

Local Government Waste Management Questionnaire

This questionnaire has the goal of evaluating how effective local government waste management is at reducing plastic pollution into the marine environment. We are interested in asking *Has, and if so, how has local government waste management changed since <insert year>?* Coinciding with this questionnaire, coastal debris surveys will be undertaken along the coast of each local government jurisdiction. The surveys will measure the type and quantity of marine debris observed. We are contacting the local governments to ask questions about the current waste management within their jurisdiction.

Respondent General Information

Name: [Click here to enter text.](#)

Local Government: [Click here to enter text.](#)

Role: [Click here to enter text.](#)

Phone: [Click here to enter text.](#)

Email: [Click here to enter text.](#)

Date: [Click here to enter text.](#)

Referral (if applicable): [Click here to enter text.](#)

Local Government General Information

Population: [Click here to enter text.](#)

Area (km²): [Click here to enter text.](#)

Coastline Length (km): [Click here to enter text.](#)

Region Name: [Click here to enter text.](#)

Population of region: [Click here to enter text.](#)

Annual Budget (\$): [Click here to enter text.](#)

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Name of site surveyed within the local government: [Click here to enter text.](#)

Latitude: [Click here to enter text.](#)

Longitude: [Click here to enter text.](#)

General information about the waste management within the local government

Considering the waste management legislation and policies within your state, how relevant do you think coastal pollution/marine debris issues are to your local government? (Please tick)

- No programs, little discussion starting a program
- No programs, lengthy discussion starting a program
- Some programs, but not currently active
- Some active programs
- Many, very active programs

The following questions are about the waste management your local government has on beaches:

- Presence of **rubbish bins** on the beaches (on the sand or in the parking lot)? Yes No

If yes, how many per beach? [Click here to enter text.](#)

- Presence of **recycling bins** on the beaches (on sand or in the parking lot)? Yes No

If yes, how many per beach? [Click to enter text.](#)

- Are there beach cleaning days within your local government? Yes No

If yes, what is the frequency? [Click here to enter text.](#)

- Are there any active coastal cleaning group (please circle)? Yes No

If yes, how many? [Click here to enter text.](#), who are they? [Click here to enter text.](#)

- Are there river traps within your local government? Yes No

If yes, how many rivers? [Click here to enter text.](#)

Debris Monitoring

Does your local government record information on litter or marine debris (e.g. surveys or monitoring)?

- Yes No

If yes, start date and frequency of recordings? [Click here to enter text.](#)

Are the data kept within the local government? Yes No

If no, who keeps the data? [Click here to enter text.](#)

Partnerships

With reference to your local government's waste management,

Do you work in collaboration with any state associations? Yes No

If yes, which one(s)? [Click here to enter text.](#)

Do you work in collaboration with other local governments? Yes No

If yes, which one(s)? [Click here to enter text.](#)

Are you a member of a regional association/organisation? Yes No

If yes, which one(s)? [Click here to enter text.](#)

Waste management funding within the local government

What fraction of the budget within your local government goes towards waste management?

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Is there a specific coastal waste management budget? Yes No

If yes, how much? (this would include river traps and bins at beaches)

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Policies, Facilities and Outreach Programs

We have tried to find the policies, facilities and outreach programs concerning waste management within your local government. The information collected is presented in the following tables.

Have we missed anything? Please fill in any gaps/errors.

Legislation and policies *(only complete row if policy is present in local government)*

	Name of policy or legislation	Start Date? Date it was updated?	Description, document or link	Specific Budget (Y/N)? \$ Amount?	Outreach Officer (Y/N)? Tasks of Officer?	Level of Staffing (0-0.5 FTE*; 0.5-1 FTE; >1 FTE)
Waste Legislation						
Regional's waste and recycling strategy						
Local Governemnt's waste management strategy						
Zero waste strategy						
Container deposit legislation						
Litter strategy						
Marine Litter Strategy						
Plastic Shopping Bag Ban						
Plastic Shopping Bag Fee						
Other						

*FTE = Full time equivalent

***** Please scroll down to Waste Facility Table *****

Waste facilities *(only complete row if facility is present in local government)*

Waste collection	Response Required	Within the local government
Commercial business Waste Collection	Y/N	
Household Waste Collection	Y/N	
Industry Waste Collection	Y/N	
Kerbside Collection	Y/N (How often?)	
Public Kerbside Collection Calendar	Y/N	
Hard Waste Collection regular	Y/N	
Hard Waste Collection on demand, notification	Y/N	
Rubbish Tips	Y/N (How many?)	
Street Bins	Y/N (How many?)	
Waste Disposal		
Waste Transfer Station	Y/N (How many?)	
Waste Depot Station	Y/N (How many?)	
Waste Recycling		
Waste Recycling Station (MRF: Mixed recycling facility)	Y/N (How many?)	
Domestic	Y/N	
School	Y/N	
Industry/Commercial	Y/N	
Three Bin Recycling (i.e. not one bin mixed recycling)	Y/N (What colours?)	
Paper and Cardboard Recycling	Y/N	
Plastic Recycling	Y/N	
Kerbside Recycling	Y/N (How often?)	
Public Guide for Recycling, where?	Y/N	
Green Waste		
Green Waste Collection regular	Y/N (How often?)	
Green Waste Collection on demand, notification	Y/N	
Composting	Y/N	
Worm Farming	Y/N	
Waste Recovery		
Gross Pollutant Traps	Y/N (How many?)	
Beach Raking, How many beaches?	Y/N (How often?)	
Other Facilities	Y/N	

***** Please scroll down to Waste Program Table *****

Outreach programs *(only complete row if program is present in local government)*

Present in the local government (Y/N)?	Name of program	Description, document or link	Program Funding in \$ or % of budget?	Devoted staff to program (Y/N)? Tasks of staff?	Year Implemented	Level of Staffing (0-0.5 FTE; 0.5-1 FTE; >1 FTE)
	Recycling program					
	National recycling week					
	Reduce Packaging program					
	Specifically Plastics Recycling					
	Clean Up Australia Day					
	Keep Australia Beautiful					
	Electronic Waste Program					
	Chemical Waste Program					

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General Clean-up							
Reduce, reuse, recycle Program							
Soft Plastics / REDcycle program							
Reduce Plastic bags Program							
School Education Program							
Illegal Dumping: Active Surveillance (e.g. cameras)							
Illegal Dumping: Active enforcement (e.g. a taskforce, arranged relationships with police)							
Litter Enforcement: Active enforcement							

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Litter Hotline Program in local government							
Litter Avoidance program							
Illegal Dumping Hotline							
Litter or Illegal Dumping Road Signs, with fines							
Other campaigns							
Loyalty Card							
Bin Program (FOGO, audits, bin latches etc)							
Love food, hate waste							

***** end of survey *****