

11.25 EDWARD RIVER COUNCIL DRAFT WASTE STRATEGY

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RECOMMENDATION

That Council;

1. Place the draft Edward River Waste Strategy on exhibition for a minimum period of 28 days; and
2. Receive a report on the outcome of the exhibition of the Edward River Waste Strategy

BACKGROUND

Edward River Council engaged MRA Consulting Group to;

1. Develop a Waste Strategy that improves the sustainability and performance of waste service delivery, waste infrastructure and delivery of community engagement activities. This review was to consider in detail options relating to the provision of recycling services,
2. Review the current capacity of the existing Deniliquin landfill and commence the process to expand the existing facility. This review would also look at alternate sites for future development.

MRA have worked with Council over the past twelve months to develop a draft Waste Strategy. This draft Waste Strategy is in accordance with objective 1 as set out above. Objective 2 above, is discussed within the draft Waste Strategy, however this work is being completed through a separate but concurrent process. A copy of the draft Waste Strategy is attached to this report.

The draft strategy is set out in a framework to answer the following questions;

Where are Edward River Council today?

This section gives a history of Edward River Council and the current services that were provided by Conargo and Deniliquin Councils. It also outlines the current services that are delivered with Council boundaries.

Why does Council need a strategy?

The draft Waste Strategy provides a roadmap for Council's provision of better waste management options. It also outlines some of the current challenges that are faced to enable the provision of improved waste services.

Where does Council want to get to?

The draft Waste Strategy outlines state targets that relate to NSW Waste and Resource Recovery Services. The draft strategy outlines some priorities that will assist Council in meeting the state targets.

What steps will Council take to get there?

The draft Waste Strategy outlines priorities that will:

- Maximise the life of landfill resources
- Expand community education and awareness
- Optimise airspace at the existing Deniliquin landfill

- Investigate new cells at Deniliquin landfill
- Develop longer term waste disposal facilities for use by Edward River Council

Each of these questions and topics are discussed in more detail within the draft waste strategy. The strategy identifies some of the costs associated with the potential expansion of waste services in Edward River and any increases in costs to the community.

Appendix A of the draft Waste Strategy outlines an action plan for Council to achieve the targets outlined within the strategy.

ISSUE/DISCUSSION

Next Steps

The draft Waste Strategy is submitted to Council to be adopted as Edward River Council's Draft Waste Strategy. This will enable the draft Strategy to be placed on exhibition for community feedback and consultation.

Feedback from this consultative process will be reported to the Council at a future meeting, together with any recommendations of suggested alterations because of the consultative phase.

A community consultation strategy is being completed which will include an outline of how Council will engage the community. This will include items such as;

- Use of project HQ (in Napier Street Deniliquin)
- Engagement with relevant community groups, local organisations, sporting and service clubs
- Use of social and print media
- Possible attendance at the farmers market
- Possible displays and information sessions at the transfer station at the Deniliquin landfill, and possibly at Blighty and Conargo landfills

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

Edward River Council – Waste Management Strategy 2019-2049 will provide the framework for Council to improve and manage waste services into the future. The action plan included within the strategy provides the road map of how Council can achieve the objectives set out in the strategy.

COMMUNITY STRATEGIC PLAN

Outcome 1 – A great place to live

Outcome 3 – A valued and enhanced natural environment

Outcome 4 – A region with quality and sustainable infrastructure

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Nil

LEGISLATIVE IMPLICATIONS

Nil

ATTACHMENTS

1. **Final Draft Edward River Council Waste Strategy**