

ADOPTION OF WASTE MANAGEMENT UTILITY CHARGES FOR THE 2026/27 FINANCIAL YEAR

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RECOMMENDATION:

That Council resolve, pursuant to section 94 of the *Local Government Act 2009* and section 99 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, Council make and levy waste management utility charges, for the supply of waste management services by the Council, as follows:

Waste Management Charges

Domestic waste management utility charges will be levied for the purpose of removal and disposal of domestic waste in Council's local government area.

Council resolve to levy the domestic waste management utility charges, on a differential basis, as a 2 part charge, comprising:

- (1) Part A (General) charge; and
- (2) Part B (State waste levy) charge

- (i) The Part A charge is calculated to recover the internal and external costs for services, facilities and activities directly or indirectly related to waste management, and in particular, services, facilities and activities for the storage, collection and removal (including delivery to a waste disposal facility) of domestic waste, but excluding any State waste levy component. A Part A (General) charge of for the 2026/27 financial year to be set at an amount of \$526.30 and applied in accordance with the following schedule:

Type of Improvement	No. of Services
Residence	1
Multi-Unit Dwellings (MUDS)	1
Accommodation Unit	1
Independent Living Unit	1
Community Title Units	1
Boarding House/Guest House/Hostel for each four persons able to be accommodated or part thereof	1

- (ii) The Part A charge will apply whether a waste management utility service is rendered or not, except where a residential improvement is built during the year in which case a pro rata Part A charge will be levied from the date the improvement is ready for occupancy.

- (iii) A minimum Part A charge of \$263.20 to apply to all properties of South Woolanmaroo Reserve and Russell Heads, Reserve East Russell, where those ratepayers have signed an agreement for Council to remove household refuse from an agreed location.
- (iv) The Part B (State Waste Levy) charge is decided and levied to recover costs of paying the waste levy for leviable waste delivered to a leviable waste disposal site that arises out of Council providing the domestic waste management utility services, and which is not offset by the annual payment Council receives from the State under the Waste Reduction and Recycling Act 2011.
- (v) In setting the Part B (State Waste Levy) charge, Council has had regard to the annual payment Council expects to receive from the Queensland State Government pursuant to section 73DA of the Waste Reduction and Recycling Act 2011, and section 26 and schedule 5 of the Waste Reduction and Recycling Regulation 2023. Council must use this payment to mitigate the direct effects of the State's waste levy on households within the local government area. However, the expected annual payment does not fully offset the waste levy costs Council incurs, or expects to incur, in providing the domestic waste management utility services during the 2026/27 financial year.
- (vi) Where a residential improvement is built on residential rateable land during the year, a pro rata Part B charge will be levied from the date the improvement is ready for occupancy.
- (vii) For the 2026/27 financial year, the Part B (State Waste Levy) charge is \$45.00, calculated as follows, and on the following assumptions:

Part B (State Waste Levy) is calculated by dividing Council's estimated net cost of the State Waste Levy by the number of assessments receiving a Domestic Waste Management Utility Charge Part A (General), rounded up to the nearest dollar. The estimated net cost is calculated by multiplying the estimated tonnes of waste disposed at landfill by the State Waste Levy (plus landfill administration charge) less the rebate provided by the State Government to mitigate the impacts of the State Waste Levy on residents.

INTERESTED PARTIES:

Not applicable

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

This report provides an update of the waste management utility charges that will be levied for the 2026/27 financial year.

A two-part charge will be implemented in 2026/27, with the Part A (General) charge renamed from the former Cleansing Charge, whilst the Part B (State Waste Levy) charge has been introduced to recover costs of paying the waste levy for leviable waste delivered to a leviable waste disposal site that arises out of Council providing the domestic waste

management utility services, and which is not offset by the annual payment Council receives from the State under the Waste Reduction and Recycling Act 2011.

A 10.8% increase has been applied to Part A (General) charge for the financial year. This increase is reflective of the increased contract costs for both kerbside collection and residual waste processing and disposal.

The new Part B (State Waste Levy) charge has been set at \$45 and is based on the expected net cost to Council from the State Government Waste Levy (less the annual payment Council receives from the State under the Waste Reduction and Recycling Act 2011).

OPTIONS:

Option 1 (Recommended):

That Council resolve, pursuant to section 94 of the *Local Government Act 2009* and section 99 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, Council make and levy waste management utility charges, for the supply of waste management services by the Council, as per the recommendation above.

Option 2:

That Council does not adopt the Waste Management Utility Charges for the 2026/27 financial year and proposes amendments to the charges.

CONSIDERATIONS:

Statutory:

Adoption of the waste management utility charges are in accordance with sections 94 of the *Local Government Act 2009* and chapter 4, part 7 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*.



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