



*Supplementary Council Report to
Item No 1 of the Infrastructure
and Engineering Services Report*

**EXTRAORDINARY MEETING
OF COUNCIL 21 AUGUST, 2017**

**1. PROPOSED EXPANSION OF WASTE COLLECTION SERVICES TO INCLUDE
 FOOD AND GARDEN ORGANICS**

Introduction

This supplementary report provides Council with further information in relation to the proposed food and garden organics (FOGO) collection service.

Background

Council have been provided with a report regarding the proposal to extend waste collection services to include food and garden organics.

It has since been found that there has been a misunderstanding with verbal communication with Dubbo Regional Council (DRC) that the fee for the processing of the food and garden Organics was to be waived. This is not correct. DRC has undertaken to exempt Narromine Shire Council from paying an access fee for any FOGO delivered from the third bin. The access fee reflects the charge for the recovery of the capital cost of the facility.

Processing fees will still be payable based on the tonnages received and processed. The fee will be between \$50 to \$107/T, with the lower fee applying to higher tonnages. This processing fee will be the same fee that DRC pays through a contract with the contractor. Ultimately, the contractor will apply the unit rate to the mass of organics processed each month and then Narromine Shire Council will be invoiced for the mass originating from the Council area. It is difficult to quantify the actual costs associated with the processing fee, however, it is obvious that the more organics processed, the more cost effective it will be.

Summary/Conclusion

At the time of writing the previous report, it was understood that there would be no processing fees to be paid. On further investigation, it has become evident that this is not the case. DRC are, however, waiving the gate access fee. The Organics processing fee will be paid monthly, in arrears based on tonnages received.

There are opportunities for savings to be made from other areas of domestic waste management and these are currently being investigated in an effort to reduce any increase to the waste access charge should the service be introduced. There are also reductions in the tendered prices in the latest regional tender of approximately \$17 for existing weekly MSW collections and fortnightly recycling collections. This tender will come into place 1 July, 2020. These tendered prices will be taken into consideration when determining future access charges for Narromine waste facilities.

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RECOMMENDATION

That the information be noted.

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