumbed rubber in road surface

# **Circular Economy**

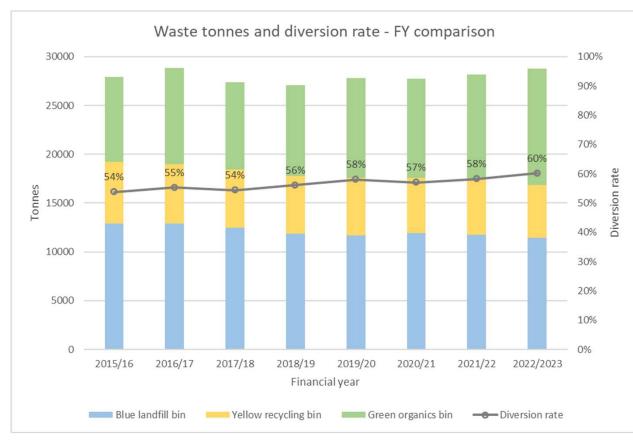


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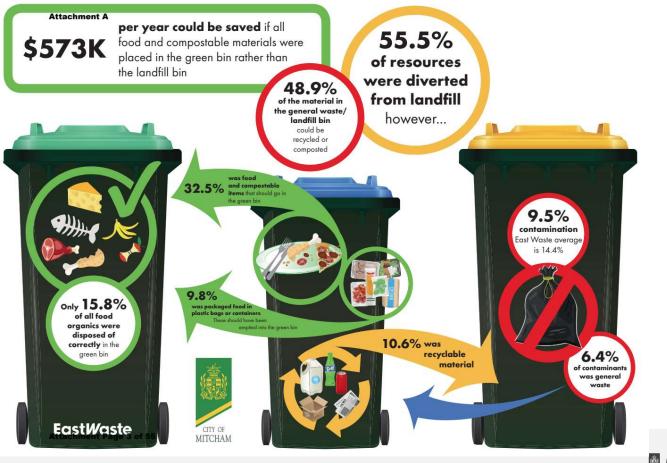
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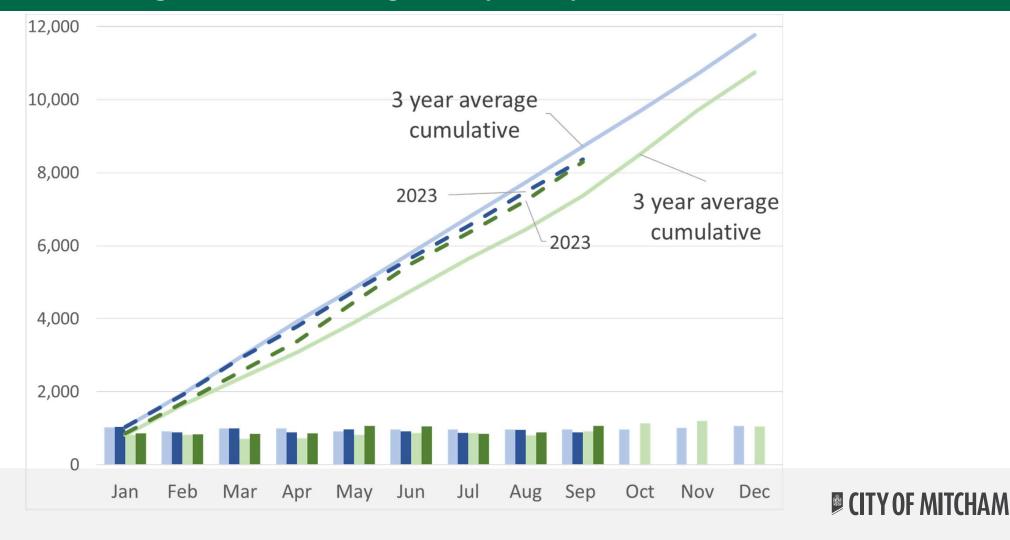
- 28,000 rateable properties
- 2,000 additional bins (1,444 FOGO)
- Bin presentation rate
  - 82% of landfill bins
  - 87% of Recycling bin
  - 72% of FOGO bins
- Annual 2022/2023 diversion rate: 60%



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Other waste and recycling services:

- Free Lynton Green Waste Days
- E-waste drop off points
- Mobile phone recycling collection
  point
- Battery recycling collection point
- X-ray recycling collection point
- Hard waste collection



# **Topic 2: Collection Frequency**



Should Mitcham make any changes to the current frequency of kerbside waste collection? Why or why not?



# Education & Behavioural change



### **Education & Behavioural Change:**



**Bus Tours** 



Australia Day Citizenship







Carols



### **Education & Behavioural Change:** Internal Waste Program



# Internal Bin Audits of Civic, Depot and Libraries

Staff Survey

• sent to 320 employees, 77 responses

### **Education & Behavioural Change:** Other projects and initiatives

- Sustainability Living Subsidy Program
- Waste Education Videos: The Conscious Consumer
- Grow It Local program
  - Monthly workshops on gardening and growing food locally
  - Bi-annual seed service / program
  - Food sharing and composting to reduce waste





74%

85%

**REDUCING FOOD WASTE** 

3.873

8.907

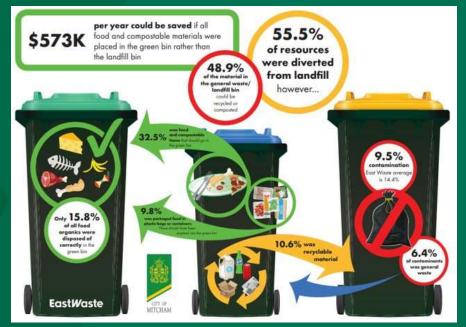


### **Education & Behavioural Change: Prospective Practices**

- Bin tagging for contamination
- Bin stickers community norms
- Household communication and data
- Pay as You Through Programs
- More bin size options







What strategic interventions should Council consider in to 'move the needle' in terms of diversion and contamination rates?

- Waste Management Services
- Education Programs and Incentives

# **Strategic Objectives, Influences and Targets**



#### **Strategic Objectives, Influences and Targets: Policy & Legislative Environment** 12 RESPONSIBLE CONSUMPTION RESPONSIBLE Industry **EastWaste** AND PRODUCTION NATIONAL WASTE POLICY STRATEGI **UN** Sustainable **Development Goals SUPPORTING** Council **THE CIRCULAR** ECONOMY <u> 7 A I A</u> SOUTH AUSTRALIA'S WASTE STRATEGY 2020-2025 GOAL 1 GOAL 2 GOAL 3 GOAL 4 ACCESSIBLE, HEALTHY & DYNAMIC & SUSTAINABLE CITY **Federal** HEME 3. 1 PLACEM State HEME 1. 2 HEALTH & WELLBEIN 11 we cancer of researces through efficient practis, investment in technolog worke avoidance, and a commitment to reuse, our social a orearivity, a natural en THEME 1. 3 SERVICES & EA

# Waste Management Journey

2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Formalised Additional Bin Fee Costs East Waste Processing Tenders	Council-wide review of waste on extreme days Hard Waste as Alt Fuels Three bin system at Libraries and Civic	Kitchen Caddy Trial Commerical & Lynton Waste Tender	Landfill Waste Tender Three bin system at Community Centres and Depot (office) Three bin system at Council Events <b>Single Use</b> <b>Plastic-free</b> <b>Council</b> <b>events</b>	Covid - focus on maintain uninterrupted services.	Bin Tagging Trial Sustainable Procuremen t Policy	FOGO Rollout Waste Guidelines for High Density Development Domestic Waste Tender	Sustainable Living Subsidy (QA testing CRM) Commercial& Lynton Waste Tender Additional Bin service provider review (in progress)

# **Pledges and Targets**

- •100% of Council's energy from renewable sources by 2030
- •All streetlights to energy efficient tech by 2030
- Council's fleet fully renewables-powered by 2030
- Reduce waste to landfill by 75% by 2030



- •Adopt sustainable procurement policies by October 2022
- and incorporate zero emission design into all new Council buildings

**EastWaste** 



100% of food waste (by weight) recycled by 2030

> 60% (by weight) business waste recycled by 2030

Average contamination of kerbside recycling to < 7% by 2030

Zero avoidable waste to landfill by 2030

70% Diversion for Kerbside Municipal Waste by 2030

75% Diversion for all Municipal Waste by 2030



Government of South Australia

Green Industries SA

# **Strategic Objectives and Targets**



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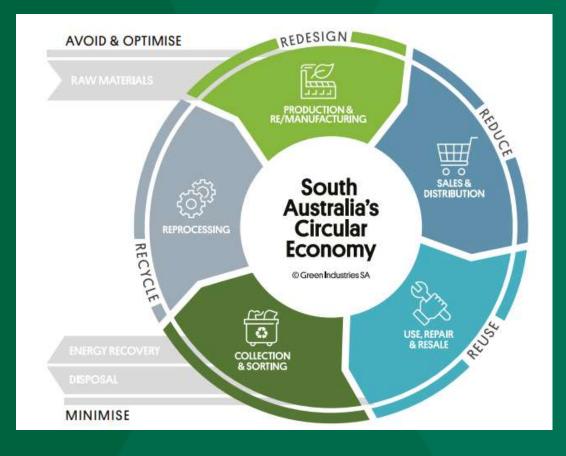
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# Workshop – 45 Minutes



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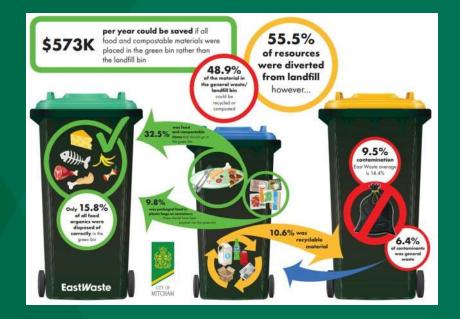
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# Services



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# **Topic 4: Strategic Objectives and Targets**



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# Thank You

### Next Steps:

- 1. Staff to summarise workshop findings
- 2. Report back to Council in early 2024