

Council Reference: 31157E (D17/121448)

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Attention:

Dear Sir/Madam,

Submission – Amendment to the State Environmental Planning Policy (Exempt and Complying Development Codes) 2008 to allow collection infrastructure as exempt development

Council welcomes the opportunity to provide feedback on this matter. This submission reflects comments received from Council Staff and Councillors, however, the content of this submission does not necessarily reflect the views of the elected Council as the matter was not formally reported to Council due to the tight timeframes for submissions.

The placement of the collection machines must be carefully considered to ensure they are both secure and accessible. While locating these machines in car parks might be convenient, there are concerns that they will get treated similarly to charity drop off bins, being used as areas to illegally dump rubbish.

Council staff are concerned with the potential for large bins, machines and skips to become an unsightly overflowing mess if not maintained and managed.

Therefore, exempting recycling infrastructure from requiring consent is supported subject to limitations including:

- Should be limited to commercial and industrial areas
- Limits on numbers in each location
- Should not be located in front of buildings and be able to be monitored to avoid safety, security and other issues
- Access for people with a disability needs to be considered
- Public areas may need approvals under Section 138 of the Roads Act 1993 and Section 68 of the Local Government Act 1993.

- Large bins should not be permitted to occupy car parking spaces
- Mobile vans, bins and the like should only be able to stand in a location for a limited period

If you need further information about this matter, please contact Steven Horvath, Planning Environment & Development Group on (02) 4429 3570. Please quote Council's reference 31157E (D17/121448).

Yours faithfully

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