

Subject: LMM 27/08/2019 - City of Newcastle Organics Recycling

MOTION

That City of Newcastle:

1. Notes that the City of Newcastle is currently looking to invest significantly into a Summerhill Organics Recycling Facility, which will be able to recycle 50,000 tonnes of organic waste each year;
2. Notes that when completed, such a facility would allow for the collection of organic waste as part of City of Newcastle's Green Bin kerbside waste collection;
3. In the interim period, explores opportunities to promote community composting, including grants for compost bins and worm farms and a potential option to provide a centralised organic waste collection point, as part of the EPA's *Waste Less Recycle More* funding;
4. Commits to maintaining a weekly general waste collection service for Newcastle residents.

Background

Novocastrians are increasingly passionate about waste and recycling.

City of Newcastle is investing to deliver a major Organics Recycling Facility at Summerhill, capable of processing 50,000 tonnes of organic waste each year. Once fully operational, the new Facility will collect organic waste from CN's Green Bin kerbside waste collection service.

In the interim, this Lord Mayoral Minute requests that City of Newcastle explores opportunities to promote organic waste recycling, including at the residential scale with compost bins/worm farms, and at a community scale by exploring the option of creating a centralised drop off spot for organic waste recycling.

There is an opportunity for this to be funded as part of an EPA Grant.

While changes are coming to the types of waste that can be disposed in the Green Bin, Council commits to maintaining its weekly 140L 'red' general waste collection service, funded by the Domestic Waste Service Charge.