

## MEDIA RELEASE

# COUNCIL TO AUDIT HOUSEHOLD WASTE AND RECYCLING BINS

The City of Port Lincoln will be undertaking its first comprehensive audit of kerbside residual waste and recycling bins, commencing 25 September 2017, for five days. The audit will provide an accurate account of the contents of typical waste and recycling bins and help the Council to target opportunities for increased diversion of waste and recycling from landfill and cost savings.

The bin audit will examine the contents of 100 general waste bins and 100 recycle bins from the same households over a period of five days across the Port Lincoln Council area. The audit will identify the type and quantity of materials going into landfill and those being diverted from landfill through recycling, including inappropriate materials that currently go into landfill or recycling.

Waste management is Council's largest single recurrent expenditure area, with Council budgeting \$454,380 in 2017/18 to collect kerbside household garbage and \$209,050 for recycling bins. Transport costs to landfill and recycling processing add significantly more to those costs.

Two of Council's Waste Management contracts are due to expire in 2018. Council will consolidate the contracts for the kerbside collection, Resource Recovery Centre management and waste transport into one service contract, with tenders to be called in October 2017 and the new Contract to begin in October 2018. Council will retain the current Waste Disposal (Landfill) Contract as a separate stand-alone contract.

Mayor Bruce Green said, "The results of the bins audit will allow Council to plan and implement targeted strategies and educational programs for the community to improve our waste avoidance, re-use and recycling efforts".

"The knowledge and actions of every individual create the landfill waste and recycling outcomes that Council has to manage. If the bins audit can help us to target the right changes in behaviour, then we can improve our environmental waste impacts and reduce the costs of these services", said Mayor Green.

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