

Media Release

1 November 2021

Don't throw away an opportunity to have your say on waste

Gladstone Regional Council is reviewing long-term waste management opportunities, and to make sure we are delivering the right services for the region, residents can have their say.

As part of this review, Council needs to understand our current waste management practices and preferences, particularly around Food Organics and Garden Organics (FOGO).

Feedback will be used to help Council understand FOGO and resource recovery opportunities in the Gladstone Region.

Gladstone Region Councillor Rick Hansen said Council has a *Waste Management and Resource Recovery Strategy 2019* which sets out our strategic direction and action plan for the next eight years.

“As part of our waste management strategy, we are now developing a Waste Management and Resource Recovery Business Case, and associated action plan, to guide our approach to the recovery and reuse of recyclable, food and garden organic materials,” Councillor Hansen said.

“It has been reported that contamination of our region’s recycling was above 30 per cent last year and in 2019, it was estimated that between 20-30 per cent of waste in our kerbside red lid bins is green waste, and a further 20-30 per cent is food waste, so we really need to understand how our communities are currently disposing of their waste.

“The feedback gathered from our communities will be used as part of an expert review on our region’s waste management and resource recovery options.”

Residents can complete short surveys, either online or in person, or attend an ‘open house’ or pop-up stall at Gladstone, Agnes Water, Benaraby and Calliope. Hardcopy surveys can also be found at all Council transfer stations.

Council officers will be available to answer questions about FOGO, the project, and general waste management questions.

When the open house is unattended, information on waste management and hard copy surveys will be available.

This engagement is open from today and will extend through to the second quarter of 2022, so please visit <https://conversations.gladstone.qld.gov.au/dont-waste-our-waste> and follow this project to ensure you receive the latest updates well into the new year.

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For further information contact Council's Brand and Communications Team on 4970 0700 or media@gladstone.qld.gov.au

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Find out more and have your say:

Time	Day/Date	Venue
Gladstone		
9.30am-12.30pm	Monday 1 November	Gladstone Transfer Station (Open House)
10am-2pm	Tuesday 9 November	Gladstone Transfer Station (Open House)
1-4pm	Saturday 13 November	Community Fun Day at Philip Street Communities and Families Precinct
9.30am-12.30pm	Friday 19 November	The Salvation Army (Open House)
9.30am-12.30pm	Monday 22 November	Gladstone Transfer Station (Open House)
10am-2pm	Wednesday 24 November	The Salvation Army (Open House)
9.30am-12.30pm	Friday 26 November	The Salvation Army (Open House)
Agnes Water		
9.00am-11:30am	Wednesday 3 November	Agnes Water Transfer Station (Open House)
12.00pm-1.30pm	Wednesday 3 November	Agnes Water Library and Rural Transaction Centre (Pop-up Stall)
9.30am-12.30pm	Thursday 11 November	Agnes Water Transfer Station (Open House)
Benaraby		
9am-12pm	Monday 8 November	Benaraby Landfill (Open House)
10am-2pm	Tuesday 16 November	Benaraby Landfill (Open House)
Calliope		
10am-2pm	Thursday 4 November	Calliope Transfer Station (Open House)
2.30-4.30pm	Thursday 4 November	Calliope Library and Transaction Centre (Pop-up Stall)
9am-12pm	Wednesday 10 November	Calliope Library and Transaction Centre (Pop-up Stall)
1.30-3.30pm	Friday 26 November	Calliope Transfer Station (Open House)

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