

6. UPDATE ON SOLID WASTE SUPPLY CHAIN REVIEW

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The purpose of this report is to seek Council approval for the timetable for a Request for Information (RFI) process to be integrated with the Solid and Hazardous Waste Management Plan Part Two (SHWMP Pt 2) consultation process.

BACKGROUND

The following drivers and dynamics for change have arisen in the solid waste disposal area over the past 18 months.

1. Over the past two to three years rising dumping fees at the refuse stations have triggered a positive response from the large waste collectors in terms of them becoming more and more interested in waste sorting, either at their own or at Council refuse stations. This is good because waste sorting will reduce waste to landfill.
2. There could be an opportunity to both reduce costs and improve waste reduction by some form of joint venture between the various contractors who currently operate the waste/recyclables collection, transfer, transport, sorting/sales contracts with the Council.
3. The City Water and Waste Unit is in the process of developing the Councils SHWMP Pt 2 for a public consultation process under the Local Government Act 2002, to a programme approved by the Council in May 2003.

DISCUSSION

As a result of the above drivers much discussion and investigative work has occurred between the Council, its relevant contractors and the industry over the past 12 months. This is outlined in attachment one.

As an upshot of the above discussions it is proposed to go to the marketplace with a RFI process seeking information and proposals from all stakeholders in the solid waste business. This process will be integrated with the SHWMP Pt 2 consultation process.

The timetable for the integrated processes is shown in attachment one.

SUMMARY

Approval is sought for the timetable for the integrated RFI process and SHWMP Pt 2 consultation process as shown in attachment one.

Staff

Recommendation: That the Council agrees to the timetable for the integrated RFI process and Solid and Hazardous Waste Management Plan Part Two consultation process shown in attachment one.

Chairman's

Recommendation: That the above recommendation be adopted.