

# Concession of Disposal Fees for Charity Bin Waste Policy

Local Government Act 2009

## 1. Policy Statement

Townsville City Council (Council) will waive the fees associated with disposal of waste from charity bins for charitable organisations that operate a charity bin service to raise funds for a charitable purpose.

## 2. Principles

Many charitable organisations in the Townsville local government area operate charity bins to encourage donations of quality or used items which are collected for the purpose of resale in retail outlets to raise funds for charitable purposes. In operating charity bins, these organisations are often burdened by the costs of disposing of illegally dumped, unusable waste items deposited at charity bins. Council is committed to supporting charitable organisations, whose charitable operations enhance community wellbeing and opportunity, by providing a waiver of waste disposal fees at council-operated waste disposal sites for waste from charity bins.

## 3. Scope

This policy applies to Council workers and to charitable organisations who dispose of charity bin waste at Council-operated waste disposal sites.

## 4. Responsibility

Managers are responsible for ensuring this policy is understood and adhered to by all workers.

The General Manager Resource Recovery, or a delegate, is responsible for approving waivers under this policy.

## 5. Definitions

**Charitable Organisation** - means an organisation that has deductible gift recipient status under Australian law, and that operates a charity bin service within Townsville.

**Charity Bin** - means a bin provided as part of a charity bin service.

**Charity Bin Service** - means the provision of bins which are owned and operated by a charitable organisation to collect donations of quality or used items for the purpose of resale in retail outlets to raise funds for the charitable purposes of the organisation.

**Charity Bin Waste** - means item/s deposited at a charity bin by members of the public which are not usable by the charitable organisation for resale in outlets because of the item's condition, nature, state or appearance. Charity bin waste does not include waste generated by a charitable organisation through its domestic or commercial operations.

**Manager** - an individual responsible for overseeing and coordinating specific functions, departments, teams or projects within Townsville City Council.

**Workers** - includes employees, contractors, volunteers and all others who perform work on behalf of Council.

## 6. Policy

### 6.1. Waiver of Waste Disposal Fees

Upon application made in advance, Council will agree to provide a waiver of Council waste disposal fees associated with the disposal of charity bin waste to charitable organisations who the Council is satisfied meet the eligibility requirements set out in this policy.

Charitable organisations are required to provide a copy of their landfill waste levy exemption letter (issued by the Queensland Government) along with their application.

If a charitable organisation is successful in applying for a waiver of waste disposal fees under this policy, Council's Resource Recovery Team will issue a Certificate of Waiver to the organisation.

### 6.2. Charity Bin Waste

A waiver of waste disposal fees under this policy is only applicable to the disposal of charity bin waste.

On each attendance at a waste disposal site where a charitable organisation wishes to redeem a waiver of waste disposal fees under this policy, the waste load is subject to inspection by a Resource Recovery representative or representatives to determine whether the waste being disposed of meets the definition of charity bin waste. If, at the time of inspection, Resource Recovery determines that a particular load of waste does not meet the definition of charity bin waste, Resource Recovery may refuse to apply the waiver to the disposal.

In order for the waiver to be applied to a particular delivery of charity bin waste to a waste disposal site, the charity bin waste must not be mixed with other wastes.

### 6.3. Conditions of Disposal

To redeem a waiver of waste disposal fees granted under this policy, the charitable organisation must:

- i. provide a copy of the Certificate of Waiver on each attendance at a waste disposal site to dispose of charity bin waste; and
- ii. deliver the charity bin waste to a waste disposal site in a vehicle of a registration number notified to Resource Recovery at the application stage.

## 6.4. Expiry/Cancellation of Waiver

A Certificate of Waiver will continue until it is withdrawn by Council (which Council may do at its absolute discretion upon 30 days' notice) or immediately that the organisation ceases to be a charitable organisation under this policy.

If, when carrying out an inspection of a waste load under clause 6.2, Resource Recovery has determined on two or more occasions, under clause 6.2, that a charitable organisation's waste load does not meet the definition of charity bin waste, Resource Recovery may cancel the Certificate of Waiver by notice to the charitable organisation.

## 7. Legal Parameters

*Local Government Act 2009*

*Local Government Regulation 2012*

*Waste Reduction and Recycling Act 2011*

*Waste Reduction and Recycling Regulation 2023*

## 8. Associated Documents

Application for Waiver of Disposal Fees for Charity Bin Waste Form