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To Whom it may Concern,

Wyndham City appreciates the opportunity to provide input into the approach for the upcoming e-waste landfill ban.

Wyndham City's Waste and Litter Strategy 2016-2040 has a strong emphasis on keeping waste out of landfill, with the aim to achieve 90% waste diversion by 2040. Whilst this target is ambitious, proposals such as the e-waste and plastic bag ban aids the achievement of this goal.

As a major landfill and regional transfer station operator, Wyndham will continue to ensure that the collection, storage and transport of e-waste is compliant with the Australian standard. Whilst overall supportive of the introduced ban, there are some issues that Council would like to see addressed prior to implementation:

- Costs – the preferred model suggests that ongoing costs associated with the communication, processing and transport relating to the ban will be worn by local government. Whilst already providing an e-waste collection point, the ban will see an influx in material resulting in out of budget expenses to Council and therefore our ratepayers.
- End markets – Council will continue to ensure e-waste is transported to a reputable processor, however the impact of increased material on market strength and end-of-life processing remains relatively uncertain. What contingencies does the government have in place in the event of a weak or failing end-of-life market?
- Education package – state-wide education on the ban will be challenging, particularly with current confusion around what the public constitutes as e-waste. The \$1.5million education package is inadequate particularly in year one of implementation.
- Stewardship approach – the responsibility of the ban ultimately appears to be with Local Government (ratepayers), more focus and regulations should be placed on e-waste producers in the form of expanding existing successful product stewardship approaches and introduced drop off locations at e-waste retailers to lessen costs and provide greater disposal access for the community.

Wyndham City ultimately supports the introduction of an e-waste ban and is looking forward to working with State Government agencies and our local community to help implement this ban.

Regards,

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