



Waste Authority Annual report 2024-25





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Letter to Minister

Hon Matthew Swinbourn, MLC, Minister for the Environment; Community Services; Homelessness

In accordance with section 23 of the *Waste Avoidance and Resource Recovery Act 2007*, I submit the Waste Authority annual report for the period 1 July 2024 to 30 June 2025, for presentation to Parliament.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Elizabeth Carr'.

Elizabeth Carr AM
Chair, Waste Authority



3-bin FOGO kerbside bin system



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Acknowledgement of Country

The Government of Western Australia acknowledges the Traditional Custodians throughout Western Australia and their continuing connection to the land, waters and community. We pay our respects to all members of Aboriginal communities and their cultures; and to Elders both past and present.



Chair's report



My fellow members and I have now completed our third year of service at the Waste Authority WA, and I feel genuinely privileged to have this opportunity to be the Chair at this time – with five years to go to meet our 2030 targets.

The 2024–25 reporting period marked a year of progress in waste reduction, resource recovery, and environmental protection, with a strong focus on behaviour change, infrastructure investment, and cross-sector collaboration.

As we strive towards a sustainable, low-waste circular economy, waste generation in WA is still growing, with a sobering 7.4 million tonnes of waste generated in 2023–24, a five per cent increase from 2014–15. While our efforts to reduce waste going to landfill are on track as the two energy recovery facilities come online, progress towards recovery targets have slowed.

As the Waste Authority, we are astutely conscious that our role is to support government to maintain the right environment for investment, innovation and collaboration for the long-term, through waste levy funded programs, policy,

frameworks and financial incentives. And, to make the biggest impact, we need to enable the waste industry and local governments working at the coal face, to tackle the move forward.

Over the past year, we have been listening to our key stakeholders through the consultation and feedback process of the waste strategy review. Extensive public consultation has informed the revised strategy, which is expected to be finalised this year. I would like to thank all those who participated in this important review process, your input has been invaluable.

We understand that WA's unique context, including geographic isolation and limited economies of scale often lead to higher costs and operational inefficiencies. These challenging conditions highlight the need to invest in a strong, local recycling industry that creates jobs, fosters innovation and manages waste effectively.

We recognise that our strong resource recovery industry is already delivering on Government ambitions for a resilient and diversified economy through local

manufacturing, clean energy and strategic infrastructure, regional development and innovation-led growth.

Through the Recycling Modernisation Fund, industry has invested over \$89 million, and state and commonwealth governments have contributed over \$21 million to build tyre recycling infrastructure to increase Western Australia's capacity to recycle end-of-life tyres – an important issue in WA. The tyre recycling facilities have created 111 jobs and when operational will provide more than 175,000 tonnes of tyre recycling and processing capacity each year.

Waste levy funding has helped us deliver the waste strategy's eight headline strategies. Looking back on the past year, we have achieved a great deal.

This included the WasteSorted Grants programs, which provided over \$3.9 million for infrastructure and community education projects such as funding for major FOGO processing upgrades at Veolia and Purearth facilities, increasing capacity by over 190,000 tonnes annually as well as 19 community

education across WA, including workshops, school programs, and innovative tools like waste-sorting card games.

We've seen the 'Be a GREAT Sort' campaign continue to drive community engagement, supported by the WasteSorted toolkit and newly acquired Recycle Right waste education platform. Pleasingly, building off the back of the e-waste to landfill ban, there are signs that residents are increasingly correctly taking waste such as e-waste, batteries and household hazardous waste to specialist drop-off locations. But we know that the level of change we need requires ongoing effort across industry, community and government.

WA is playing its role in national efforts to solve difficult problems. We have led the way in researching how we can tackle the high volumes of end-of-life tyres, a common by-product of our resources industry; and contributed to efforts to solve the pressing

national issue of lithium battery disposal. Participation in national forums ensures WA's interests are represented in broader environmental policy development.

Lithium-ion batteries continue to pose a significant risk to waste infrastructure and worker safety, and we've seen some great 'the face behind the waste' videos showing the real impact these fires can have on waste truck drivers and workers in waste facilities. This is a national issue which is high on the agenda of all Environment Ministers, and all states are working collaboratively towards improving recycling pathways, looking at product stewardship options and educating the public.

The Plan for Plastics progressed with expanded support for businesses for new bans on takeaway food containers and non-compostable barrier bags from 1 September 2024 and moulded or cut expanded plastic packaging from 1 July 2025. Since its commencement in 2021, WA has removed hundreds of millions of plastic items from circulation. A mine site reuse project, launched in January 2025, is investigating how to increase use of reusable food and drink containers in WA's resources sector.

The latest data continues to show the three-bin Food Organics and Garden Organics (FOGO) kerbside system to be the best performing

for material recovery and the Perth and Peel MSW material recovery rate is expected to increase with wider adoption of FOGO collection systems. I am delighted to report that, as of 30 June 2025, nearly 350,000 households now have access to FOGO services, with 16 additional local governments committed to implementation. The Better Bins Plus: Go FOGO program supported 24 local governments, with \$7.176 million committed over five years.

Finally, it is important to recognise and thank the vital work of other government agencies in supporting the Waste Strategy. I thank the Minister for the Environment and my fellow Authority members

Lee Broomhall (Deputy Chair), Josh Byrne, Kelly Howlett and Tim Youé for their continued commitment to implementing the waste strategy. I also thank the Department's Director General, Alistair Jones and his excellent teams for their support of the waste strategy and the Waste Authority.

I am proud of our achievements over the past year and look forward to continuing our push towards 2030 with a refreshed vision, strategy and plan.



Elizabeth Carr AM
Chair, Waste Authority





Ed the Earth-cycler promoting use of the FOGO bin





Promotion for FOGO rollout © City of Kalamunda

Highlights

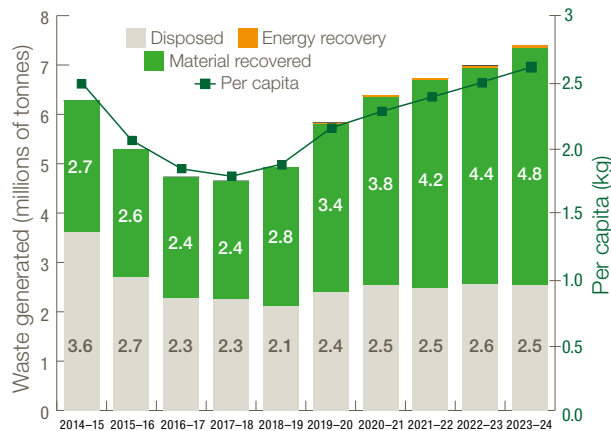


Figure 1 Reported waste generation shown as materials recovered, disposed and recovered as energy.

Note: before to 2019-20, waste recovered as energy is shown as 'material recovered'

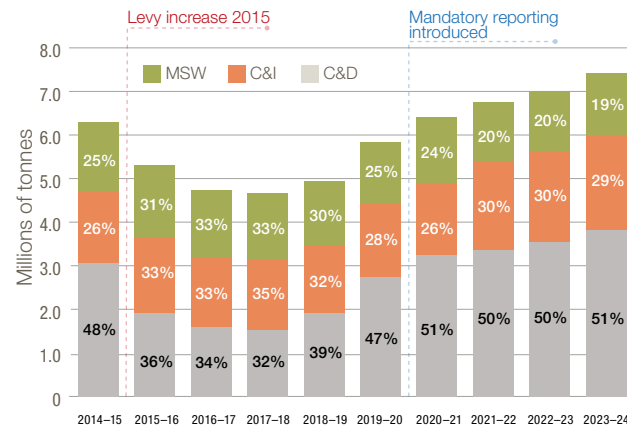


Figure 2 Waste generation by waste stream

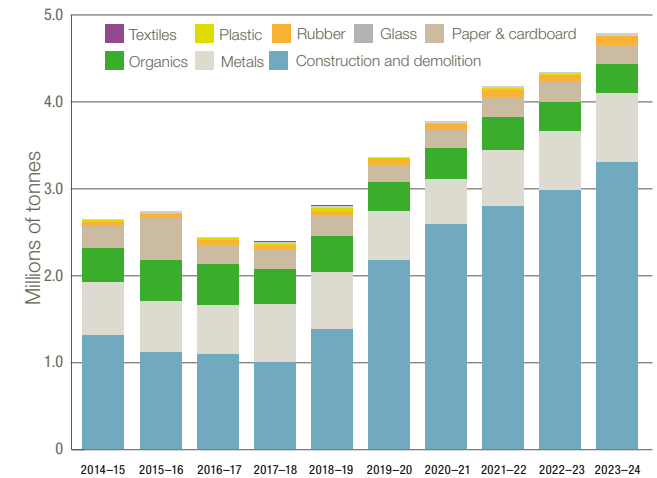
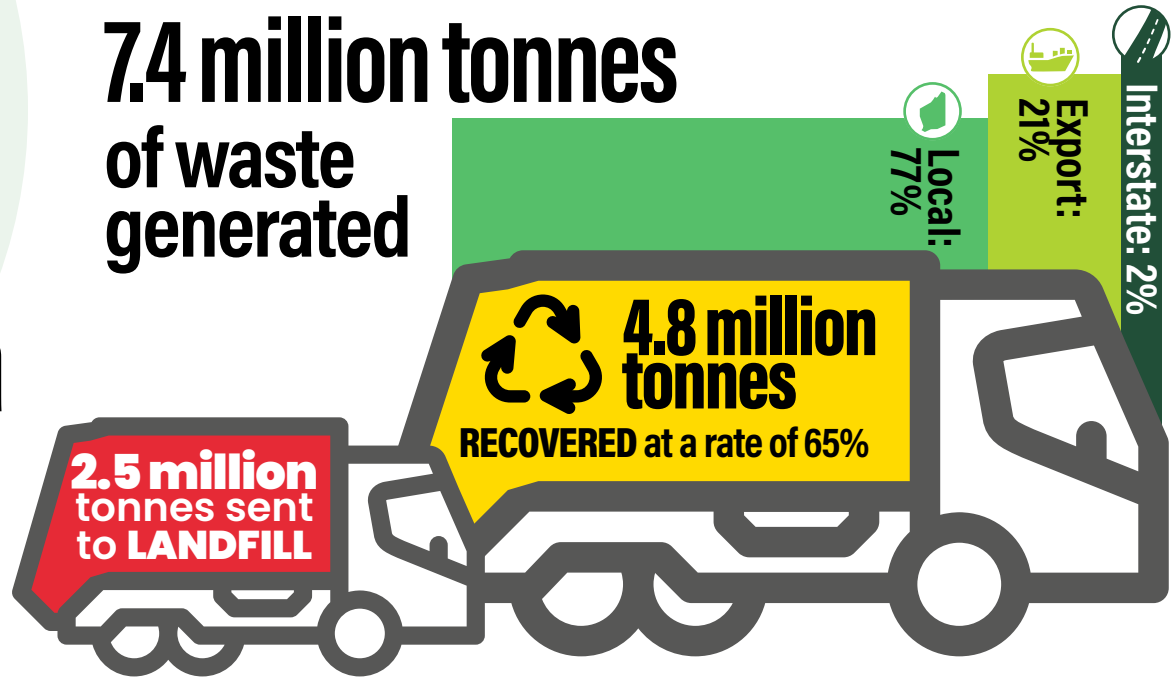


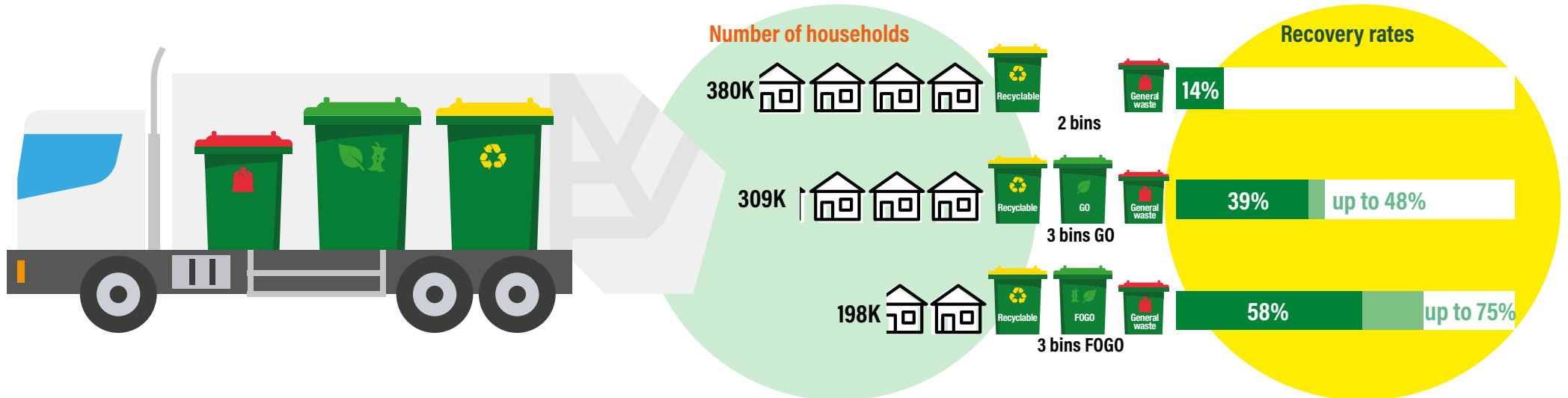
Figure 3 Material recovery by material type

Waste and recycling in Western Australia at a glance

7.4 million tonnes of waste generated



Average kerbside recovery performance*



*Adjusted for service roll-out, does not include all service combinations

*During 2023–24 and 2024–25, FOGO collection and processing was disrupted for some local governments outside of the Perth metropolitan region, with contamination a major contributing factor. These local governments have been excluded from the assessment of FOGO performance.



Waste strategy targets

■ Materials recycled
 ■ Energy recovered
 ■ Landfilled

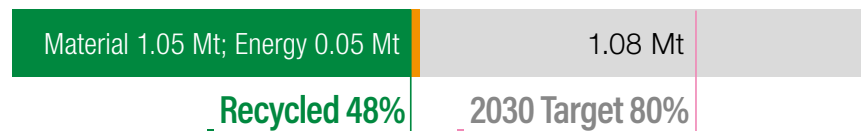
Perth and Peel MSW Total 1.06 Mt



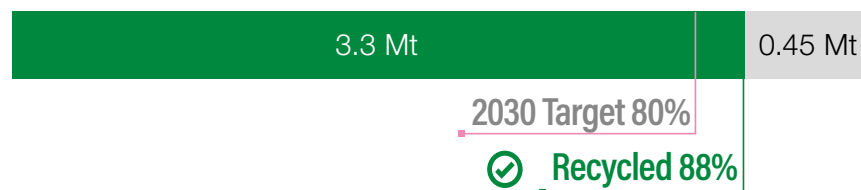
Major regional centre MSW Total 0.13 Mt



Commercial and industrial Total 2.18 Mt



Construction and demolition Total 3.79 Mt



Top 10 key findings

- A total of 7.4 million tonnes of waste was generated, which is an increase of 6 per cent from the previous year.

22-23	23-24
7.0 Mt	7.4 Mt

+6%
- Half of all waste generated came from construction and demolition (C&D) activities.

51% = C&D
- Municipal solid waste (MSW) generation per capita slightly increased from the previous two years.

22-23	23-24
0.49 t/capita	0.5 t/capita
- The overall material recovery rate was 65 per cent which is a 3 per cent increase from 2022–23.

22-23	23-24
62%	65%
- A total of 4.8 million tonnes was recycled which is an increase of 9 per cent from the previous year.

22-23	23-24
4.4 Mt	4.8 Mt

+9%
- Sixty-nine per cent of all recovered materials were C&D type materials.

69% = C&D
- Seventy-seven per cent of materials recycled were reprocessed in WA.

77% = WA
- A total of 2.5 million tonnes of waste was disposed of to landfill.

2.5 Mt
- Local governments collected 1.5 million tonnes of waste from their residents.
- Local governments with FOGO recovered up to 75 per cent of their kerbside waste.



Performance overview

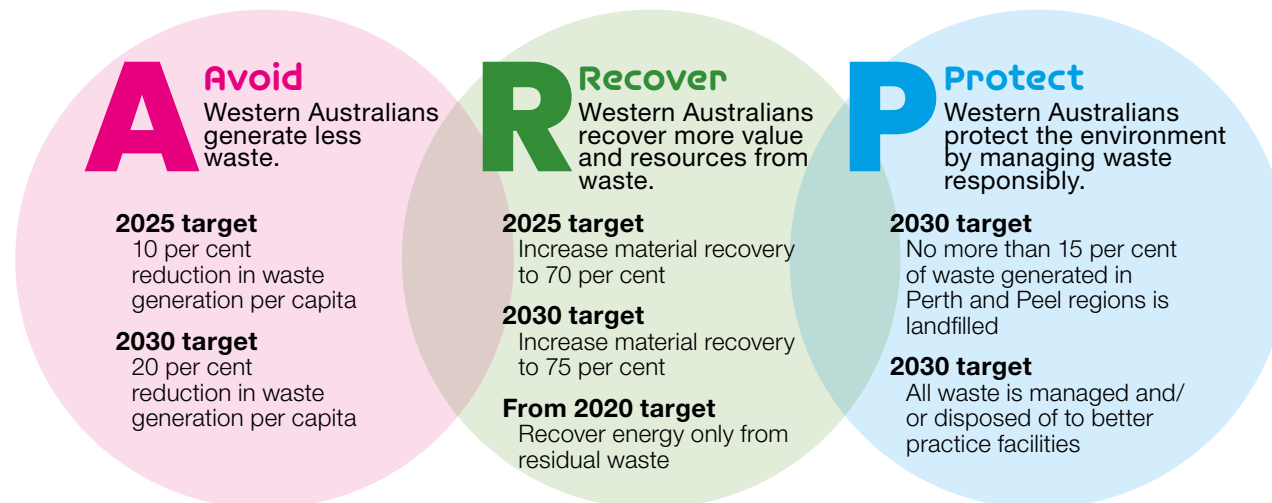
The **waste strategy targets** support our move towards a sustainable, low-waste circular economy and allow performance to be monitored against baseline data.

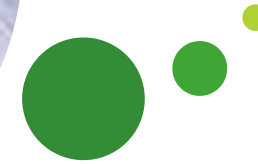
Overall objectives and state targets

Progress towards the targets is measured using data reported to the Department of Water and Environmental Regulation (the department) by landfills and recyclers under the Waste Avoidance and Resource Recovery Regulations 2008. An assessment of our progress towards the targets using the most-recent available data, from 2023–24, is provided in Table 1 and summarised below. Comprehensive data analysis and trends are detailed in the [Waste and recycling in Western Australia](#) report series.

Since 2018–19, there has been a sustained increase in reported waste generation, reaching 7.4 million tonnes in 2023–24. Overall, there has been a 5 per cent increase in the waste generation in 2023–24 compared with 2014–15. While municipal solid waste (MSW) generation per capita has decreased by 19 per cent, waste generation per capita for the construction and demolition (C&D) and commercial and industrial (C&I) waste streams was higher in 2023–24 compared with 2014–15 (Figure 1). Drivers behind the increase are likely to include the introduction of mandatory waste data reporting, population growth and investment in large-scale construction projects.

Progress towards the recovery targets has been variable. The overall material recovery rate has increased to 65 per cent in 2023–24 from 42 per cent in 2014–15. This has been underpinned by the C&D waste stream, which achieved an 88 per cent material recovery rate in 2023–24, surpassing the [Waste avoidance and resource recovery strategy 2030](#) (waste strategy) target of 77 per cent for 2025. However, progress towards the C&I and MSW recovery targets has been slow and inconsistent. Covid-19 and a range of other external changes, such as the waste export bans, have impacted progress towards these targets.





The Perth and Peel MSW material recovery rate is expected to increase with the wider adoption of food organics and garden organics (FOGO) collection systems. The latest data continues to show the three-bin FOGO kerbside collection system is the best performing for material recovery. In 2023–24, it had an average overall recovery rate across participating local governments of 58 per cent (with the highest at 69 per cent), compared with 14 per cent for the two-bin system.

At 30 June 2025, FOGO systems had been rolled out to nearly 350,000 households across Perth, Peel and the South West. An additional 16 local governments in Perth and Peel have committed to rolling out FOGO in their waste plans.

With the projected increase in recovery associated with the FOGO rollout and the establishment of two energy recovery facilities, we are on track to meet the 2030 protect target of ‘no more than 15 per cent of all Perth and Peel waste landfilled’.

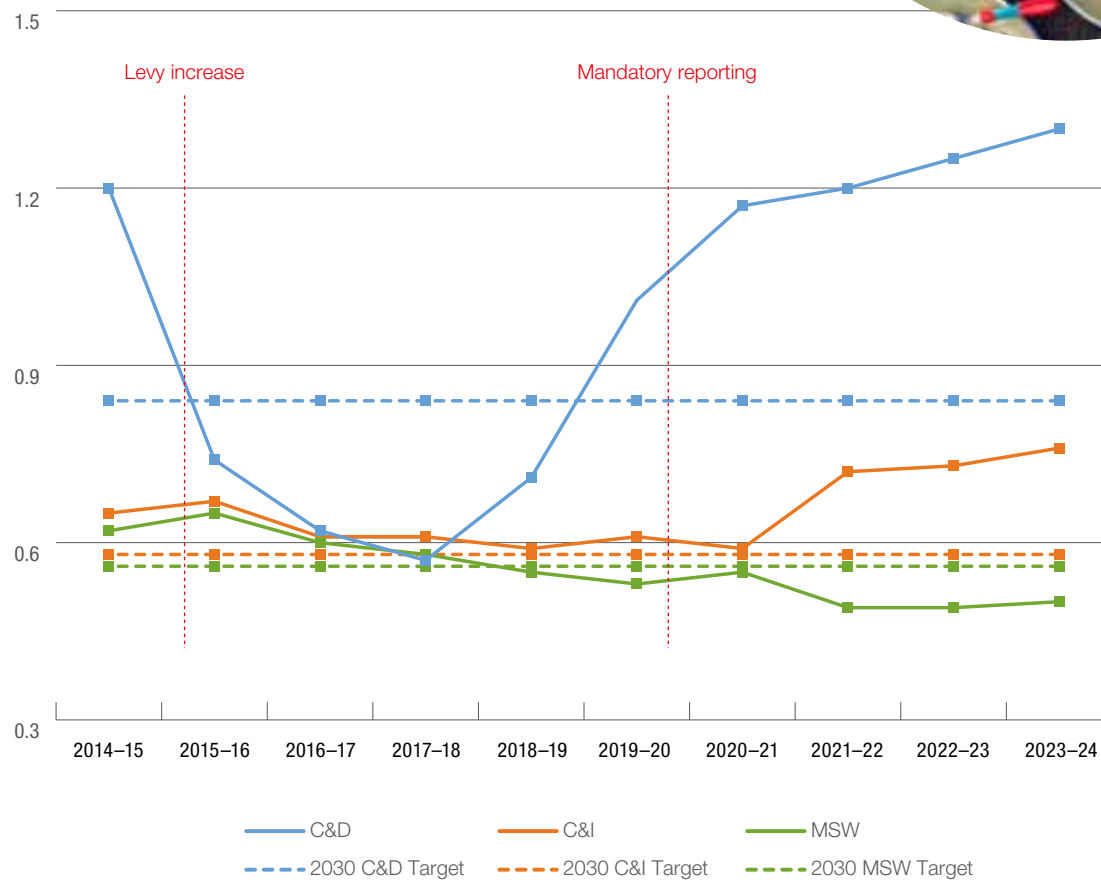


Figure 4: Waste generation per capita by waste stream and avoid targets



Baling recyclable materials for transport to buyers



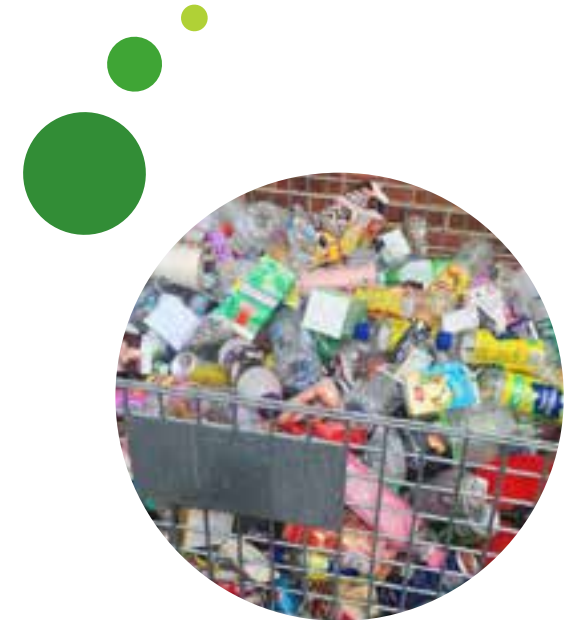
Performance against waste strategy targets

	Sector	2014–15 baseline	2023–24		Targets	
					2025	2030
Avoid targets	Overall	2,452 kg per capita	2,586 kg per capita	5% ↑	10% reduction	20% reduction
	MSW	621 kg per capita	500 kg per capita	-19% ↓	5% reduction	10% reduction
	C&I	642 kg per capita	760 kg per capita	18% ↑	5% reduction	10% reduction
	C&D	1,188 kg per capita	1,327 kg per capita	12% ↑	15% reduction	30% reduction
Material recovery targets	Overall	42% recovery	65% recycled	3% ↑ since 2022–23	70% reduction	75% reduction
	MSW (Perth and Peel)	39% recycled	36% recycled	No change → since 2022–23	67% reduction	70% reduction
	MSW (Major regional centres)	30% recycled	23% recycled	6% ↓ since 2022–23	55% reduction	60% reduction
	C&I	53% recycled	48% recycled	2% ↑ since 2022–23	75% reduction	80% reduction
	C&D	42% recycled	88% recycled	3% ↑ since 2022–23	77% reduction	80% reduction
	Perth and Peel	Nil	17 local governments (as at 1 July 2025)		All local governments in the Perth and Peel region provide consistent three-bin kerbside collection systems that include separation of FOGO from other waste categories by 2025	
Protect target	Overall	49%* of Perth regions' waste disposed of to landfill <small>*Peel region data included as non-metropolitan source prior to 2018–19</small>	28% of Perth and Peel regions' waste disposed of to landfill	2% ↓ since 2022–23		No more than 15% of Perth and Peel regions' waste is disposed of to landfill – by 2030

Table 1 Performance against waste strategy targets for 2023–24



Operational structure



Organisational structure

Sections 16(1) and 17(1) of the *Waste Avoidance and Resource Recovery Act 2007* (WARR Act) provide that the Minister for the Environment will ensure the Waste Authority has the services and facilities reasonably necessary to enable it to perform its functions. Section 16(2) provides that the Minister may, by arrangement with the department, allow the Waste Authority to make use of the services of any officer of the department.

Services are provided by staff employed by the department under provisions of the *Public Sector Management Act 1994*, pursuant to section 16(1) of the WARR Act. Officers are subject to the department's human resources policy, information technology and administrative processes, and other policy matters regulated by the *Financial Management Act 2006* and Treasurer's instructions.

A service-level agreement for the provision of services and functions between the department and the Waste Authority is in place. The agreement includes both section 16 services and section 80 functions that are approved by the Minister. The agreement sets out the parties' mutual understanding of their respective statutory and other legal functions and obligations through a statement of expectations and performance deliverables for the provision of services.

Membership

On 9 August 2022, the Governor of Western Australia appointed the members of the Waste Authority for four- and five-year terms. Appointed for five-year terms until August 2027 were Chair Elizabeth Carr AM, Deputy Chair Lee Broomhall and member Tim Youé. Appointed for four-year terms until August 2026 were members Kelly Howlett and Josh Byrne.



Waste Authority members make a pledge for Plastic Free July



Chair: Elizabeth Carr AM

Elizabeth has significant experience at a board director level in the private, public and community sectors. Her executive roles have included strategy development for international organisations such as IBM and the Macquarie Group, as well as the State Government.

Elizabeth was a member of the Environmental Protection Authority from 2011–19 and received an Order of Australia (AM) in 2017 for significant service to the community through voluntary contributions to the health, aged care, education and social services sectors.



Deputy Chair: Lee Broomhall

Lee is the chief executive officer (CEO) of Workpower and has held this role since 2012.

Workpower is a leading for-purpose organisation operating several large-scale commercial businesses in Western Australia, including in re-use and recycling services. Its enterprises are designed to employ and support people living with disability.

Lee has been with Workpower for 28 years – she was previously the deputy CEO and has held other executive roles such as executive manager of people, performance and strategy and chief operating officer.

In 2010 Lee was the Western Australian winner of the Telstra Young Businesswomen's Awards. Lee holds qualifications in human services, business management and professional coaching. She is a Fellow of Leadership WA and a graduate of the Australian Institute of Company Directors' program.



Member: Professor Josh Byrne AM

Josh is an environmental scientist and urban design professional with a national profile as a consultant, researcher and communicator in urban sustainability.

Josh is Dean of Sustainable Futures in the Faculty of Humanities at Curtin University where he supports learning and teaching, research and partnership activities. His practice-oriented research expertise spans water-sensitive design, energy-efficient housing and sustainable urban development.

Josh is well known as the WA presenter on ABC TV's Gardening Australia program, where for the past 23 years he has demonstrated to a national audience how gardening can improve urban liveability. He has a PhD in Environmental Engineering, a Bachelor of Science (Hons) in Environmental Science, and Diplomas in Landscape and Amenity Horticulture.

Josh was appointed a Member (AM) of the Order of Australia in the 2025 Australia Day Honours for significant service to conservation and the environment, and as a media presenter and author.



Member: Kelly Howlett AM

Kelly is operations manager for the Care for Hedland Environmental Association, as well as managing director of Earthbeat Consulting, which provides environmental, social, community development and human services consultancy services.

An active and passionate environmental and sustainability practitioner, Kelly has made her life and career in the Pilbara. Most notably, Kelly served as mayor of the Town of Port Hedland for almost seven years until 2016 and was CEO of the Pilbara charity Bloodwood Tree Association Inc. for six years until November 2022.

Kelly was appointed a Member (AM) of the Order of Australia (General Division) in the King's Birthday Honours in June 2023, in recognition of her significant service to local government and to the community of Port Hedland.

Kelly has a Bachelor of Science (Environment)/ Bachelor Forest Science (Hons) and is a graduate of the Australian Institute of Company Directors' program.



Member: Tim Youé

For 12 years until January 2024, Tim was the CEO of the Resource Recovery Group, a statutory local government authority with a vision for a circular economy with less waste and lower carbon emissions.

Tim is a past national director of the Waste Management and Resource Recovery Association of Australia and previously held senior management roles in the global logistics sector, focusing on business development, sales and marketing.

Tim holds bachelor's degrees in Sociology and Politics from Murdoch University and a Master of Business Administration from the Curtin Graduate School of Business. He is a graduate of the Australian Institute of Company Directors' program.



Waste Authority members visit Remondis site

Enabling legislation

The WARR Act establishes the Waste Authority. Sections 19 and 20 establish the Authority's general powers and functions, while schedule 2 sets out 17 functions in full. These enable the Authority to:

- advise and make recommendations to the Minister for the Environment on matters relating to the Act
- inquire into any matter relating to the Act and advise the Minister for the Environment or CEO of the department (Director General) when the Minister or Director General requests advice
- advise and make recommendations to the Director General on the regulation of waste services
- advise and make recommendations to the Director General with respect to subsidiary legislation under the Act
- seek the advice of other entities that the Waste Authority thinks fit for the purpose of advising the Minister for the Environment in relation to the setting and variation of a levy
- act as an advocate for the objects of the Act
- develop, promote and review the waste strategy and coordinate its implementation

- monitor and assess the adequacy of, and report to the Minister for the Environment on the operation of the waste strategy, product stewardship plans and extended producer responsibility schemes
- promote community awareness and understanding of resource efficiency, waste avoidance and resource recovery.

The Waste Authority, with support from its Program Risk and Performance Committee, monitors the implementation of programs in the annual business plan, which is approved by the Minister for the Environment, and gives advice to the Minister as requested.

The Waste Authority seeks to identify and promote the economic and environmental benefits from improved waste avoidance and resource recovery practices. The Authority also works to ensure the community understands the benefits of resource recovery and avoiding waste generation.

The Waste Avoidance and Resource Recovery Account (WARR Account) is credited with at least 25 per cent of the forecast waste levy revenue. During 2024–25, the department provided administrative support, functions and services, as well as the management of programs funded from the WARR Account as outlined in the 2024–25 service-level agreement and the [2024–25 business and action plan](#).

Responsible Minister

The Waste Authority reports to the Minister for the Environment; Community Services; Homelessness, the Hon Matthew Swinbourn MLC, as the Minister responsible for the WARR Act.

Performance management framework

Funding principles

The application of funds, through the programs set out in the annual business plan, is a key mechanism for delivering the waste strategy. The Waste Authority has a set of funding principles (Table 2) to ensure a clear link between funds provided from the WARR Account and relevant activities.

Waste levy collection

The waste levy is payable for all waste disposed of at category 63, 64 and 65 landfills within the metropolitan region and for metropolitan waste disposed of to landfills outside the metropolitan region. In 2024–25, \$101.98 million in waste levy was collected, an increase on the \$94.35 million collected during the 2023–24 financial year. The levy was paid in respect to 16 landfill premises, eight located in the Perth metropolitan region and eight in regional areas.



Worker at the Canning Vale materials recovery facility



Table 2 – The Waste Authority’s set of funding principles

Funding objectives	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Promote the most efficient use of resources and prioritise the avoidance of waste (by reusing, reprocessing, recycling and energy recovery) over disposal. Protect the environment by reducing environmental harm, including pollution through waste. Ensure consistency with the principles set out in section 4A of the <i>Environmental Protection Act 1986</i>. 	
Outcome principles	
Shared responsibility and partnership	Funded activities should result in a reduction in the impact of waste generated and protection of the state’s environmental resources.
Innovation and growth	Funded activities should consider innovation that enables and expands our waste management capacity and know-how.
Better practice	Funded activities should promote better practice approaches in waste management, considering the full costs, benefits and impacts of waste management decisions.
Waste as a resource	Funded activities should consider the waste hierarchy, avoiding waste generation where possible, maximising waste recovery, and protecting the environment from the impacts of disposal.
Intergenerational equity	Funded activities should ensure the health, diversity and productivity of our environment is maintained or enhanced for the benefit of future generations.
Process principles	
Be efficient and effective	Funded activities should be cost-effective, efficient and deliver a net benefit to the state.
Integrity and accountability	Funded activities should be conducted in a manner that exhibits integrity and accountability and adheres to appropriate funding and governance processes.
Be collaborative	Funded activities should involve collaboration with relevant agencies and stakeholders where it is likely to lead to an outcome that involves greater benefits for the state and/or delivers outcomes more efficiently.
Be informed	Funded activities should be developed and evaluated using an evidence-based approach informed by the collection and reporting of relevant data and information.
Stakeholder engagement	Funded activities should be informed by stakeholder engagement and designed and implemented in a manner supported by relevant stakeholders.
Manage risk	Funded activities should be designed and implemented with appropriate identification, evaluation and risk management.
Be flexible and responsive	Funded activities should operate within the anticipated budget, although being flexible and responsive to changing circumstances is necessary. If a variation to the budget is required, Ministerial approval will be sought.

Waste Authority performance

This section of the annual report sets out the Waste Authority's key achievements for 2024–25 against the waste strategy's headline strategies.

The WARR Act sets out requirements for the Waste Authority to develop a waste strategy for Western Australia. It sets targets for waste reduction, resource recovery and the diversion of waste from landfill, and is supported by an annual action plan. The strategy aims for Western Australia to become a sustainable, low-waste circular economy in which human health and the environment are protected from the impacts of waste. It has objectives to avoid waste, recover more value and resources from waste, and protect the environment and human health from the impacts of waste. The targets specified to achieve these objectives are ambitious and important to reach.



Waste Authority members visit the Subi East Redevelopment site

Waste strategy review

The Waste Authority is leading a review of the waste strategy. This review has enabled the Authority to reflect on how it is performing, what is working, and what it could do differently.

In mid-2023, the Authority sought feedback on a directions paper that set out several areas of focus for the review. In 2024, it put forward a revised draft waste strategy which underwent 12-weeks of public consultation. Feedback through surveys, workshops and written submissions was gathered from a range of stakeholders including the waste industry, local and state governments, representative bodies, educational institutions and the community. This process informed the development of Beyond WASTE 2030 – the modified waste strategy which sets out the actions to be implemented over the five-year life of the strategy.

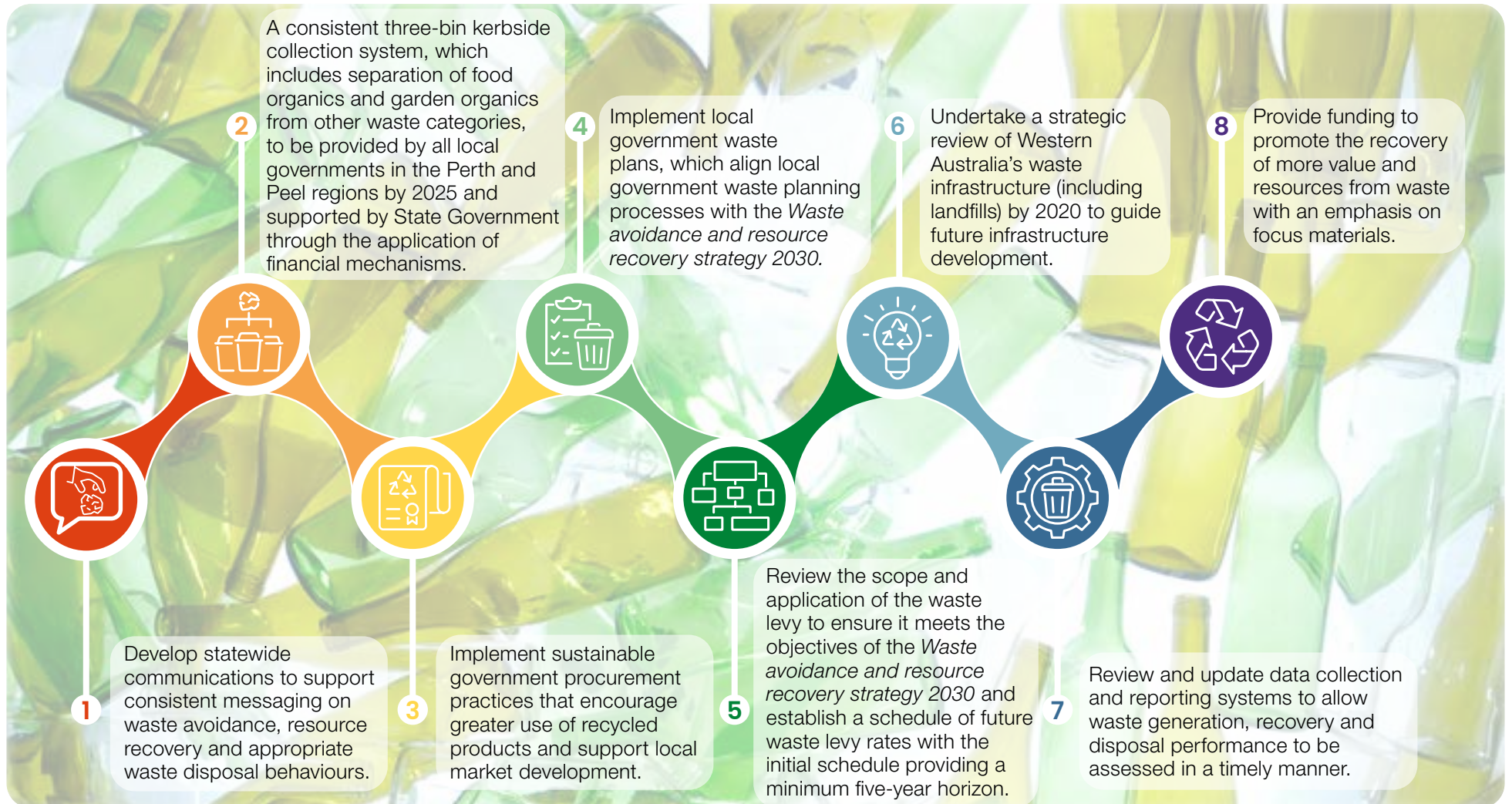
It is anticipated that the strategy will be released in early 2026, incorporating the stakeholder perspectives gathered during the final consultation process.

The Authority would like to thank everyone who participated in this important review process for updating and guiding Western Australia's transition to a sustainable, low-waste, circular economy.

The Authority gratefully acknowledges the waste-related commitments and achievements of the following agencies and organisations:

- Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions
- Department of Communities
- Department of Education
- Department of Finance
- Department of Health
- Department of Justice
- Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries
- Public Transport Authority
- Construction Training Fund
- DevelopmentWA
- Synergy
- Main Roads Western Australia
- Water Corporation
- Western Power
- Westport.

Waste strategy headline strategies





1

Develop statewide communications to support consistent messaging on waste avoidance, resource recovery and appropriate waste disposal behaviours.

Behaviour change

The GREAT Sort messages and WasteSorted toolkit have been adopted by more than 40 local governments and regional councils, helping to amplify key messages and contributing to consistent waste messaging across the state.

'Be a GREAT Sort' behaviour change campaign

This long-term behaviour change campaign was launched in August 2020. It has a strong research base, supports the waste strategy and aligns with other high-profile waste programs. The campaign targets five high-priority waste behaviours to encourage the community to take simple actions to make 'landfill the last resort' and 'do better than the bin'.

The GREAT Sorts campaign continued to be promoted statewide by way of television, cinema, radio, billboards, YouTube and social media channels, and printed materials. Between November 2024 and June 2025, \$997,942 was spent on campaign advertising. Social media advertising reached 1.35 million Western Australians.

After the success of bringing the GREAT Sorts characters to life, 'Take' behaviour was modelled by an expanded suite of characters correctly disposing of their electronic waste by taking it to the right place, supporting awareness of the e-waste to landfill ban.



Behaviour change evaluation 2025

The annual evaluation of community waste behaviours was undertaken in June 2025. A survey of 1,000 households, media reach statistics and bin tagging data were used to evaluate the effectiveness of key messages in changing behaviour.

The evaluation shows that correct disposal of hazardous waste by community members continues to improve, with more people taking batteries to drop-off locations. Western Australians' positive attitudes towards waste and recycling remain strong.

This is the cumulative impact of a collective effort by governments, the waste industry and community to:

- establish consistent and effective household waste systems, such as FOGO
- grow awareness of and engagement in waste sorting behaviours
- encourage people to consider their decisions throughout product lifecycles, from time of purchase through to disposal.

In 2024–25, GREAT Sort messages achieved broad reach across many channels, including:

132,158 visits to the WasteSorted website

684,922 listeners on metropolitan and regional radio.

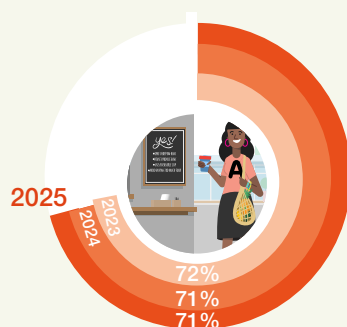
2.1 million completed video views across social media, YouTube and broadcast video on demand (Binge, Foxtel and Kayo)

Social media advertising reaching 1.35 million Western Australians

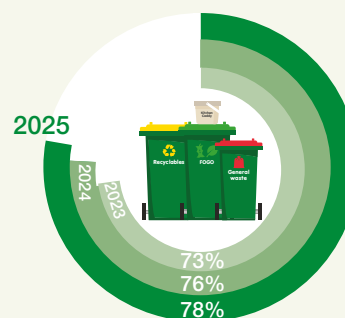


Key findings

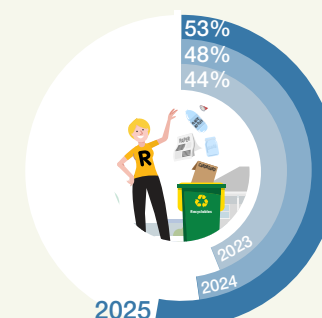
The community's attitude towards waste and recycling remains strong. Most people still agree it is important for the community to reduce waste to landfill and that sorting waste is the right thing to do.



71% agree it is important for the community to reduce the amount of waste that goes to landfill (2024: 71%; 2023: 72%).

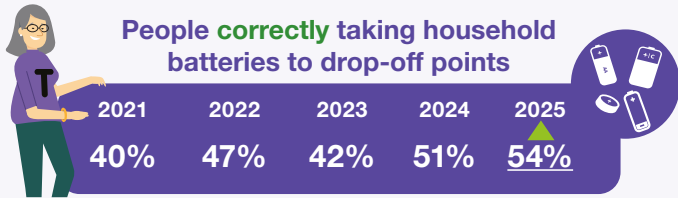
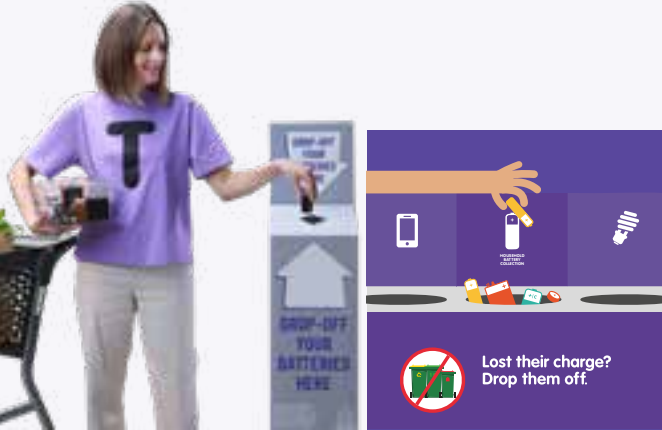


78% agree sorting waste into the different disposal options is the right thing to do (2024: 76%; 2023: 73%).

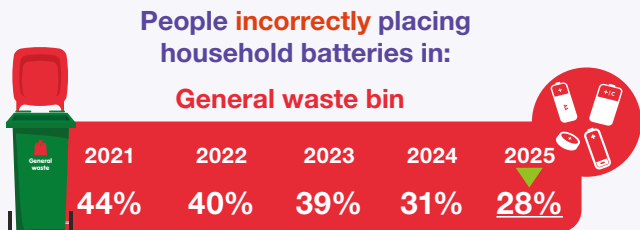


Recognition of the campaign continues to increase, with more than half of those surveyed now recognising the GREAT Sort campaign (2025: 53%; 2024: 48%; 2023: 44%).

After watching the ‘Take’ video advert, viewers were more likely to intend to act. Western Australians taking household batteries to drop-off points has continued to increase during the past year, while fewer people are disposing of batteries in the general waste bin.

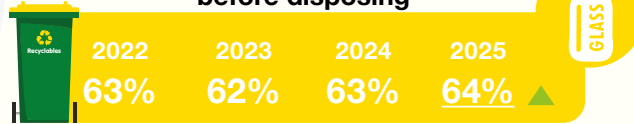


‘Drop-off points’ include drop-off facilities, special waste drop-off locations and HHW drop-off points.

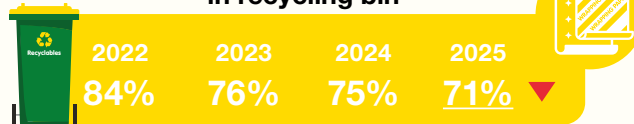


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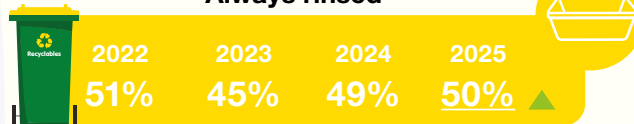
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Always placed loosely in recycling bin



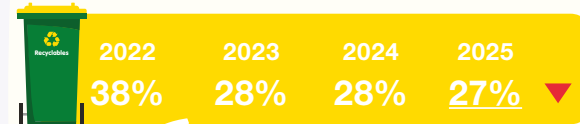
Always rinsed



Incorrectly bagging or boxing recyclables has continued to increase, while other recycling behaviours remain stable:

Always do all three behaviours

(take lids off, place loosely and rinse)





Using reusable produce bags at the supermarket



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WasteSorted toolkit resources are used by many local governments.

WasteSorted toolkit

The WasteSorted toolkit provides a suite of free resources for local governments and regional councils to communicate with residents about sorting waste correctly to reduce contamination in kerbside bins and increase material recovery and recycling. Stakeholders are regularly consulted about the ongoing development of the WasteSorted toolkit to ensure it meets their needs, including through the Consistent Communications Collective facilitated by the Western Australian Local Government Association (WALGA).

In 2024–25, the WasteSorted materials were updated to include:

- WasteSorted bin stickers and posters for the Department of Education to help staff sort waste correctly using FOGO, recycling and general waste collection systems.
- E-waste campaign toolkit including videos and digital resources for local governments to support residents to take e-waste to a variety of specialist drop-off locations.
- Buy Nothing New Month campaign materials for local governments including social media tiles and videos highlighting waste avoidance behaviours.
- Assets to reduce FOGO bin contamination including a letter for residents, bin sticker, fridge magnet and social media tiles.
- Assets to support better recycling in Port Hedland including a letter to residents, bin stickers, fridge magnet and a social media tile. They were well received at the Celebrate Hedland community event in May to promote consistent messaging and community education.
- ‘Compost Your Way in May’ social media tiles including the GREAT Sorts Earth-cycle character to show a variety of ways to turn organics into compost.
- GREAT Sorts flyers for each character to support the behaviour change campaign; used at community events such as the Perth Home Show in June.
- Resources to support local governments such as waste guides, truck decals and public place signage.
- Supplementary ‘Never bin a battery’ campaign materials focused on correct battery disposal, showcasing the real-world impacts of incorrect disposal with testimonials from waste workers.

In 2024–25, more than 30 local governments and regional councils used the WasteSorted toolkit and ‘Be a GREAT Sort’ campaign materials, including the Eastern Metropolitan and Western Metropolitan regional councils; the cities of Albany, Bayswater, Belmont, Bunbury, Busselton, Canning, Cockburn, Fremantle, Geraldton, Gingin, Kalamunda, Joondalup, Karratha, Mandurah, Rockingham, South Perth, Stirling, Swan and Wanneroo; and the shires of Collie, Esperance and Jerramungup.

Digital waste education platform

During 2024–25, the department worked towards taking on responsibility and ownership of Recycle Right – a waste and recycling education platform that the Resource Recovery Group (RRG) ran for more than 10 years. Since 2013, the platform has been helping local governments, regional councils and residents in WA to recycle, reduce their waste and live more sustainably.

In early 2024, RRG announced it would cease supporting the platform from June 2024, putting at risk the waste education efforts of around 50 local governments who use the platform to inform and engage residents. After discussions with stakeholders, it was clear the only viable option to ensure continued operations was for the department to take on responsibility in the short-term, while longer-term sustainable options were considered.

Ownership was completed in June 2025. However, the Waste Authority has been funding operations since July 2024, making access free-of-charge to all local governments to progress towards consistent statewide waste education communications and delivering Headline strategy 1 of the waste strategy.

Recycle Right complements the WasteSorted Toolkit and is critical to waste sorting behaviour change efforts, such as the statewide campaign in support of the ban on e-waste disposal to landfill. Recycle Right's tools fulfil a critical role in community behaviour change – such that people know which waste needs to be taken somewhere else for recycling, and where the drop-off points are.

A review of Recycle Right's operations and the search for a longer-term sustainable model of ownership and operation is underway. Different options will be explored for providing contemporary, cost-effective digital waste education services in support of local governments.

Waste education in the future

A review of the statewide waste education resources is underway involving local governments, regional councils, WALGA, and the waste industry. Surveys were sent to local governments involved in WALGA's Consistent Communications Collective, as well as those with low engagement in waste education. A workshop was also run with members of the collective to provide an opportunity for discussion and a deeper dive on relevant topics.



Inspecting bins during bin tagging

Bin tagging

The Waste Authority has worked with WALGA since 2014 to implement the WasteSorted Bin Tagging program. In 2024–25, bin tagging was delivered to more than 12,000 households, providing feedback on individual kerbside bin contents to reduce contamination and improve material recovery rates. WALGA received \$120,000 for activities in 2024–25 as part of a three-year grant (2024–27) to deliver the bin tagging program.

During the year, WALGA rolled out bin tagging in conjunction with 10 local governments and two regional councils:

- Western Metropolitan Regional Council (including Town of Cottesloe, Town of Mosman Park and City of Subiaco)
- Eastern Metropolitan Regional Council (Shire of Mundaring)
- City of Belmont
- City of Swan
- City of Joondalup
- City of Canning
- City of Kalgoorlie-Boulder
- Shire of Esperance.

WALGA continued development of a bin tagging user app. So far this has helped to establish a more consistent and efficient approach to data collection in the field, while also minimising the data entry and aggregation workload required before development of the app.

Key data from the local governments with FOGO indicated there was still confusion in the community as to the correct ways to dispose of compostable packaging and the non-priority items on the extended FOGO list. The bin tags have been updated to focus on the priority items of food and garden organics and compostable caddy liners.

WasteSorted Grants

Since 2017–18, the department has administered infrastructure and community education grant funding programs in association with the Waste Authority, providing more than \$13.4 million to Western Australian projects to improve the recovery and reuse of focus materials, including plastics, C&D waste, textiles and organics.

WasteSorted Grants – organics infrastructure program

In 2024–25, the organics infrastructure program granted a total of \$3.66 million for three new projects to expand FOGO recycling infrastructure.

Purearth was awarded \$1.51 million for new infrastructure at its Woottating organic composting facility, which will enable the facility to receive and process an additional 80,000 tonnes of FOGO annually.

Veolia Recycling and Recovery was awarded \$1.55 million to expand FOGO services at its Landsdale site and \$597,500 for its North Bannister compost facility. The Landsdale facility upgrades will include a new fully-enclosed FOGO transfer facility to receive and process up to 50,000 tonnes of FOGO material each year. The new infrastructure will feature advanced air control systems to ensure minimal environmental impact during processing. The upgrades at North Bannister will increase processing capacity at the site by an additional 60,000 tonnes a year, bringing the total capacity to 100,000 tonnes a year.

The funding will be paid over two years, and the projects will be operational by 2026.



FOGO processing at Purearth

Table 3 – WasteSorted Grant recipients – organics infrastructure program 2024–25

Name of organisation	Project title	Brief project description	Approved funding
Purearth	Towards 2030 FOGO Resource Recovery Target	This project will construct a 2,600 m ² shed and apron to enable the receipt and processing of an additional 80,000 tonnes of FOGO each year.	\$1,516,771
Veolia North Bannister	FOGO Ready Upgrades for North Bannister	This project will see upgrades to the decontamination process by installing upgraded screening equipment to allow for full integration of FOGO services up to the 100,000 tpa processing capacity, adding a further 60,000 tpa of FOGO capacity to the Perth region.	\$597,500
Veolia Landsdale	Perth Northern Metro – Creation of FOGO Transfer Capacity	Expansion of the existing facility, with construction of a fully enclosed FOGO transfer shed. The building will have an air control system, including a sealed building maintained at negative air pressure, and a rapid opening/closing roller door to minimise air ingress.	\$1,550,000

WasteSorted Grants – Community Education program

The community education program funds organisations to develop and implement education projects that support the waste strategy’s objectives, address focus materials and align with WasteSorted messaging and the GREAT Sort behaviour change campaign.

Focus materials are those that currently make up more than 90 per cent of the waste generated in Western Australia. These include C&D materials, glass, metals, organics, paper, cardboard, plastics and textiles. In 2024–25, 19 projects were funded to a total of \$254,742.

Projects for 2024–25 include a series of regional workshops focusing on composting organic waste at home, low waste cooking workshops for young people, and developing and promoting a fun waste sorting card game. All 19 projects are progressing. Ten are regional and nine are spread across the Perth metropolitan area.



Food waste workshops at City of Bunbury



Compost hub event with Denmark Community © Basil Schur

Table 4 – WasteSorted Grant recipients – community education program 2024–25

Name of organisation	Project title	Brief project description	Approved funding
City of Bunbury	Be a GREAT Sort in Bunbury	A series of workshops will target specific demographics that could benefit from learning about the GREAT Sort and WasteSorted campaigns, but would not necessarily go out of their way to seek waste education. Topics will include food waste, textiles, composting, and proper waste sorting. Incentives like lunch boxes and reusable cups will encourage participants to apply what they learn at home and on the go.	\$12,812.50
City of Kalamunda	City of Kalamunda and Adventure Kids Entertainment presents the ‘Let’s All FOGO’ Show!	The City of Kalamunda and Adventure Kids Entertainment will present the ‘Let’s All FOGO’ Show in 2025, touring 27 venues including libraries, schools and after-school-care programs. The show will teach children about environmental stewardship, earth-cycling and waste reduction, encouraging them to make smarter waste-management choices and view landfill as a last resort.	\$8,550

Name of organisation	Project title	Brief project description	Approved funding
City of Mandurah	Sustainable Living Series	The City of Mandurah's Sustainable Living Series offers 16 hands-on workshops to teach practical skills in waste reduction and sustainability. Aligned with the <i>Strategic waste plan 2020–2025</i> , sessions cover cloth nappies, worm farming, recycling, composting and more. Participants will receive incentives like rebates, free compost bins and worm farms. The workshops aim to reduce waste, promote eco-friendly practices, and enhance local environmental stewardship.	\$12,627.27
Curtin Heritage Living Inc.	Re-fashion, re-style, re-create: Upcycling waste products fabulously through intergenerational activation	A series of more than 20 upcycling workshops and activities at the facility's heritage artist 'makerspace' and cinema will educate aged care residents, partner high schools, the wider community, and stakeholders on various waste-related topics. The project will foster intergenerational engagement, bringing together people of all ages to collaborate on waste reduction and sustainable practices.	\$25,000.00
Dapper Cranium Studios	Bin Off – Upcycled: Education from entertainment. Saving the world with card games!	Bin Off is a card game with 79 unique cards representing various waste items. It encourages better waste-sorting habits by rewarding points for donating or upcycling, sparking valuable conversations on waste management. Through entertaining workshops using the educational card game Bin Off, Dapper Cranium Studios aims to tackle disengagement in youth and communities, leading to empowerment and action in waste management.	\$19,800.00
GO2CUP Pty Ltd	Reuse Revolution: demonstrating avoid, recover and protect with Great Sorts	This project will integrate the GREAT Sorts messages into a successful waste education program at six events in Western Australia, engaging more than 50,000 individuals in effective waste sorting. It will also be complemented by featuring GREAT Sorts messaging on event-ready reusable serve ware.	\$24,174
Green Skills Inc.	FOGO Local, Small and Smart: A small-scale FOGO composting bin hub for education and demonstration of food waste management in regional rural communities	Green Skills will offer three workshops on composting organic food waste at home, educating the Denmark community on setting up vermin-proof composting bins for FOGO waste management. A pilot community composting mini-hub will be established at the Denmark Kwoorabup Community Garden in partnership with the Denmark Community Resource Centre. The FOGO mini-hub will serve as a waste reduction solution for commercial restaurant food waste and will encourage resource recycling through use of the resulting compost.	\$16,642.60

Name of organisation	Project title	Brief project description	Approved funding
Harvest Lakes Residents Association Incorporated	Beyond Single-Use: A Community Commitment	This project focuses on community waste education, particularly reducing single-use plastics. The association will collaborate with food vendors at events to cut down on plastic usage and promote correct waste sorting through onsite education. During the year it will hold four clothing swaps, toy swaps and community meetups to encourage item reuse. In addition, lunchbox cook-ups will be run during school breaks to help parents choose alternatives to single-use plastics for their children's lunchboxes, fostering practical, eco-friendly habits for a more sustainable community.	\$7,125.47
PermacultureWest (Permaculture Association of WA)	The GREAT Permaculture Switch: from waste to resource	Touring the Wheatbelt, this roadshow will introduce practical techniques to help the community become GREAT Sorts and aim for a waste-free future. Interactive workshops will focus on organic waste, household waste management, landfill issues, and GREAT Sorts behaviour, showcasing local facilities and resources.	\$17,582.50
Shire of Ashburton	Green Guardians Eco Superheros – Protecting 'Land, Sea and Air'	The shire has launched an integrated waste services platform to help waste generators and residents manage waste more efficiently. A key feature is a fun, online educational package for kids, featuring a trio of eco superheroes to promote recycling and prepare them for the new recycling services rollout.	\$25,000
Shire of Bridgetown-Greenbushes	Waste to worms, recycling and repair: reframing what is waste in the South West	The shire will offer educational opportunities to help the community reduce organic waste, recycle correctly, understand hazardous waste, and support repair and reuse. The project includes school incursions and community workshops, partnerships with a community garden to convert old bins into worm farms, and a volunteer-led repair cafe initiative to promote a circular economy.	\$9,173.08
Shire of Carnarvon	Carnarvon Gets WasteSorted	The shire's 'Carnarvon Gets WasteSorted' program will tackle regional waste management challenges by promoting sustainable practices through innovative education. In 2025, workshops and events will focus on waste avoidance and landfill diversion, with an emphasis on organics, plastics and textiles. Community engagement in knowledge-sharing activities aims to inspire behaviour change and enhance sustainable living practices.	\$18,480
Shire of Kent	The Kids Can Do It, So Why Can't We; Sorting Waste Correctly to Protect Our Environment	The project will educate the Shire of Kent's community on sorting waste correctly to protect the environment. The shire will collaborate with two local primary schools, having students design bin stickers to highlight the importance of using the right bins and the environmental benefits of doing so.	\$1,890.00
Shire of Northam	A N.E.W. Approach to Recycling – Northam's Education on Waste	The shire will promote the Waste Authority's GREAT Sorts campaign for six months, emphasising 'R' for RECYCLING through innovative, interactive workshops. These sessions will offer hands-on learning experiences. In addition, a workshop on garden and organics will promote FOGO waste management.	\$4,544

Name of organisation	Project title	Brief project description	Approved funding
Shire of Waroona	Free community waste workshops to promote at-home options for diverting organic waste from landfill	The shire will offer free community workshops to promote at-home waste behavioural changes. Two of the three workshops will focus on diverting organic waste from landfill; the other one will address reducing plastic use at home. Workshops include composting, worm farms and bees wax food covers.	\$ 4,129.20
The University of Western Australia	Sustainable UWA	The Sustainable UWA initiative aims to enhance waste management and sustainability behaviours among UWA staff and students using GREAT Sort messaging. It includes educational sessions with incentives, community garden activities, and opportunities to Give (textiles), Recycle, Earth-cycle and Avoid (textiles and single-use items) on campus, fostering a culture of sustainability and informal education.	\$16,135.50
The University of Western Australia: Children's University WA Partnership (CUWAP)	Sustainability Explorers	'Sustainability Explorers' will engage families from the Great Southern, Peel, Perth and South West in community-based waste management education for nine to 12 months. The program includes two home-based activities focused on fast fashion and plastics. Families will use a 'sustainability passport' for a self-guided waste scavenger hunt at waste management organisations. Each region will also host a workshop to help families make lasting behaviour changes with GREAT Sort toolkits.	\$3,359
The Yangebup Family Centre Inc.	Waste Wise Workshops: creative ways to reduce food and textile waste	<p>The program will promote 'Be a GREAT Sort' by encouraging the community to reduce food and textile waste through repurposing, reducing and creating alternatives. Workshops will cover:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • updating your wardrobe with second-hand items and creating a capsule wardrobe • using fabric scraps and old textiles to make useful or decorative items • creating delicious recipes from leftover food • extending the shelf life of fresh foods through fermenting and preserving. 	\$16,685
Western Metropolitan Regional Council	Cook More Waste Less	The 'Cook More Waste Less' project will offer eight low-waste cooking and waste sorting workshops for young people (18–35). These workshops will enhance participants' cooking skills, build their confidence in the kitchen, and teach them how to make affordable, healthy recipes using leftovers. The project will also focus on behaviour-change messages from the GREAT Sorts campaign, particularly Avoid and Earth-cycle, to improve waste sorting skills. A co-branded social media campaign will extend the reach beyond attendees.	\$11,032.11



WasteSorted schools initiatives are wide ranging from student meets, workshops and grants for waste solutions (L-R: Student Meet guest speaker, Wesley College students, Woodbridge Primary students, Northampton DHS building a chook pen)

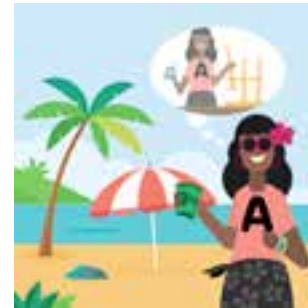
WasteSorted Schools

The WasteSorted Schools program is a key component of the WasteSorted behaviour change program. It is a free program that supports Western Australian schools to make landfill the last resort by engaging students through curriculum-aligned resources and education strategies, along with meaningful, hands-on learning experiences.

The program delivers tangible benefits for participating schools by helping them to protect the environment, reduce school costs, and promote positive waste behaviours among students, teachers and the community. Activities include avoiding waste, recycling, composting and worm farming, promoting waste-free lunches, green canteens and productive school gardens. A total of 269 schools achieved accreditation in 2024–25, including 11 schools that had achieved accreditation for 10 years in a row and seven schools that had achieved 15 years.

With overall expenditure of \$546,423 in 2024–25, the program:

- awarded grants totalling \$211,165 (ex GST) to 72 schools for projects to avoid and recover school waste, such as paper and cardboard, food waste and containers, and general recycling.
- delivered 17 professional development workshops and webinars for 445 teachers from 307 schools – the online professional learning module was completed by 93 teachers and students from 76 schools
- collaborated with local government waste educators through regular communications, conducted the yearly local government webinar with 31 attendees from 24 metropolitan and regional local governments, and facilitated links to schools with opportunities to present at WasteSorted Schools workshops and attend waste audits in schools
- visited 64 schools in the metro and some regional areas to run educational waste audits, 51 schools to run incursions, seven schools to provide project support, and four schools to attend sustainability fairs and assemblies
- provided support to regional schools including workshops, school visits and networking with local government, youth centres and waste providers in the South West, Wheatbelt, Mid West and Pilbara
- supported high schools with a dedicated high school workshop for teachers, a student event attended by 206 students from 21 schools, and the development of high school specific resources
- participated in a project with the Department of Education and the Eastern Metropolitan Regional Council to test the effectiveness of introducing multiple bins in schools to increase diversion rates of recyclable materials
- trialed and produced resources to support waste avoidance and recovery in schools (including classroom games on organics recycling and making waste-free lunches, activities for incursions such as recycling cornhole) and developed and updated curriculum resources for teachers.
- continued a partnership to support schools in Perth's southern suburbs.



Buy nothing new month resources

Promotional work

National Recycling Week is held in the second week of November every year. Households, schools, workplaces and local governments all get involved to learn about and celebrate recycling. In 2024, the Waste Authority invested \$25,000 in promoting the week through a lift-out on recycling in The West Australian newspaper, radio advertising, online content and social media advertising. The lift-out included a message from the Minister for the Environment, half-page editorials entitled ‘The importance of waste sorting – reducing contamination’ and ‘How West Aussies are going through a recycling revolution’, a full-page ad on recycling and a half page ad on the GREAT Sorts.

Buy Nothing New Month campaign took place in October. It provided a range of resources to promote conscious consumption and encourage people to rethink their buying habits. The resources were developed to provide the community with examples of how easy it is to reuse, repurpose, and borrow instead of buy new items. These included a social media plan, social tiles and videos available on the WasteSorted website for use by local governments, regional councils and other stakeholders.

The Waste Authority email newsletter ‘**Trash Talk**’ continues to keep subscribers up to date with news, providing a wrap-up of the previous month’s announcements and social media content so waste stakeholders don’t miss important information.

The **Waste and Resource Recovery Conference** is the only annual waste management conference in Western Australia. It attracts more than 400 representatives from the State and local governments, the waste management industry and community. The Waste Authority was a Platinum Sponsor of the conference, providing \$25,000 to support the inclusion of high quality speakers including Mandy Hall (End Food Waste Australia), Ainsley Simpson (Seamless), Joanne Jorgensen (Virtual/Nike), Professor Leanne Wiseman (Australian Repair Network) and John Gertsaskis (Product Stewardship Centre of Excellence). The Waste Authority’s exhibition booth showcased the GREAT Sorts characters through an interactive photo opportunity and provided attendees with information on all the Authority’s programs through easy-to-use display and QR codes.



Activities at the Waste and Resource Recovery Conference 2024





Tidy Towns 2024 Winners



Adopt-a-spot clean up by Care For Hedland and Corporate Partners



Branded Outback Packs

The Western Australian litter strategy

The Keep Australia Beautiful Council WA (KABC) vision is for a litter-free Western Australia. KABC received grant funding of \$985,000 from the WARR Account towards implementation of the *Litter prevention strategy for Western Australia 2020–2025*. The strategy has four strategic objectives:

Objective 1 – Increase community understanding of the impacts of litter on the environment and support behaviour change

Objective 2 – Contribute to the long-term prevention of litter and marine debris

Objective 3 – Regulation and enforcement of the *Litter Act 1979*

Objective 4 – Monitor the level of litter in Western Australia and its marine environment and evaluate the effectiveness of programs.

Key litter strategy achievements in 2024–25:

- Conducted two full litter surveys using the Australian Litter Measure over 265 transects at 57 sites in 10 local government areas across Perth (November 2024 and May 2025). An average of 119.2 litter items per 1000 m² were counted, with cigarette butts the most common item found, and plastic the most common material.

- Expanded the Adopt-a-Spot program by 173 to 2,455 registered groups, bringing the total number of registered program volunteers to more than 62,000.
- Received entries from 38 communities for the 2024 Tidy Towns Sustainable Communities Awards. Port and South Hedland was named the 2024 state winner and went on to represent Western Australia in the National Tidy Towns Awards, winning the Behaviour Change and Wellbeing Award, and the Biodiversity Conservation Award. Some 3,677 volunteers spent 25,832 hours participating in the projects entered in the awards.
- Provided a total of \$52,324 to 10 recipients for action and education on litter prevention projects through Community Litter Grants.
- Held six Clean Schools workshops, including two in partnership with WasteSorted Schools. Sixty-seven new schools registered for the Clean Schools program, bringing the total number of schools, day care centres and other educational organisations registered for the program to 797.
- Continued promotion of the Unseen Heroes campaign in 2024–25 to increase community involvement in the Litter Report Scheme.
- Released three special-edition Outback Packs for the Kimberley, Goldfields and Coral Coast regions.
- Attended 39 events in 2024–25. Regional events included a community clean-up event in Kununurra, Busselton Triathlon and the Shark Bay Fiesta. Key metropolitan events included the Creec Earth Day Expo, Sealinks Rottneest Clean Up, and World Environment Day with the Western Australian Marine Science Institution at Scarborough Beach.
- Partnered with Tangaroa Blue for the 20th anniversary of WA Beach Clean-up activities. KABC travelled to the Abrolhos Islands with Department of Biodiversity Conservation and Attractions (DBCA) Midwest and Central Regional TAFE, and Yamatiji Southern Regional Corporation. All data gathered was added to the Australia Marine Debris Initiative database. Over three days, 21 volunteers removed 5,232 items of debris weighing 1,352 kg from 24 islands within the Houtman Abrolhos archipelago.

For further details on KABC's work, see its [2024–25 annual report](#).



2024 WasteSorted Awards winners

WasteSorted Awards

The WasteSorted Awards celebrate the outstanding achievements of Western Australians working towards a low waste and circular economy future. The Awards recognise projects that avoid waste, recover value from waste streams and protect the environment. A total of 105 nominations were received in 2024, including 11 in the new small business subcategory. In the school waste subcategory, a high school and a primary school each received an award for their innovative waste programs. The Awards event was held in September 2024 to coincide with the Waste and Resource Recovery Conference. The Waste Authority congratulates the following Award winners:

- Community Waste Award: Incredible Edible Broome
- School Waste Award: High school: Carine Senior High School
- School Waste Award: Primary school: Somerly Primary School
- Business Waste Award: Foodfolk Australia Pty Ltd

- Small Business Award: Perth Chemical Specialists Pty Ltd
- Waste Champion Individual Award: Kathy Anketell
- Waste Champion Team Award: Green Skills Inc.
- Local Government/ Regional Council Award: Eastern Metropolitan Regional Council
- Regional Award: Southern Ports Esperance
- Community Engagement Waste Award: City of Kwinana
- Waste Innovation Award: Uluu
- Closing the Loop Award: Wagyu Lamb Pty Ltd
- Waste Award: Office of Major Transport Infrastructure Delivery (OMTID)

A professional videographer made videos featuring each award winner and a compilation of all winners. The compilation was shown during the WasteSorted Awards gala event to celebrate the dedication and contribution to waste avoidance and recovery.

Household Hazardous Waste program

The Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) program funds local governments and regional councils to collect, store, recover and dispose of flammable, toxic, explosive or corrosive hazardous waste generated by households. If not treated or disposed of correctly, these products can pose a threat to public health and the environment.

Since 2011, 7,541 tonnes of HHW materials have been collected from 15 permanent facilities (nine metropolitan, six non-metropolitan) and through temporary collection events. In 2024–25, 550 tonnes of materials were collected for safe recovery or disposal including gas bottles, batteries, flammable liquids, aerosols and cleaning products.

E-cigarettes (vapes) have emerged as a problematic waste, being littered and disposed of through the kerbside bin system, which can cause fires in collection vehicles and at waste management facilities. The Waste Authority provided \$23,000 to WALGA to undertake an e-cigarette collection study to better understand the scope of products currently on the market, resource recovery options and nicotine content.



The City of Stirling's Recycling Centre Balcatta hosted the e-cigarette drop off location from November 2023 to August 2024 and 3,250 e-cigarettes were collected. The study found that e-cigarettes are highly recoverable: over 65 per cent of the materials are recyclable and over 34 per cent are recoverable through energy recovery or manufacture into a waste-derived fuel. However, associated costs are high. This project is informing further work on this hazardous waste.

In 2023–24, the Waste Authority entered into a new five-year agreement with WALGA which commits \$10.255 million to support the continuing success of the HHW service through to 2028. This past year, \$2,017,563 was directed to WALGA for the HHW program's administration and operations.

Better-practice local government waste services

Municipal solid waste (MSW) in Western Australia is primarily managed through kerbside, vergeside and drop-off services.

To support improved outcomes, the Waste Authority released its [Better practice FOGO kerbside collection guidelines](#) in 2020, helping local governments transition to a three-bin system that includes a dedicated FOGO service.

In 2024–25, the department commissioned new [research](#) comparing three-bin systems using smaller 140-litre general waste bins collected fortnightly with the traditional 240-litre bins. The

findings supported use of the smaller-capacity fortnightly general waste bins – these resulted in significantly higher kerbside diversion rates, increased food waste recovery, and reduced residual waste generation. Importantly, contamination levels were similar across both bin sizes.

In 2021, the Waste Authority released [Guidelines for local government vergeside and drop-off services](#) to help local governments design and deliver more effective collection systems. Local governments are encouraged to use these guidelines when planning and reviewing waste services and to report on their adoption through their waste plans.

The Waste Authority is finalising better-practice contracting guidance for FOGO services, which will outline strategies to minimise contamination and ensure consistent, high-quality processing outcomes. These improvements are key to producing high-quality compost and mulch from organic waste.

Organic waste is a focus material under the Waste Strategy due to its environmental impact and potential value. High-performing three-bin FOGO services can achieve **recovery rates above 75 per cent** and represent the **single largest opportunity** to meet the Waste Strategy's recovery targets for MSW. The department continues to support their rollout across all Perth and Peel local governments by 2025.



Food waste behaviour change campaign

Australia’s National Food Waste Strategy supports collective action towards halving Australia’s food waste by 2030. Food waste contributes significantly to greenhouse gas emissions in landfill, and also wastes valuable resources like water, energy and land. Every year, 7.6 million tonnes of food is wasted across the Australian food system, with households being one of the key contributors to this problem, discarding 2.5 million tonnes of food annually. Supporting households to reduce or avoid food waste is therefore critical if Australia is to halve its overall food waste by 2030 across the entire value chain.

The Great Unwaste, launched by End Food Waste Australia (EFWA) in September 2024, is a nationwide consumer behaviour change campaign. The campaign seeks to empower Australians to reduce food waste at home, saving money and supporting a sustainable future.

Informed by years of research, including specific insights into Western Australian practices around food planning, shopping, storage, preparation and disposal, the department is actively working with EFWA to support the implementation of The Great Unwaste campaign in WA, including through the provision of in-kind support and contributing \$50,000 in 2024–25 to provide campaign resources to local governments.

With the launch of The Great Unwaste Partner Hub, state and territory governments, local governments, not-for-profits, charities, food rescue organisations, schools and industry associations can access free resources to champion household food waste reduction and spread The Great Unwaste message wide.

Waste Authority website

The Waste Authority website – wasteauthority.wa.gov.au – was launched in 2019 and is the primary public and industry facing communication platform and resource hub for the public and waste industry. It plays a key role in promoting engagement and delivery of the state’s *Waste Avoidance and Resource Recovery Strategy 2030* (waste strategy).

An updated waste strategy will be released to the public in 2025–26. Alongside this, an improved, easier to use, more engaging website for the community and waste industry is required to reflect the updated waste strategy’s design and content.

The website refresh project is underway, with plans for the new site to use the updated structure, priorities, language, style and imagery of the new waste strategy. By shifting to a more user-oriented structure, the overall user experience will be enhanced, making it easier for visitors to find what they need and engage effectively with our site – ultimately supporting promotion of the Waste Authority’s programs and engagement with the waste strategy.





Household recycling taken to materials recovery facility to be sorted



A consistent three-bin kerbside collection system, which includes separation of food organics and garden organics from other waste categories, is to be provided by all local governments in the Perth and Peel regions by 2025 and supported by State Government through the application of financial mechanisms.

The waste strategy identifies organic waste as a focus material because of the volume that remains unrecovered and its impacts on the environment. Organics can be recycled into valuable products such as compost and mulch, which reduces the impacts of disposing it to landfill and supports a more circular economy.

The department is supporting the waste strategy target to roll out better-practice three-bin FOGO services across Perth and Peel local governments by 2025. High-performing three-bin FOGO services can achieve material recovery rates of more than 75 per cent (or more if waste-to-energy is used to manage residual waste) and make the single-biggest contribution to achieving the waste strategy's material recovery targets for MSW.

The Waste Authority's annual FOGO rollout plans, informed by a FOGO Reference Group, identify actions across the themes:

- Markets
- Engagement and education
- Local government services (Better Bins Plus: Go FOGO)
- Processing.

Markets

Strong and sustainable markets for recycled organic products are essential to the long-term success of the FOGO rollout. The [Market development strategy for FOGO-derived products](#), released in 2022, identifies priority markets and recommends targeted actions to strengthen demand. As part of the waste strategy review, the Waste Authority is investigating how market development grants and other actions could increase access to markets for recycled organic products in Western Australia.

Product quality is key to building and maintaining market confidence in recycled organic products. The Waste Authority already supports reduced FOGO contamination through behaviour change campaigns, bin tagging and infrastructure funding, and is exploring how to further support FOGO contamination mitigation within the FOGO bin and during organics processing.

In 2024, the Waste Authority released a series of [case studies](#) on FOGO-derived products for the key markets identified under the *Market development strategy for FOGO-derived products*. The case studies showcase the use of FOGO-derived products in agricultural settings, landscaping, land rehabilitation for transport infrastructure projects, and in the community (through local government sales of compost).



Education and engagement

Many local governments have adopted the WasteSorted toolkit materials to support rollout of their new FOGO kerbside collection systems, as well as their ongoing community education and engagement programs. See [Headline strategy 1](#) for more information about the WasteSorted toolkit.

Local government services

Better Bins Plus: Go FOGO

The Waste Authority's Better Bins Plus: Go FOGO program continues to support local governments to introduce FOGO services. In five years, the program has committed \$7.176 million towards the delivery of better-practice three-bin FOGO services.

At 30 June 2025, FOGO systems had been rolled out to nearly 350,000 households throughout the Perth, South West and South Coast regions.

Twenty-four local governments have accessed funding through the program, of which 21 are already providing FOGO services. Current and previous participants include:

- the cities of Albany, Bunbury, Bayswater, Belmont, Fremantle, Joondalup, Kalamunda, Melville, Nedlands, Perth, Rockingham, Subiaco, Swan and Vincent
- the shires of Augusta-Margaret River, Collie, Dardanup, Esperance, Harvey and Mundaring
- the towns of Bassendean, Cottesloe, East Fremantle and Mosman Park.

In 2024–25, two local governments applied for grants totalling \$1.037 million to introduce FOGO services and educate their community about correct sorting behaviours. Of these two local governments, one is now committed to introduce new FOGO services with the support of the Better Bins Plus: Go FOGO program.

During the year, two local government participants withdrew from funding agreements with the Waste Authority. These projects were valued at \$361,940 and would have introduced FOGO to 16,000 households in the Perth and Peel regions.

The program's final year is scheduled for 2025–26.



Processing

The Food Waste for Healthy Soils Fund (FWHSF) is a partnership between the Australian and State governments and industry. It supports upgrades to existing organics recycling infrastructure to increase the quantity and improve the quality of recycled organic products for use, especially on agricultural soils.

The Australian and State governments have co-invested \$11.25 million to divert up to 275,000 tonnes of WA's FOGO waste from landfill each year and convert it into compost. Three FOGO infrastructure projects funded to a total of \$54 million are located to the north, east and south of Perth. They will provide Western Australian farmers with a reliable source of high-quality compost and support 146 construction jobs and 98 ongoing positions.

Once completed, these projects will support delivery of the state's waste strategy targets. They address industry calls to increase organics processing infrastructure and will support rollout of the FOGO three-bin system across Perth and Peel local governments.



Converting FOGO into compost



Implement sustainable government procurement practices that encourage greater use of recycled products and support local market development.

Reducing waste through procurement

The Waste Authority remains focused on supporting the procurement of recycled construction and demolition (C&D) products and organics because of the volume of these materials in the waste stream and the significant opportunities for government procurement to develop local markets.

The use of recycled C&D waste remains critical to achieving the state's material recovery targets.

The Roads to Reuse (RtR) program continues to encourage State Government agencies, local governments, regional councils and the private sector to use recycled C&D products in civil applications such as road construction. It does this by supporting the supply to market of recycled C&D products that meet the RtR product specification to protect human health and the environment. Three accredited RtR recyclers were operating at four sites in the Perth and Peel regions in 2024–25.

The department and the Waste Authority have worked closely with the transport portfolio to increase the use of RtR material in road and transport projects. Main Roads Western Australia (MRWA) has now used more than 220,000 tonnes

of RtR products since 2019. The Tonkin extension project presents an opportunity to use 300,000 tonnes of accredited materials and MRWA is working with contractors to ensure this supply is met through RtR accredited facilities.

RtR also delivers an independent audit of C&D recyclers' processes and products to ensure recycled products meet the RtR product specification. Five independent audits were conducted throughout the year.



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C&D rollout plan project – recycled sand

The department has contracted Senversa Pty Ltd to conduct a scoping study with the aim to develop a suite of guidance protocols to support the use of recycled sand under a future recovered materials framework.

The study will inform the development of a specification for sand that can be included in the existing RtR product specification document, as well as a future declaration for aggregates under a recovered materials framework.

A key output of the study will be a dataset characterising sources of sand commonly purchased by government and industry from C&D processing facilities and sand suppliers in the Perth metro area. It will provide certainty to support increased procurement of C&D materials through developing processing controls and end uses that ensure protection of the environment and human health.

The final report is expected to be delivered to the department by the end of 2025.

Recovered materials framework

During the past 12 months, the department has progressed development of a recovered materials (RM) framework – a key initiative under the waste strategy to support the safe and beneficial recovery of materials that would otherwise be classified as waste.

With legislative drafting delayed in 2024, the department initiated a pilot program to continue advancing the RM framework. The pilot focuses on selected high-priority materials and aims to test the development of draft declarations – statutory instruments that will establish clear conditions related to human health and environmental protection for the production, management, and use of recovered materials. These conditions will provide regulatory clarity for industry while ensuring public and environmental safety.

The RM framework responds to strong industry demand for a clear, consistent and risk-based process to enable the recovery and reuse of materials that are currently regulated as waste. It was broadly supported through the *Waste Not, Want Not* consultation paper, with stakeholders highlighting the need for greater certainty around environmental and human health risks, and for improved market confidence in recovered material use.

Two technical working groups (TWGs) were established for the pilot, focused on coal fly ash and incinerator bottom ash aggregates. The TWGs bring together government, industry producers and users, scientific and subject matter experts, and academia to guide the preparation of draft declarations based on sound evidence and practical implementation considerations. This collaborative approach has helped refine the RM framework's structure, address key information

gaps, and build a shared understanding of the regulatory and technical requirements involved.

The department is also seeking to align the RM framework with more mature frameworks in other jurisdictions, and to learn from their implementation experience, challenges and review processes. This comparative approach is helping to inform robust, practical and fit-for-purpose design in the Western Australian context.

Additional progress has been made on developing our stakeholder engagement approach, along with detailed process mapping to support the

RM framework's implementation and operability. Technical and policy advice has been incorporated to align the framework with the *Environmental Protection Act 1986* and *Contaminated Sites Act 2003*.

The department anticipates continued piloting and consultation into 2026, with full implementation of the RM framework to follow in 2027. The RM framework will play a central role in enabling a more circular economy in Western Australia by supporting the safe and transparent recovery of valuable materials from the waste stream.



Visit to Blue Phoenix



Implement local government waste plans, which align local government waste planning processes with the Waste avoidance and resource recovery strategy 2030.

Support and guidance for local government waste plans

Every year local governments in Perth, Peel and major regional centres must report to the department on how they are implementing the actions in their waste plans, including any new actions introduced since their last waste plans were submitted. The department uses the reports to assess whether the local governments are delivering their waste services consistent with the waste strategy and making progress towards waste strategy targets.

In relation to delivering services consistent with the waste strategy FOGO target, the reports for the 2023–24 financial year revealed the following for local governments in the Perth and Peel region:

- 12 local governments completing the delivery of FOGO services to their residents
- one local government is planning to trial a bespoke opt-in FOGO service
- 10 local governments have committed to providing a FOGO service by 2025
- five local governments have not yet committed to implementing FOGO but are assessing the feasibility of providing a FOGO service by 2025.

Four local governments in the Perth and Peel region have been unable to commit to delivering FOGO services to their residents by 2025. Of these:

- one local government has begun a phased delivery of FOGO services which will be completed before 2030
- three local governments have committed to assessing the feasibility of providing a FOGO service by 2030 – two of these already deliver a GO service to their residents.

One local government in the Perth and Peel region said it was currently not feasible to implement FOGO and would undertake further work to determine what type of kerbside services it might deliver in the future.

While local governments from major regional centres are not captured by the waste strategy FOGO target:

- two of these local governments have already implemented FOGO
- one is assessing the feasibility of implementing FOGO by 2025
- two have determined that it is currently not feasible to implement FOGO.



FOGO rollouts © City of Kalamunda



Caddy liner distribution © City of Baywater

Waste to energy commitments

In relation to waste to energy commitments, the local government reports for the 2023–24 financial year revealed that:

- 22 local governments in Perth, Peel and major regional centres intend to recover energy from waste through energy recovery facilities; 12 of these are likely to do so in a manner consistent with the waste strategy energy recovery target
- the ability of the other 10 local governments to recover energy from waste consistent with the waste strategy will depend on the outcome of their FOGO feasibility assessments and whether they can implement FOGO by 2025
- three local governments are assessing the feasibility of recovering energy from waste through energy recovery facilities
- 13 local governments have reported that they do not have current energy recovery commitments.

Data in these reports was current as of 30 June 2024. Local governments' status in relation to the waste strategy targets may have changed since their reports were submitted. Reports for the 2024–25 financial year are due by 1 October 2025.





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Review the scope and application of the waste levy to ensure it meets the objectives of the *Waste avoidance and resource recovery strategy 2030* and establish a schedule of future waste levy rates with the initial schedule providing a minimum five-year horizon.



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Undertake a strategic review of Western Australia’s waste infrastructure (including landfills) by 2020 to guide future infrastructure development.

Waste levy

The waste levy is an economic instrument to influence waste management practices (including reducing waste to landfill) by increasing the price of landfill disposal. Some of the revenue generated by the levy supports waste-related programs that reduce waste to landfill. The waste levy was increased in 2024–25 to \$88 per tonne at putrescible landfills and \$133 per cubic metre at inert landfills, effective from 1 July 2025 (from \$85 and \$129 respectively) to maintain its value against inflation.

The department also published a five-year projection of the expected increases to the waste levy to offset inflation.



Levy evasion

In 2024–25 Waste Crime finalised a protracted investigation into levy avoidance. A brief of evidence was submitted to the State Solicitor’s Office and the matter is being heard in the Midland Magistrates Court. The department has also finalised a further three levy investigations with correspondence to the respective parties. An additional levy evasion matter was finalised with the corporation paying approximately \$250,000 in unpaid levy.

The department currently has three levy investigations underway. Levy investigations are often protracted in nature and require sustained effort and expertise to achieve successful outcomes.

The department undertook 100 levy inspections in 2024–25 to verify accuracy and compliance and continues to enhance its capability to identify potential cases of levy evasion.

Waste infrastructure planning

The [State waste infrastructure plan](#) was released in May 2024. The plan provides a high-level analysis of waste infrastructure needs for the state, with a focus on meeting 2030 waste strategy targets. It is a supporting document of the waste strategy and provides a basis on which several of the proposed actions of the draft waste strategy roadmap have been developed.





Review and update data collection and reporting systems to allow waste generation, recovery and disposal performance to be assessed in a timely manner.

Waste data strategy

The [Waste data strategy](#) is a key supporting document of the waste strategy. It guides the actions of the Waste Authority and the department to improve waste data management and meet the waste data needs of stakeholders. Actions progressed in 2024–25 included the collection, validation and auditing of data collected under the WARR Regulations and measurement and reporting against waste strategy targets.

Mandatory reporting of waste and recycling data

Under regulation 18C of the WARR Regulations, waste and recycling data must be reported to the department each year. In 2024, 256 annual returns were lodged. Data collected through the annual returns are published on the Waste Authority [website](#) annually. Data products published include a report, data downloads and interactive dashboards. Data is also published in the [Annual waste and recycling data reports](#).

E-waste service provider annual reporting

Under regulation 11 of the Waste Avoidance and Resource Recovery (e-waste) Regulations 2024, licensed e-waste service providers are required to report annual e-waste data to the department

each year. The first annual return for the 2024–25 reporting year is due by 1 October 2025. The department has developed an online reporting form in Waste Data Online to lodge the e-waste return.

E-waste data reporting requirements have been incorporated into existing local government and general recycler annual returns in Waste Data Online to minimise duplicative reporting requirements.

Commercial and industrial landfill audit

A comprehensive audit of C&I waste across the Perth metropolitan region has been undertaken to support the development of targeted waste avoidance and resource recovery strategies. The audit examined more than 400 waste loads and 800 individual garbage bags from five key waste facilities.

The audit will provide a detailed snapshot of the types and quantities of waste being sent to landfill by schools, restaurants, offices, businesses and major industries. The findings will help shape future policies and programs, by identifying priority areas for intervention, and support progress toward the targets outlined in Western Australia's waste strategy.



Visual audit of C&I waste



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Provide funding to promote the recovery of more value and resources from waste with an emphasis on focus materials.

Container deposit scheme

Western Australia's container deposit scheme, [Containers for Change](#), has been operating since 1 October 2020 and continues to reduce litter and increase recycling as well as create new business opportunities across the state. By the end of June 2025, more than 4.4 billion containers had been recovered for recycling and more than \$16.15 million donated to over 8,000 registered charities, schools and community groups.

The recycling rate for beverage containers has increased from 34 per cent before the scheme began to over 65 per cent in 2023–24. Significantly, Containers for Change has resulted in higher value recycling outcomes for beverage containers, with circular economy and climate action benefits. This is most evident in the outcomes for glass containers, with more than 38,000 tonnes of glass being sold to Orora Glass in South Australia for recycling into new glass bottles. In 2023–24 glass had the highest return rate of all material types with 80 per cent of glass containers being returned for recycling.

In 2025, the State Government made an election commitment to expand the container deposit scheme to include wine and spirit bottles.

The department has consulted widely with all stakeholders, including the beverage industry, and is working to minimise costs and reduce administrative burdens which will ultimately benefit consumers. Western Australia is working with all other states and territories to make it easier for beverage suppliers to participate across jurisdictions through a national portal.

The independent not-for-profit scheme coordinator, WA Return Recycle Renew Ltd (WARRRL), was appointed for a term of seven years which expires on 1 October 2027.



Action on single-use plastic

Western Australia continues to lead nationally in tackling plastic waste through its [Plan for Plastics](#), which bans 22 single-use and problematic plastic items. Introduced in response to strong community support, the plan provides a clear roadmap toward a plastic-free WA and supports a more sustainable and circular economy.

Since the plan began in 2021, WA has removed hundreds of millions of plastic items from circulation. These changes have been underpinned by a comprehensive communications campaign, including digital content, videos, and tailored support for businesses, community groups and culturally and linguistically diverse (CALD) audiences. The department responded to more than 1,000 stakeholder enquiries in 2024–25.

To assist the hospitality sector and local governments, the Boomerang Alliance, through the [WA Plastic Free Places](#) program, provided targeted support, including resources to promote reuse and compliant alternatives. Although the program concluded in December 2024, its online resources remain available.

The [Plastic Ban Solution Finder website](#) continues to help retailers identify compliant packaging options. Products are independently verified

by the Boomerang Alliance, helping prevent greenwashing and streamlining retail compliance.

A mine site reuse project, launched in January 2025 in partnership with the Boomerang Alliance, is investigating the use of reusable food and drink containers in WA's resources sector. More than 100 sites have been engaged, with findings showing many have successfully transitioned to reusable systems. New guidance will be developed to support broader uptake.

In December 2024, the department signed an MoU with the Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions to begin the Estuary Plastic Sampling Project. Sampling began in June 2025 in the Swan-Canning and Peel-Harvey estuaries. This project will help establish a baseline of plastic pollution to inform future policy decisions and evaluate the effectiveness of the Plan for Plastics.

The department has continued to work closely with other jurisdictions on national harmonisation of plastics regulation. Following endorsement

of the [National Roadmap: Harmonising action for problematic and unnecessary plastics](#) in December 2024, the department is progressing work to align state actions with national priorities across 24 key plastic items.

During 2024–25, the team worked with stakeholders to progress the ban on non-compostable plastic barrier bags. The department has published a design standard for certified compostable barrier bags and developed a suite of resources to help industry adapt.

The National Retail Association delivered targeted support to about 1,700 businesses, including 392 retailer visits across 55 precincts. This program supported CALD communities and high-risk sectors, and provided direct assistance to 55 WA-based suppliers.

The Plan for Plastics team was named a finalist in the 2024 IPAA WA Achievement Awards, nominated in the Organisational Excellence category.

Electronic waste

The e-waste ban came into effect on 1 July 2024 and aims to increase material recovery and manage e-waste responsibly. Electronic items banned from landfill include: screens; information technology and telecommunications; lighting and lamps; large appliances when used in a home, office or professional environment; batteries; temperature exchange equipment; and medical devices.

A statewide integrated media campaign ran from 7 July to 31 October 2024 across metropolitan and regional WA, encouraging the community to take their e-waste to a correct drop-off location. The campaign was designed as a sub campaign of the established GREAT Sort campaign and utilised the digital waste platform Recycle Right's 'Find Your Nearest' drop-off location function. It included statewide radio and streaming audio sites, YouTube videos, digital advertising (static ads), social media (Facebook and Instagram), shopping centre Shopalite panels (60 locations nationwide) and paid Google search. It was a broad-reaching campaign demonstrating easy-to-adopt disposal habits for common e-waste items included in Phase 1 of the ban.

To support entities to comply with the ban, a series of fact sheets and frequently asked questions were developed. E-waste exemption guidelines were also developed to assist entities who may find it difficult to comply with the regulations due to geographic remoteness, infrastructure constraints and/or generation of low volumes of e-waste. The department adopted an education-focused approach during the first year of the regulations, but expects businesses and public entities to demonstrate reasonable efforts to comply with the ban.





The department is investing in e-waste infrastructure projects through a series of competitive grant rounds. In November 2024, nearly \$5.4 million was awarded to 15 e-waste storage, collection and processing projects. These include major battery sorting and recycling facilities, equipment for recycling of plastic residues from solar panels and other e-waste, enhanced local government collection and storage capacity for e-waste, and test and tag equipment to enable e-waste reuse. These are expected to divert more than 8,000 tonnes of e-waste from landfill and create more than 80 jobs.

The 2024–25 infrastructure grant round builds on \$4.5 million in grants previously distributed to WA local governments, small businesses and not-for-profits, bringing the government’s total investment in e-waste recycling infrastructure to nearly \$10 million.



The department surveyed regional and remote local governments to better understand their e-waste needs and help with the costs associated with transporting e-waste for processing. In response to the findings, an E-waste Regional Transportation Support Program was established to provide interim funding in the form of a rebate to regional local governments to help with the cost of e-waste transportation. In 2024–25, total funding available was about \$766,000, yet despite repeated promotion of the program, uptake from local governments has been very limited, with 26 councils applying and about \$40,000 in rebates distributed.



Recycling modernisation, including waste export

Under the Recycling Modernisation Fund (RMF), the Australian and State governments are co-investing \$70 million to boost local recycling capacity in plastics, tyres, paper and card. Funding has been awarded to five plastics, seven tyre, and four paper and card projects. These support 386 jobs and process up to 378,850 tonnes of waste each year.

Three projects have been delivered and are operational. These projects are:



Tyrecycle East Rockingham

1. Tyrecycle’s new East Rockingham tyre recycling plant, which has the capacity to process 42,000 tonnes of tyres per year, from which it produces 7,000 tonnes of rubber crumb. The crumbed rubber will be integral to the construction of roads within Western Australia. The East Rockingham facility functions as a secondary processing plant to their Port Hedland operations which is focused entirely on processing Off-the-Road (OTR) tyres.
2. Elan Energy Matrix’s Welshpool tyre recycling facility, which has the capacity to process 15,000 tonnes of waste tyres per year. Tyres are being turned into products such as oil, carbon char and milled steel using thermal processing technology.
1. D & M Waste Management’s plastics recycling facility, which is now processing up to 2,500 tonnes of PET and HDPE every year, transforming it into high-quality pipe for various water management applications.

Other projects are at various stages of delivery and will be operational by June 2027.

Over the next 12 months, a further seven RMF infrastructure projects are scheduled to be completed and operational. These include three paper and card infrastructure upgrades to assist WA to meet the Commonwealth Waste Reduction (Export – Waste Paper and Cardboard) Rules, one new plastics infrastructure project to recycle various types of hard plastics and three tyre recycling infrastructure projects. Western Australia will soon have a state of the art, Australian first devulcanization plant and one of very few in the world to process Passenger, Truck, OTR tyres and conveyor belts.

The projects are accelerating Australia's transition to a safe circular economy so that when a product is no longer useful or required for its initial purpose, it is either reused, recycled or remanufactured.



Plastic recycling undertaken at the Remondis Plastic Recycling facility

Textiles

During the year, Waste Authority members and department staff undertook several site visits to organisations involved in textiles reuse and recycling to better understand their activities, issues and opportunities. Good Sammy, Paraquad Industries, World of E'Co, Thread Up Australia and Loop Upcycling all provided tours of their operations.



Teddys made at Loop Upcycling



Sorting textiles at Paraquad Industries



Paper and cardboard recycling at Veolia Recycling & Recovery

Other actions supporting the strategy

Charitable recycling organisations

The Charitable Recyclers Rebate program rebates the waste levy paid by charitable recyclers on unusable material left at their collection bins and store fronts. Charitable recycling organisations regularly need to dispose of materials that have been illegally dumped or cannot be recycled or reused. The program recognises that disposal may be the only option for some items and supports the continued efforts of charitable recycling organisations to divert waste from landfill.

Since 2016, \$2,941,980 has been reimbursed to charities for 42,303 tonnes of materials incurring the waste levy.

In 2024–25, there were 5,936 tonnes of waste from charitable recyclers going to landfill, with claims totalling \$483,469.

Claims are submitted on a quarterly basis, with five charitable recyclers participating in the program:

- Alinea Inc
- Good Sammy Enterprises
- RSPCA WA
- St Vincent De Paul Society (WA)
- The Salvation Army Salvos Stores.

The Waste Authority and the department maintain close contact with charitable recyclers, with staff regularly participating in the Charitable Reuse Australia WA member meetings. This supports a better understanding of the challenges the sector

faces and opportunities for reuse and waste minimisation through its operations, in parallel to the valuable social benefits these organisations achieve.

An independent evaluation of the Charitable Recyclers Rebate program in 2022–23 found the program was performing well and offered several recommendations for improvement and wider work with the charitable recycling sector. A number of these recommendations have been implemented, including campaign assets to reduce charity dumping for local governments and the charitable recycling sector and a 'Buy Nothing New Month' campaign to promote conscious consumption, encouraging people to buy second-hand from charities. These resources feature the 'Gifting' and 'Avoid' characters from the GREAT Sorts behaviour change campaign. WasteSorted grants have also been provided to promote positive donation behaviour.



Illegal dumping

The Waste Authority supports the compliance and enforcement work undertaken by the department relating to waste to ensure compliance with the waste-related provisions of the *Environmental Protection Act 1986* and the WARR Levy Regulations.

On conviction, illegal dumping offences under the *Environmental Protection Act 1986* carry a maximum penalty of \$125,000 for corporations and \$62,500 for individuals. The program is reviewed and evaluated annually in response to industry changes and social trends.



Illegal dumping offences carry a maximum penalty of \$150,000 for corporations

East Kimberley – engagement with Aboriginal communities

In 2024–25, the department undertook more than 150 audits of waste-related premises. The statewide inspections identified about 200 compliance issues requiring follow-up to ensure harm to the environment was prevented. In addition, the team undertook 100 levy inspections ensuring compliance with the WARR Levy Regulations.

The department undertook two proactive illegal dumping campaigns in the near-metro area north and south of the river, utilising covert and overt methodologies to prevent and detect illegal dumping. The partnership with Crimestoppers WA has been further attributed to the success of the campaign.

The department helped many local governments with camera packages and signage to support the prevention and detection of illegal dumping in their respective communities.

In 2024–25, 159 illegal dumping or littering files were allocated to Waste Crime for investigation. Eight prosecutions were instigated, and 42 infringements were issued. There were nine court outcomes recorded in 2024–25 with an average penalty of \$18,825. This figure includes a penalty of \$115,000 for one illegal dumping prosecution. The department currently has nine prosecutions proceeding through court or with the State Solicitor's Office for assessment.

Waste management services in many Aboriginal communities across Western Australia remain fragmented, under-resourced and poorly coordinated, leading to ongoing environmental and public health risks. As part of the review of the waste strategy, staff from the Circular Economy Directorate undertook a field trip to the East Kimberley in August 2024, accompanied by Jaru woman and consultant Vanessa Elliot.

The purpose of the field trip was to ensure that the new waste strategy is informed by the lived experiences of Aboriginal communities and that it aligns with broader government commitments, including Closing the Gap Target 9b. Target 9b focuses on ensuring access to essential services, including solid waste management, for all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander households by 2031.



DWER staff with Warlayirti Artists in Balgo-Wirrimanu Community

The field trip involved direct engagement with residents, Aboriginal corporations, local governments, and service providers in Kununurra, Wyndham, Warmun, Halls Creek and Balgo. These conversations revealed consistent challenges, including:

- inadequate or ageing infrastructure
- legacy waste problems
- limited resources and funding for local waste services
- landfill safety concerns
- few local employment opportunities in the waste sector
- disconnects between policy and on-the-ground realities.

Insights from the trip have directly shaped the new strategy and its implementation roadmap, helping to ensure future waste initiatives reflect the realities, strengths, and aspirations of regional and Aboriginal communities.



DWER staff visit the Balgo-Wirrimanu Community

Energy recovery

Western Australia's energy recovery facilities represent a significant advancement in the state's waste management system and supports the waste strategy's targets.

Positioned just above landfill on the waste hierarchy, energy recovery is a preferable option for managing residual waste. Residual waste is waste that cannot feasibly be reused, reprocessed, or recycled after best-practice separation and recovery efforts, and would normally end up in landfill.

While these facilities play an important role, they are not a replacement for waste avoidance and recycling. Waste avoidance remains the highest priority, and energy recovery should only be used for genuine residual waste. The Waste Authority is committed to working with key stakeholders to promote good waste sorting behaviour that prioritises avoidance and recovery, to ensure the general waste bin remains the least preferable option. Energy recovery facilities operate most efficiently when organic and hazardous materials are kept out of general waste.

The Waste Authority understands the importance of consistent and clear messaging, and that energy recovery facilities don't change the need for households to sort their waste correctly. A workshop was convened with key stakeholders to formulate and agree on key messaging for local governments and community groups to use to encourage households to reduce waste and continue good sorting practices.

National and cross-jurisdictional work

The department participates in national forums across the environment portfolio such as the Environment Ministers Meeting (EMM) and Senior Officers Group, Heads of EPA (HEPA), the National Circular Economy Framework and other inter-jurisdictional groups. This engagement is vital to ensure Western Australia's voice is heard on national waste and circular economy issues and to support, and participate in, national solutions where they are appropriate and meaningful for the Western Australian context.

Participation involves the preparation of briefing papers and support materials based on local research, desktop studies and industry consultation. These forums can also generate specific actions that are often delegated to one state or territory to progress and report back.

In 2024–25 Western Australia led an EMM-initiated action to accelerate consideration of product stewardship for end-of-life tyres and related products in Australia.

Western Australia also provided a financial contribution to work initiated through HEPA, led by New South Wales, on investigating alignment of container approval application processes through a single point of entry for beverage manufacturers/suppliers; and to work led by Victoria on a guideline for safe management of end-of-life lithium batteries.

Lithium battery fires

The rapid proliferation of lithium-ion batteries in consumer goods presents a critical threat to the waste and resource recovery sector. When incorrectly placed in kerbside bins, these batteries are often crushed, triggering intense fires in collection trucks and facilities.

These incidents pollute, create a grave and direct risk to worker safety, cause catastrophic damage to essential infrastructure, and jeopardise the viability of recycling operations across Western Australia. Addressing this growing hazard is a key priority for the Authority.

More than \$6 million has already been invested, for example, through the E-Waste Infrastructure Grants and the 'Never bin a battery' campaign. The campaign has been amplified by local governments and WALGA. Opportunities for further action are being considered.



Workers told of their first-hand experience of fires in waste facilities in the Never bin a battery campaign



Repair cafes help residents to repair clothes and other household items, preventing them from going to landfill

Summary of expenditure

The business plan 2024–25 focused on the actions and activities under each of the eight headline strategies that are funded through the WARR Account. Table 5 summarises project budgets and actual expenditure. Some variation between the planned budget and the final expenditure is inevitable given factors including the cost of services and changing State Government priorities. Where variations occurred, they were approved by either the Chair of the Waste Authority or the Minister for the Environment as required under the business plan 2024–25. Eighty-one per cent of the budget was expended.

Table 5 – Project budgets and actual expenditure

Project actions	Operational Budget 2024–25 \$	Approved by the Minister – June 2025 \$	Operational Receipts & Payments – YTD \$	% Actual v Forecast %
Restricted Cash Balance as at 1 July 2024			41,351,582	
Receipts				
Total	24,201,000		26,266,235	109%
WARR Account Landfill Levy Revenue	23,750,000		23,750,000	100%
Interest and Miscellaneous Revenue	451,000		2,025,936	449%
Grant refund	0		490,299	0%
Payments				
Led or directly funded programs by the Waste Authority				
Headline strategy 1 – Statewide communications and consistent messaging				
1.1 Behaviour change and consistent communications	1,210,000	1,210,000	1,651,042	136.4%
1.1.1 WasteSorted Bin-Tagging	120,141	120,141	120,000	99.9%
1.1.2 WasteSorted Grants-community education	175,000	255,000	254,970	145.7%
1.1.3 WasteSorted Schools	550,000	550,000	546,423	99.3%

Project actions	Operational Budget 2024–25 \$	Approved by the Minister – June 2025 \$	Operational Receipts & Payments – YTD \$	% Actual v Forecast %
1.1.4 WasteSorted Awards	150,000	150,000	150,800	100.5%
1.1.5 Promotional opportunities	60,000	60,000	48,816	81.4%
1.1.6 KABC litter strategy	984,859	984,859	984,859	100.0%
1.1.7 Development of digital tools to support waste sorting behaviours	450,000	450,000	238,550	53.0%
1.1.8 Waste Authority website update	40,000	40,000	11,000	27.5%
1.1.9 National Food Waste Avoidance campaign cocontribution	50,000	5,000	36,444	72.9%
1.2 Provide guidance and support to the HHW program	2,025,000	2,025,000	2,017,563	99.6%
Headline strategy 2 – Consistent three-bin kerbside collection system, including separation of FOGO				
2.1 Progress market development	70,000	70,000	2,933	4.2%
2.3.1 Better Bins Plus GO FOGO	2,200,000	1,900,000	1,828,826	83.1%
2.4.1 Food Waste for Healthy Soils funding (State contribution only)	3,000,000	500,00	0	0.0%
2.4.2 WasteSorted grants – Infrastructure – Organics processing	1,250,000	2,814,500	1,006,925	80.06%
2.5 Annual update of organics flows and fates data	50,000	0	0	0.0%
Headline strategy 3 – Sustainable government procurement				
3.1.1 Roads to Reuse Program	100,000	150,000	53,285	53%
3.1.2 Recycled sand specifications and testing	115,000	100,00	93,021	81%
Headline strategy 5 – Waste Levy				
5.1 Waste legislation support	50,000	34,500	15,150	30%
Headline strategy 6 – Strategic review of WA's waste infrasture (including landfills)				
6.2 Perth Landfill Capacity analysis	0	100,000	90,747	91%
6.3 Investigate the current liquid waste management capabilities of WA	0	70,000	38,115	54%



Project actions	Operational Budget 2024–25 \$	Approved by the Minister – June 2025 \$	Operational Receipts & Payments – YTD \$	% Actual v Forecast %
Headline strategy 7 – Data collection and reporting systems				
7.3.1 Improve waste data	180,000	180,000	217,630	120.9%
7.3.2 Commercial and Industrial (C&I) waste audit	250,000	250,000	0	0.0%
Headline strategy 8 – Recovery of more value and resources from waste				
8.2 Provide governance support to Containers for Change	75,000	75,000	57,883	77%
8.3 Participate in national and cross-jurisdictional waste policy and program initiatives and decision-making processes	100,000	140,000	56,192	56%
8.4.2 Support for emerging and priority waste streams (Plan for Plastics)	700,000	768,000	752,653	108%
8.4.4 Grant management software	20,000	0	0	0%
8.6.5 Implement Charitable Recyclers waste levy rebate	405,000	405,000	483,469	119%
8.6.1 NEW PROJECT – research project – monitoring the use of delithiated beta spodumene in road projects	0	260,000	0	0%
8.6.2 NEW PROJECT – Supporting development of markets for recovered materials	0	250,000	0	0%
Other actions supporting the waste strategy				
C&E Operational Costs	200,000	200,000	200,879	100%
WARR and Waste Authority misc costs	100,000	100,000	137,367	137%
Waste strategy review	300,000	160,000	83,448	28%
Sub total	14,980,000	14,422,000	11,178,7988	75%
Services and functions funded under Section 16 and Section 80 of the WARR Act and covered in the SLA. Corporate overheads:				
Waste policy & program design, dev & mgmt	4,268,757	4,268,757	3,917,741	92%
Administration and overheads	1,268,398	1,268,398	1,268,475	100%
Strategy and Engagement (comm and exec)	449,058	449,058	449,029	100%

Project actions	Operational Budget 2024–25 \$	Approved by the Minister – June 2025 \$	Operational Receipts & Payments – YTD \$	% Actual v Forecast %
Director General support	52,709	52,709	52,706	100%
Strategic policy	642,553	642,553	642,553	100%
Waste Operations C&E	1,769,339	1,769,339	1,769,340	100%
Waste Authority Support	569,186	569,186	561,304	99%
Sub total	9,020,000	9,020,000	8,661,148	96.0%
Total WARR Budget and Program payments				
	24,000,000	23,442,000	19,840,136	83%
Budget brought forward from 2023/24				
	1,250,000	1,250,000	0	0%
Sub total	25,250,000	24,692,000	19,840,136	79.0%
Recovered	4,862,000		1,682,692	35%
Materials and Waste Reform	1,088,459		597,247	55%
Container Deposit	510,186		488,649	96%
Scheme costs	6,460,645		2,768,588	43%
Total budget and Program payments	31,710,645	24,692,000	22,608,0723	71.0%
Restricted Cash Balance as at 30 June 2025			45,009,093	

Program evaluations

The Waste Authority’s evaluation framework provides a methodology to assess the effectiveness and efficiency of various waste programs. All programs are regularly monitored. An independent evaluation of at least one funded program per year is undertaken to understand the extent to which it supports progress towards the waste strategy targets and to inform planning of future actions.

During the year evaluations of the WasteSorted communications toolkit and GREAT Sort campaign, Keep Australia Beautiful Council (KABC) litter program, and Better Bins Plus: Go FOGO were completed.

The Better Bins Plus: Go FOGO program evaluation noted the program’s benefits in supporting FOGO collections. Recommendations included increased emphasis on processing and market development to ensure availability to support growing collection, and support for behaviour change mechanisms (such as the GREAT Sort campaigns) to promote correct sorting behaviours and drive down contamination rates in commingled and FOGO collections.

The KABC program evaluation highlighted the program’s considerable benefits in helping to prevent litter across WA communities and promote sustainable and pro environmental outcomes. Recommendations were made to improve the efficiency of program delivery, and develop a longer-term evidence-based behaviour change communications strategy which tackles littering behaviours.

WasteSorted and GREAT Sorts program evaluation was initiated, with the final review to be delivered by the end of June 2025.

Findings of these and previous evaluations are used to improve the delivery of the programs.

The Waste Authority’s Program Risk and Performance Committee has oversight of a register of evaluation recommendations and actions in response to track progress.

Evaluations in 2025–26 will be the Roads to Reuse program and Plan for Plastics.

Changes in written law

In 2023, the State Government resolved to begin indexing the waste levy to retain the value of the levy after inflation. To inform industry, the department published the anticipated rate changes over the next five years to adjust for inflation. This will be updated periodically.

Waste levy

The Waste Avoidance and Resource Recovery Levy Amendment Regulations 2025 were published on 28 May 2025. These regulations increase the waste levy to \$88 per tonne from 1 July 2025 to maintain the levy rate in line with inflation.

E-waste

The Waste Avoidance and Resource Recovery (e-waste) Regulations 2024 came into effect on 1 July 2024, fulfilling a State Government election commitment. The regulations ban the disposal of e-waste to landfill, helping Western Australia move towards its goal of becoming a low-waste, circular economy.

The e-waste to landfill ban in Western Australia complements national product stewardship schemes that manage pathways for the recovery of many e-waste items, supports local e-waste industries and focuses on recovering high-value materials such as metals.

Incorporating consultation and experience from similar bans in South Australia and Victoria, the Western Australian legislative scope focuses on regulating business and public entities in collection networks and waste management. The ban encourages best-practice sorting (separation at source) by community members and supports collection networks and waste management in their communities.



Emmanuel Catholic College Containers 4 Change competition

Phase 1 of the ban started on 1 July 2024 and includes items with existing national product stewardship schemes, or with material recovery pathways available as an alternative to landfill, such as:

- screens, information technology and telecommunications
- lighting and lamps
- large appliances when used in a home, office or professional environment
- batteries excluding embedded batteries
- temperature exchange equipment when used in a home, office or professional environment
- medical devices (large).

The State Government's actions to support implementation of the ban include financial incentives (grants) for collection, storage and processing infrastructure; and community education and behaviour change programs through advertising and resources to complement the Great Sort campaign.

Single-use plastics

Stage 2 of WA's Plan for Plastics came into effect on 24 February 2023 via the Environmental Protection (Prohibited Plastics and Balloons) Regulations 2018. Stage 2 includes a second set of single-use or disposable plastic items and materials being phased out between 1 September 2023 and 1 July 2025. The Stage 2 regulations ban the sale and supply of:

- loose and moulded expanded plastic packaging
- degradable plastics (plastics designed to break up more rapidly into fragments under certain conditions)
- produce bags
- expanded polystyrene cups and food trays for raw meat and seafood
- coffee cups and lids
- lids for cups, bowls, trays, plates and takeaway food containers
- trays for food not covered in the Stage 1 ban
- cotton buds with plastic stems
- microbeads.

In accordance with these regulations, takeaway food containers were banned on 1 September 2024.

Disclosures and legal compliance

Processes are in place within the department to monitor and audit the financial performance of the WARR Account, as required under section 81 of the WARR Act and in accordance with the *Financial Management Act 2006*.

The management of the WARR Account is regarded as a department service for the purposes of sections 52 and 53 of the *Financial Management Act 2006*. Accordingly, the relevant financial information is contained within the department's annual report.

Ministerial directives

Under the WARR Act, the Minister for the Environment may give written directions to the Waste Authority, either generally or in relation to particular matters. The Waste Authority did not receive any Ministerial directions during 2024–25.

Table 6 – Remuneration

Position	Name	Type of remuneration	Period of membership	Normal wages and salaries (\$)	Superannuation (WSS GESB and Super Choice) (\$)	Gross/actual remuneration* (\$)
Chair	Elizabeth Carr AM	Sitting fees	1 July 2024 – 30 June 2025	53,191	6,117	59,308
Deputy Chair	Lee Broomhall	Sitting fees	1 July 2024 – 30 June 2025	34,574	3,976	38,550
Member	Kelly Howlett AM	Sitting fees	1 July 2024 – 30 June 2025	29,254	3,364	32,618
Member	Josh Byrne AM	Sitting fees	1 July 2024 – 30 June 2025	29,254	3,364	32,618
Member	Tim Youé	Sitting fees	1 July 2024 – 30 June 2025	28,129	3,235	31,364
Member	Tim Youé	Sitting fees	1 July 2023 – 30 June 2024 (paid in 2024/25)	10,569	1,215	11,784
Grand total				184,971	21,271	206,243

* Includes superannuation

Pricing policies of services provided

Not applicable. The Waste Authority does not apply fees or charges for goods or services.

Employment and industrial relations

Not applicable. The Waste Authority is not an employing authority and does not employ staff.

Sitting fees

Remuneration of the Waste Authority members is determined by the Governor of Western Australia, on recommendation of the Public Sector Commissioner, in accordance with the *Public Sector Management Act 1994*. Annual remuneration for 2024–25 is outlined in Table 6.

Director and officer liability insurance

Waste Authority members are covered under the department’s RiskCover insurance arrangements.

Other legal requirements

Expenditure on advertising, market research, polling and direct mail

Table 7 – Expenditure

Expenditure	Program	Organisation	Total (\$)
Advertising – all medium	GREAT Sort Campaign	Carat Australia	1,191,447
	Promote WasteSorted activities	Facebook	47,272
	WasteSorted and Waste Authority promotions	Google	22,195
	Plan for Plastics	LinkedIn	15,289
	Retailers and suppliers engagement and education program	National Retail	313,739
	National Recycling Week	Carat Australia	20,000
	National Recycling Week	Facebook	32,409
	Plan for Plastics	Google	32,313
	Job advertisement	Initiative Media	619
Total advertising expenditure			1,675,283

Disability access and inclusion plan

The Waste Authority is covered by the department’s five-year [disability access and inclusion plan](#).

Compliance with public sector standards and ethical codes

The Waste Authority’s code of conduct aligns with the Western Australian Public Sector Commission’s code of ethics and has been developed in accordance with principles of conduct outlined in section 9 of the *Public Sector Management Act 1994*; Commissioner’s Instruction 40: *Ethical Foundations* and by meeting standards set for conduct and integrity.

The Waste Authority’s code of conduct and conflict of interest policy is consistent with the Public Sector Commission’s *Integrity strategy for WA public authorities 2024–28* and the department’s *Integrity framework 2023–25*.

Waste Authority members participated in an induction session in September 2022 and signed their refreshed code of conduct and conflict of interest policy for the duration of their membership terms; and in doing so, committed to act with honesty and integrity at all times.

Members are aware of their legal and ethical responsibilities in carrying out official duties and understand the values, principles and standards of behaviour expected.

Recordkeeping plan

The Waste Authority complied with the *State Records Act 2000* through adherence to the department’s recordkeeping plan.

In accordance with our code of conduct, the Waste Authority ensured that official information remained confidential, and records of decisions and all other documentation were securely retained.

After a one-year trial of Diligent Boards in 2023–24, a secure online platform for managing Waste Authority board meeting papers, a review in 2024 deemed the platform suitable for ongoing use.

Minutes of Waste Authority meetings were circulated to members with meeting agenda papers. Confirmed minutes are provided to the Minister for the Environment.



Government policy requirements

Occupational safety, health and injury management

Waste Authority staff comply with the department’s three-tier occupational safety and health (OSH) system. Details on the department’s OSH regulations are available in its 2024–25 annual report.

Governance disclosures

The Waste Authority’s corporate governance arrangements ensure transparency in decision making and operation, as well as accountability to stakeholders. No disclosures of potential conflicts of interest were made by members of the Waste Authority during 2024–25.

Waste Authority members include a standing disclosure of interests listing in all meeting papers circulated, including memberships held.

In accordance with our governance charter, the Waste Authority maintains registers for decisions, disclosures of interest and contact with lobbyists.

Ethics and integrity

The Waste Authority refreshed its governance charter in October 2023. Its code of conduct and conflict of interest policy were reviewed in 2022, with new versions of these documents signed for the current four- and five-year membership terms.

The department regularly updates and shares resources with the Waste Authority on corporate integrity matters, including the conduct of its integrity framework, agency capability review and reform roadmap. Members participate in various refresher online training modules, including accountable and ethical decision-making and cultural awareness.

The Waste Authority participated in the annual Public Sector Commission integrity and conduct survey during the year.

Procurement practices followed the State Government’s guidelines and procurement practices.

Unauthorised use of credit cards

Not applicable. Waste Authority members do not hold corporate credit cards.

Meetings

The Waste Authority held three ordinary meetings as well as a special online meeting, and a joint meeting with PRPC during 2024–25.

Table 8 – Members’ meeting attendance

Member	Meetings			
	WAuth Ordinary	WAuth Special online	Joint WAuth/PRPC (Annual Planning Day)	PRPC
Elizabeth Carr AM	3	1	1	4
Lee Broomhall	3	1	1	N/A
Kelly Howlett AM	3	1	1	N/A
Josh Byrne AM	3	1	1	N/A
Tim Youé	3	1	1	N/A

During the year, the Waste Authority held a joint planning session with the Program Risk and Performance Committee (PRPC) to reflect on activities of the past year and plan for the year ahead. This included discussions about potential new waste strategy roadmap actions and priorities.

The Waste Authority also held one special online meeting during the year to consider the draft 2025–26 business plan and budget.

The PRPC met four times during the year. Consistent with its terms of reference, the PRPC provides oversight and guidance to the Waste Authority on matters including risk management, program evaluation and performance and financial reporting.

Waste Authority publications

During 2024–25 the Waste Authority published:

- [Waste and recycling in Western Australia 2022–23](#)
- [Waste and recycling snapshot 2022–23](#)
- [Waste Authority annual report 2023–24](#)
- [Waste Authority business and action plan 2024–25](#)
- [Household hazardous waste annual report 2023–24](#)
- GREAT Sort behaviour change materials including
 - GREAT Sort – E-waste local government toolkit including email signature, digital banners, out-of-home advertising, posters, social, truck decals and videos
 - Buy Nothing New campaign toolkit
 - National Recycling Week – GREAT Sort digital banners and social media tiles
 - Updates to the ‘Never bin a battery’ campaign, including two battery fire videos
 - GREAT Sort Christmas campaign
 - Compost in May resources
- WasteSorted toolkit resources including:
 - Multi-unit development resources including flyers, resident information brochure, caddy liner template, bin lid stickers
- *Office-based waste sorting stickers – FOGO, GO and two-bin*
- *Truck decals including messages on gifting to charity, taking e-waste to the right place and ‘Never bin a battery’.*
- *Investigation to support Better Practice Kerbside Collection (2025) – Rawtec report*
- *Better practice guidance: pathways to maximising the FOGO system*
- *WasteSorted Schools*
 - *Food waste curriculum*
 - *Closing the Loop on Organics game*
 - *WSS 2022 date/accreditation report*
 - *WSS 2023 date/accreditation report*
 - *Recycling in the Kimberley, Containers for Change resource*
 - *School stories x 3*
 - *Waste Station factsheet*
 - *Updates to Green Canteen factsheet, Single Use factsheet, WasteSorted Schools bin signage*
 - *Student Meet video*
 - *Containers for Change updated webinar*
 - *WSS term newsletter x 4*



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