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1. Policy Objectives

Section 610E of the Local Government Act 1993 allows Council to waive payment of or reduce a fee in a particular case if it is satisfied that the case falls within a category of hardship or any other category that Council has determined.

The purpose of this policy is to identify the categories for which waste charges will be waived in accordance with Section 610E and will provide a formalised and consistent approach in granting an exemption from Council's waste services and associated fees and charges.

2. Background

Parkes Shire Council provides a wide range of waste services for customers. Council operates eight landfills throughout the Shire, as well as kerbside garbage and recycling collection services.

Rubbish from waste bins located in parklands, shopping centres and other busy public places are also collected by Council on a regular basis.

Council adopted to charge residents for disposal of greenwaste and waste material for landfilling from July 2017. Prior to this, fees were limited to commercial properties only.

3. Policy Categories

3.1 Donation of goods-based charity and not for profit

The donation of goods-based charity and not for profit category applies to waste associated with items donated by the community that can't be reused or resold and must be disposed of. All wastes may not be exempted. To be exempt from charges the waste must consist of donated material that is not suitable for resale or donation AND

- + an organisation must be recognised as a charitable or not-for-profit organisation through [registration with the Australian Charities and Not-for profit Commission](#) (ACNC), AND
- + receive donated goods from the community for the purposes of reuse or reselling, AND
- + receive goods via un-manned delivery locations where control to reject unsuitable material is limited i.e. clothing donation bins.

Examples of organisations that might apply for the exemption under the donation category include opportunity shops.



3.2 Medical Exemption

Medically based exemptions provide to households that have high volumes of material that is generated due to the medical conditions of family members and this material remaining in the kerbside collection bins for even minimal times poses potential community impacts.

In determining eligibility on the basis of illness or disability, Council will require the customer to present:

1. Medical certificate.
2. Demonstrate that the nature of the waste and the volume of waste generated
 - (a) is due to the medical condition or disability, AND
 - (b) exceeds the volumes collected in normal kerbside collections available to the person, AND/OR
 - (c) is not suitable for kerbside collection - e.g. colostomy bags.

3.3 Public clean-up

The public clean up category applies to waste associated with organisations or not for profit groups that collect waste from public areas as part of a pre-organised clean up activity and waste delivery to the waste facility is pre-authorised by the Director Planning & Environment.

For the waste to be exempt, an organisation must:

- + be recognised as a charitable or not-for-profit organisation through [registration with the Australian Charities and Not-for profit Commission](#), AND
- + collect the waste in a public area that is accessible to the community, AND
- + use volunteers to carry out the clean-up activity. (A volunteer takes part in the community service activity of their own free will without payment).

Individuals conducting clean ups that are not carried out under this system and pre-authorised will not receive exemption.

4. References

Relationship to Legislation

- + Local Government Act 1993 - Section 610

Related Strategies, Plans and Policies

Council's plans and policies that are related to this Policy include:

- + Parkes Shire Council Code of Conduct.
- + Parkes Shire Council Waste Strategy.
- + Parkes Shire Council Delegations of Authority.

