

Waste Management Advisory Group

TERMS OF REFERENCE

Introduction

In April 2001 Council resolved that a committee be formed to provide expert advice on waste management issues in Broome. There was a call for expressions of interest and the Waste Management Advisory Committee was formed.

Past members of this committee comprised of Shire of Broome Councillors, Manager of Health Services, Shire's Environmental Health Officer, a representative from the Water Corporation and other stakeholders within the community of Broome who had an interest in the environment and waste management.

The main role of this committee was to assess Broome's Waste Management Strategy and make recommendations to Council through the Community Services Committee. This included the development of the Waste Management Operational Plan and the implementation of the Refuse Collection and Recycling Contract.

Background

Previously, the Waste Management Advisory Committee operated in accordance with Shire Policy 1.1.7 - Advisory Committees. However, due to a review of the operation of committees, this Waste Management Advisory Committee has now become the Waste Management Advisory Group.

Current waste management practices in Broome encompass kerbside refuse and recycling collection and disposal, recycling programs, domestic and commercial waste disposal, management of the Broome Waste Facility including above ground landfill management, education and promotion.

Waste Management Legislative Requirements

The vision of the Western Australian Government is to achieve zero waste to landfill by 2020. The Government's intention is to deliver new Waste Legislation into Parliament to consolidate and improve the legislative framework for waste in this State. To this end, the State Government has developed its *Waste Avoidance and Resource Recovery Bill 2006* (The WARR Bill).

The Bill proposes:

- **To establish an independent statutory waste authority responsible for waste strategic policy and planning, and administer the funds raised through the collection of the landfill levy.**
- **To allow for the Department of Environment and Conservation to manage regulation, compliance and enforcement issues relating to waste.**
- **To create the head-powers for implementation of extended producer responsibility and product stewardship schemes,**

- To consolidate waste provisions currently in other legislation, such as the *Health Act 1911*.

Other key legislation encompassing Waste Management Practices are as follows:

- *Environmental Protection Act 1986*.
 - The Landfill Waste Classification and Waste Definitions 1996. This document provides guidance and criteria to be applied in determining the classification of wastes for acceptance to landfills licensed in Western Australia in accordance with Part V of the *Environmental Protection Act 1986*.
 - The Broome Waste Management Landfill Licence is issued under this Act.
- *Environmental Protection (Landfill) Levy Act 1998* (To be replaced by the proposed *Waste Avoidance and Resource Recovery Levy Bill 2005*).
- *Environmental Protection Amendment Regulations 2006*

Waste Management strategies implemented throughout Broome will need to be consistent with this State approach and will provide the focus for the Waste Management Advisory Group.

Objectives of Group

To advise Council on the strategic direction of waste management within the Shire of Broome.

To advise Council on legislative requirements that impact on environmental, planning and engineering issues of waste management operations and facilities.

To advise on consultation with relevant government and private stakeholders, service providers, indigenous interests and the community as appropriate.

The group will provide advice on strategic issues such as:

- The option to put the operations of the Broome Waste Management Facility to tender.
- Environmental, planning and engineering issues of waste management operations and facilities.
- Waste Management Facility Operational Plan review detailing a long-term plan for the Broome Waste Management Facility, including relocation of the facility and regeneration of the site.
- Green waste disposal.
- Financial and political waste management issues facing local government.
- Implementation of future legislative requirements such as container deposit legislation and extended producer responsibility.
- New recycling programs and initiatives.
- Zero Waste Plans.
- Waste disposal options for the building and mining industry.
- **Municipal waste services to Indigenous Communities**

- **Funding options.**

The daily operational waste management issues will be the responsibility of the Manager Health Services.

The objectives of this Group encompass the following strategies of the Broome Plan for the Future 2007 – 2012:

People

Effectively engage with our community by encouraging participation and providing information.

Place

Engage with the community and other agencies to provide land use planning that protects and enhances the natural and built environment to support a quality lifestyle and local economy.

Ensure the Shire's infrastructure and assets are strategically planned and managed.

Prosperity

Build the Shire's organisational capacity to service the needs of a growing community.

Support business and economic development.

Partner with other agencies to ensure affordable and equitable services and infrastructure.

Definitions

WMAG Waste Management Advisory Group

GROUP OPERATION

Name

The Name of the Group shall be the WASTE MANAGEMENT ADVISORY GROUP (WMAG).

Membership

The Group shall consist of the following members:

- Three Shire of Broome Councillors with one being the Chairperson.
- The Director Development Services from the Shire of Broome.

- The Manager Health Services from the Shire of Broome.
- The Manager Operations from the Shire of Broome.
- Two Government Representatives.
- Three Community Representatives (appointed by the Council from nominations).

Where appropriate the Council of the Shire of Broome shall appoint members to the group from nominations submitted to the Council.

Where such a person is appointed by the Council to the group, the person shall remain a member until such a time as:

- The person resigns from membership of the Group.
- The Group is disbanded.
- The Council removed the person from the Group by resolution of the Council.

Ex-officio Members

The following individual shall be ex-officio members of the Group:

- Shire of Broome Environmental Health Officer

Observers

The following may attend meetings in the capacity of observers:

- Shire of Broome Councillors
- The Chief Executive Officer and Directors of the Shire of Broome.