

WARREN SHIRE COUNCIL

Report of the Manager Health & Development Services
to the Ordinary Meeting of Council to be held in the
Nevertire CWA Hall, Nevertire, on Thursday 23rd May 2019

ITEM 1 STRATEGIC REVIEW – EXTENSION OF DOMESTIC GARBAGE COLLECTION SERVICE TO R5 LARGE LOT RESIDENTIAL (C14-3.23)

RECOMMENDATION:

1. That Council does not proceed with the introduction of a Domestic Waste Collection service to R5 Large Lot Residential Land; and
2. The R5 Large Lot Residential Land be charged a rural access charge of \$10/assessment to capture those waste contributors delivering waste to the Ewenmar Waste Depot.

PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to update Council on the community consultation feedback received on the proposed extension of the Domestic Waste Collection service to R5 Large Lot Residential land.

BACKGROUND

The Manager Health and Development sent out 68 letters to landowners within the Village of Collie and 173 letters to R5 Large Lot Residential Land owners on the outskirts of Warren.

FINANCIAL AND RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

The cost of having to dispose of domestic waste at the landfill must be met by waste charges and cannot be subsidised from general rates. Therefore, to ensure a fair fee system, the waste contributor should be charged for the disposal of their waste accordingly, in the form of an access fee.

At the Ewenmar Waste Committee meeting held 14th January, the committee recommended to implement a new levy being a rural access charge (\$10 per assessment), this should be extended to include land zoned as R5 Large Lot Residential land.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

Warren Shire Council must provide a waste disposal facility and it must operate in compliance with the Protection of the Environment Operations Act and Regulations.

RISK IMPLICATIONS

If Council does not implement a fair fee system, the current residents paying garbage charges will be subsidising other waste contributors.

STAKEHOLDER CONSULTATION

Letters were sent to residents on 2nd April 2019 and feedback was received until 10th May 2019.

To summarise the feedback received;

- 31 Objection letters
- 20 objection signatures petition (post office)
- 21 objection signatures petition Ellengerah Road, 1 in support, 4 impartial
- 36 phone calls objecting, 1 in support

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Confirmed via phone calls;

- 96 objecting
- 9 in support
- 7 impartial

These results as percentages are;

- 56% objecting
- 6% in support
- 4% impartial

The main reason for the objection was the inconvenience of loading a bin onto a vehicle or trailer for a short distance when they could continue travelling to the waste facility. Many people indicated that they had more than one bin and would stockpile their rubbish and do a monthly delivery. When the topic of fees was suggested, many respondents were in agreement and accepting of a charge.

OPTIONS

Council can introduce an extension to the collection service if they deemed it necessary however given the strong objection, it is recommended that the proposed rural access charge of \$10/assessment is levied on R5 Large Lot Residential land, to capture those contributors delivering waste to the Ewenmar Waste Depot.

CONCLUSION

Moving forwards, it is recommended that Council does not extend a garbage collection service to R5 Large Lot residential land, due to the strong objection of those landowners. To ensure that those waste contributors are paying a levy for the expense of disposing of their waste, the proposed rural access charge of \$10/assessment is applied.

LINK TO POLICY AND / OR COMMUNITY STRATEGIC PLAN

4.2.1 Reduce rate of landfill through waste management, minimisation and collection methods.

5.2.2 Timely and accurate reporting for efficient management and accountability.

SUPPORTING INFORMATION/ATTACHMENTS

Petition from Community members.