



SHIRE COUNCIL  
**Blayney**

## Waste Collection Services

<b>Policy</b>	18C
<b>Officer Responsible</b>	Director Planning & Environmental Services
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**Strategic Policy**

## **Objective**

To provide guidelines for Council's provision of domestic and non-domestic waste collection services within the Blayney Shire Council.

## **1. INTRODUCTION**

### **1.1 Legislation**

Section 496(1) of the Local Government Act 1993 states "A council must make and levy an annual charge for the provision of domestic waste management services for each parcel of rateable land for which the service is available". Section 496(2) also states the circumstances where parcels exempt from rating may also be charged.

### **1.2 Purpose of the Policy**

The purpose of this Policy is to clarify section 496 of the Local Government Act 1993 with reference to the Blayney Shire Council Local Government Area. The aim is to provide clear Policy and guidelines for the provision of waste collection services.

The issues which are to be addressed by this Policy include:

- Compulsory provision of services within a town or village, as is the current status;
- The provision of services between towns and villages to enable occupied rural properties to receive the service;
- Outline which properties must utilise the service;
- Availability of the service to properties willing to take bins to a designated location along the route; and
- That domestically produced waste and recycling is collected, where possible, by Council's contracted service provider, to ensure an environmental improvement in the disposal of domestic waste.

### **1.3 Land to which the Policy Applies**

All land within the Blayney Shire Council local government area is deemed to be affected by this Policy however this policy will clarify where the services are available.

## **2.0 POLICY**

### **2.1 Availability of Council's Waste Collection Service**

- a) Council will charge for and make available the Waste Collection Service to all properties within a town, village, or locality as defined by Council's Local Environmental Plan (as amended) or as nominated when Council sought tender for the provision of these services;
- b) Where the service is provided to a residential property, the full charge is payable;
- c) Where the service is provided to a vacant parcel of land, the vacant land charge is payable;
- d) Where the service is available to a vacant parcel of land which has, for rating purposes, been amalgamated with an adjoining parcel for which a full service is being charged, the vacant land charge is not payable for each parcel of land for which the service is available;
- e) Where the service is available outside of a town or village, and is along a route as agreed with Council's contractor, all properties with an occupiable residence within 250m of the main property gate providing access to the serviced road and are serviced by the route, will be required to utilise the service for the disposal of their domestic waste;
- f) Where a property meets the criteria of point (e) above, but there is no occupiable residence, the vacant land charge will apply. The charge will be applied per rating assessment which is serviced by the route;

### **2.2 Provision of Bins**

- Council's contractor, will provide a bin or bins (depending on the service type) per service as provided;
- If additional services are requested, bins for those services will be provided and additional service charges will be incurred per Council's current Operational Plan
- Where a bin has become broken, damaged, vandalised, or stolen, Council, once notified, will arrange for the contracted service provider to repair and / or replace the bin on the next service day.

### **3.0 REQUESTS FOR EXEMPTION**

- Ratepayers on rural Waste Collection Services runs not currently in receipt of a Domestic Waste Service that have been identified to be included to receive a service may make application for exemption on medical grounds. Such applications will require the applicant to provide substantiation for their claim and provide evidence of how waste is being disposed. The General Manager may determine such requests under delegated authority. Where approval is granted the Annual Domestic Waste Management Availability charge shall still apply and the exemption will be reviewed at change of property ownership.

End of Policy

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