



Item No: 2.11
Title: Amendments to Waste Guidance for Development
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Recommendation

That Council:

- 1 *Publicly exhibit draft DA Guidelines for Resource and Waste Management Planning (Attachment 1) and proposed amendments to Chapter 2.14 Site Waste Management of the Central Coast Development Control Plan 2022 (Attachment 2) for not less than 28 days.***
- 2 *Consider a further report following the public exhibition period.***
- 3 *Once the DA Guidelines for Resource and Waste Management Planning are adopted by Council, delegate authority to the CEO to make minor amendments to both documents.***

Report purpose

To seek community feedback on proposed *DA Guidelines for Resource and Waste Management Planning* (Waste Guidelines) and associated amendments to *Central Coast Development Control Plan 2022* (CCDCP 2022) Chapter 2.14 Site Waste Management to ensure the updated Waste Guidelines are considered during development assessment.

Executive Summary

Council is in the process of updating the Waste Guidelines. The draft Waste Guidelines reflect the current changes to legislation and both Council and NSW Government waste strategies. The new Waste Guidelines have been developed to take a less prescriptive and more proactive outcome and solution-based approach to improving waste and resource recovery outcomes in new developments. The new Waste Guidelines, once adopted, will replace Council's current *Waste Control Guidelines*.

To give effect to the proposed Waste Guidelines there needs to be a change to Chapter 2.14 Site Waste Management in the CCDCP 2022.

It is proposed to seek community feedback on both the draft Waste Guidelines and proposed amendments to CCDCP 2022.

Background

Council's current *Waste Control Guidelines* are a combination of historical approaches and guidelines from both the former Gosford City Council and Wyong Shire Council. In 2022 Council began the extensive process of reviewing the approach and outcomes relating to waste control and management within the DA process. The outcome is the draft Waste Guidelines, which have been developed in consultation with relevant Council staff and the development industry and with due regard to new NSW and local strategies, industry best practice and include input from, and the practices of, other similarly sized councils.

Report

Concurrently with exhibition of the draft Waste Guidelines, it is proposed to exhibit the corresponding amended chapter in the CCDCP 2022 to reflect the terminology and processes contained in the Waste Guidelines.

Chapter 2.14 Site Waste Management applies to all categories of development and provides Council's requirements for the management of waste including waste minimisation, storage, handling, recycling, and disposal via reference to the proposed Waste Guidelines. The draft Waste Guidelines cover all stages of development including clearing, demolition, site preparation, subdivision, construction, and long-term operation/on-going use.

The amended draft Chapter 2.14 of CCDCP 2022 and the associated draft Waste Guidelines have been prepared having regard to the provisions of the *Waste Avoidance and Resource Recovery Act, 2001* and the *Protection of the Environment Operations Act, 1997*.

The proposed DCP Chapter requires a Resource and Waste Management Plan (RWMP) to be submitted and approved as part of a development application for new development. In the RWMP, the applicant must demonstrate that each of the following four outcomes can be satisfied, as outlined in the draft Waste Guidelines:

- Create safety
- Protect amenity
- Deliver efficiency
- Build a circular economy.

Each development stage (i.e. site preparation, construction, occupancy) requires a different approach and solution to resource and waste management, thus each stage requires a separate RWMP to be prepared.

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As the Waste Guidelines are required to be reviewed more regularly to ensure compliance with legislation changes and best practice, it is proposed to allow for future minor amendments to the Waste Guidelines (following adoption by Council) to be endorsed by Council's CEO.

Consultation

The draft Waste Guidelines were prepared in consultation with the following internal sections of Council:

- Waste and Resource Recovery
- Development Advisory Services
- Employment and Urban Release
- Development Engineering
- Engineering Certification
- Residential Assessments
- Building Assessment and Certification
- Architectural Design
- Building Surveyors
- Strategic Planning

The draft Waste Guidelines were also prepared in consultation with the following external stakeholders:

- Council's waste collections contractor
- Several local architects and consultants involved in preparing waste management plans and development applications.
- Several large NSW Councils

The draft CCDCP 2022 Chapter 2.14 and draft Waste Guidelines will be placed on public consultation for a period of not less than 28 days. Feedback received during the public consultation will be considered by Council prior to finalisation.

Financial Considerations

At its meeting held 19 October 2020, Council resolved the following:

- 1108/20 That any motions put before Council for the remainder of this term of Council that have financial implications require the Chief Executive Officer to provide a report on how those additional costs will be met.*

The following statement is provided in response to this resolution of Council.

Adoption of the staff recommendation has no direct bottom-line budget implications for Council.

Link to Community Strategic Plan

Theme 3: Green

Goal E: Environmental resources for the future

G-E3: Reduce littering, minimise waste to landfill and educate to strengthen positive environmental behaviours.

Risk Management

There are no material risks identified to the natural or built environment associated with the proposed amendment to Council's waste guidance for development.

Options

- 1 Support the recommendation as the proposed amendments to Council's waste guidance for development has strategic merit in that it will apply improved practice to the consideration of waste in the development assessment process.
This is the recommended option.
- 2 Retain the existing waste guidance for developers (not recommended).

Conclusion

The proposed amendments to waste guidance for development has strategic merit in that the proposed changes will apply more contemporary practices to the management of waste as part of the development assessment process.

Attachments

1	Draft DA Guidelines for Resource and Waste Planning	Provided Under Separate Cover	D15856826
2	Draft DCP Chapter 2.14 Site Waste Management	Provided Under Separate Cover	D15788593
3	Current DCP Chapter 2.14 Site Waste Management	Provided Under Separate Cover	D15783565
4	Current Waste Control Guidelines	Provided Under Separate Cover	D15856294