

Media Release

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'Don't Waste our Waste' Phase 2 engagement is now underway

Gladstone Regional Council has started the second phase of a waste management review to ensure we continue to deliver services for the region that benefit our environment.

Residents can have their say about their waste management practices and preferences, particularly around Food Organics and Garden Organics (FOGO).

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

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

"As part of our waste management strategy, we are continuing to develop 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 was reported that contamination of our region's recycling material was above 30 per cent in 2020, and in 2019, it was estimated between 20-30 per cent of waste in our kerbside red lid bins is green waste.

"A further 20-30 per cent was food waste, so we need to continue to understand how our communities are disposing of their waste."

Residents can complete short surveys, either online or in person, or a pop-up stall at Gladstone. Hardcopy surveys can be found at all Council transfer stations.

The first pop-up stall will be set up at Stockland Gladstone from 27 June to 1 July, with Council officers available to answer questions about FOGO, the project, and general waste management questions.

This engagement period is now open and will extend through to Sunday 3 July, so please visit conversations.gladstone.qld.gov.au and follow this project to ensure you receive the latest updates.

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