

WASTE COLLECTION ZONES PROPOSAL

Over the past three years the City of Melbourne has introduced new waste and recycling infrastructure in four central city priority areas; Bullens Lane in Chinatown, Kirks Lane near Hardware Lane, Lacey Place in Chinatown and Caledonian Lane off Little Bourke Street. This new infrastructure has been successful in reducing the amount of dumped rubbish and the number of overflowing bins.

We are now looking to build on the existing program through the introduction of Waste Collection Zones in the central city.

The proposed Waste Collection Zones would be areas where:

- Communal garbage compactors and recycling hubs would be provided for businesses and residents.
- A fee would be charged for businesses to use the communal garbage compactors.
- Private bins would not be allowed to be stored in the public space.

We are seeking your feedback on the proposed Waste Collection Zones including a fee-paying model.

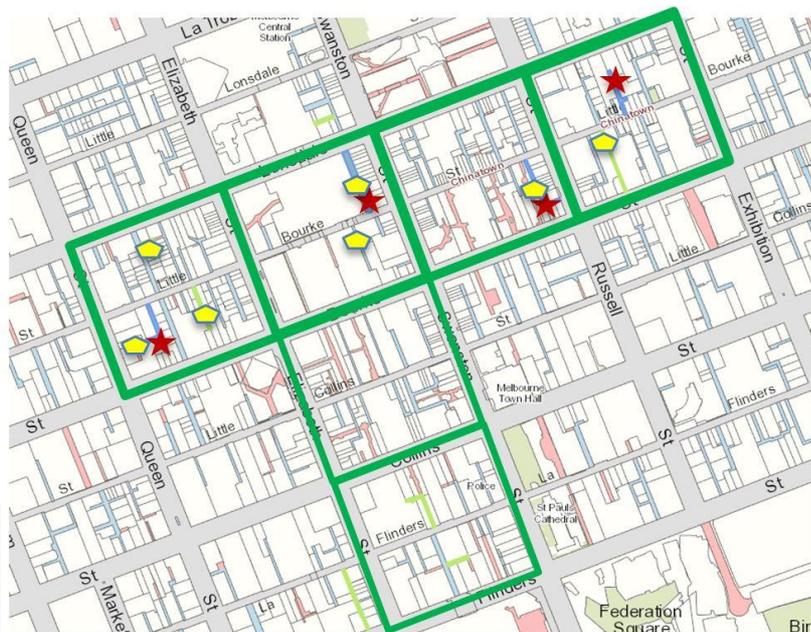
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Why introduce Waste Collection Zones?

The zones will help reduce noise and the impact of dumped rubbish and overflowing bins. They will also reduce road congestion and improve pedestrian safety.

Where would the Waste Collection Zones be located?

Each Waste Collection Zone would be a large inner-city block. Six locations have been identified. These include the areas where communal garbage and recycling facilities are already provided for businesses and residents, which would be likely to be the first Waste Collection Zones. Other Waste Collection Zones may be established in the future.



- ★ Existing compactor
 - ⬡ Existing recycling hub
 - Proposed WCZ
- Note: installation of new compactors will be subject to further consultation

FACT SHEET

How much will I have to pay?

If introduced, the fee-paying model would only apply to businesses using the garbage compactors. Residents would not pay any additional charge. Recycling services would still be provided at no cost to businesses and residents.

The amount that each business would have to pay to use the garbage compactors, if a fee-paying model is introduced, has not yet been determined.

We would like your feedback on which fee-paying model would work best for your business:

- Flat-fee – a set fee to use the garbage compactors. The fee may be annual or monthly.
- Category fee – a set fee depending on the business category, for example, based on the type and size. The fee may be annual or monthly.
- Pay-by-weight – a monthly fee, based on the amount of garbage disposed.

Businesses already use the garbage compactors for free, why should they have to pay now?

Access to the garbage compactors has been at no cost to businesses since they were introduced. However, each compactor costs around \$150,000 to operate annually. By introducing a fee-paying model for the use of compactors, we can expand the service, ensure the sustainability of innovative waste services and their continued operation for the long-term.

What is a communal garbage compactor and recycling hub?

A garbage compactor is a machine that compresses garbage. The garbage compactor is for all types of non-recyclable materials, such as garbage bags containing food and soft plastic, polystyrene and waxed cardboard boxes. The recycling hubs have two types of recycling bins: yellow-lidded bins for mixed recycling, and blue bins for cardboard. The yellow-lidded mixed recycling bins can take glass containers (jars, bottles), aluminium and steel cans, milk or juice cartons or bottles, plastic containers and empty oil tins. The blue bins are for flattened cardboard boxes only.

Would businesses and residents in the Waste Collection Zones have to use the garbage compactors and recycling hubs?

No. Businesses and residents would not have to use the garbage compactors and recycling hubs. However, under the Waste Collection Zones proposal, private bins would not be allowed to be stored in the public space.

What happens next?

A report on the proposed operation of the Waste Collection Zones, including the fee-paying model, and community feedback, will be presented to Council in June.

How can I provide feedback?

1. Complete a short survey at participate.melbourne.vic.gov.au/wastezone
2. Provide comments to engineering@melbourne.vic.gov.au or to: City of Melbourne, Engineering Services, GPO Box 1603, MELBOURNE VIC 3001
3. Come to one of our drop-in sessions on Monday 11 April, Tuesday 12 April and Thursday 14 April from 3 to 7pm. Bookings are essential. For more information or to book please visit participate.melbourne.vic.gov.au/wastezone or call us on 03 9658 8711.

More information

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