

## MEDIA RELEASE

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### Council announces future focus for Waste Management

Waratah Wynyard Council recently approved the draft Waste Strategy 2019-2024 which has now gone out to public consultation.

Although we can be great at protecting our environment, research shows that at the current rate of production, Tasmanians generate over 900,000 tonnes of waste each year. Council's new Waste Strategy aims to achieve a 50% diversion of waste from landfill by 2024 and seeks to continuously improve the way Council manages waste.

Council's waste objective will be to grow a sustainable community through proactive waste initiatives and by increasing recovery where possible rather than sending waste to landfill.

Waratah Wynyard Council Mayor Robby Walsh said, "Education and community awareness will be key to the success of our new direction in waste management, I believe the community are ready."

"We would like to invite the community to give their feedback on the plan, it is now time for them to tell us if they think we've got it right! Waste is a challenge for us all, the whole family can have input, so please to all the parents out there, I would like to encourage you to talk with your children about it and we would love for them to have their say also."

Key actions included in the draft strategy are to explore the possibilities around a kerbside organics collection; investigate the opportunities for an enclosed 'tip shop' to enable the reuse of products rather than send them to landfill; further explore the possibilities around an expanded kerbside collection to rural areas; and to review the tip ticket system.

Mayor Walsh said, "Council are committed to ensuring that community needs are met, value-for-money services are provided and that we do the right thing by the environment for our children's future."

To view the strategy and provide feedback, please visit the website [www.warwyn.tas.gov.au/yoursay](http://www.warwyn.tas.gov.au/yoursay), phone (03) 6443 8333, email [council@warwyn.tas.gov.au](mailto:council@warwyn.tas.gov.au) or call into council any weekday from 9am to 5pm. The consultation period is open until Friday 26 July 2019.

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