

Waste Facilities Closures

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS



What is Council doing?

Council is closing four of its 11 waste facilities – the Burrum Heads and Yengarie transfer stations and the Granville and Tinana Landfills.

Why is Council closing these facilities?

This decision will save the community about \$426,000 a year, ensure the remaining seven facilities operate more efficiently and allow Council to increase our recycling efforts.

This is about ensuring waste services are provided more equitably and effectively across the region.

When do the closures take effect?

The closures take effect from the end of June 2023.

What does this mean for residents?

The changes will mean 97 per cent of residents will still be within a 20-minute drive and 99 per cent within a 30-minute drive of a waste facility.

That's well above the level of service outlined in the Fraser Coast Waste Strategy 2019-2029, which aims to have more than 80 per cent of residents within a 20-minute drive and 95 per cent within a 30-minute drive of a waste facility.

How will residents in the areas where waste facilities are closing be affected?

Residents in the areas where waste facilities are closing can still use any of the remaining seven waste facilities. The distances to these facilities are the same or less than what many Hervey Bay residents travel to get to the Nikenbah transfer station (see table on back).

Residents in the areas where waste stations are closing will continue to receive a weekly waste and fortnightly recycling kerbside bin collection.

Why is Council trying to reduce the cost of providing waste services?

On 1 July 2019, the Queensland Government introduced a levy on waste going to landfill, with Councils receiving a rebate to reduce the impact of the levy.

That rebate to Councils starts progressively being reduced from 1 July 2023.

The reduction in the rebate combined with more waste being generated will add \$1.2 million to the cost of providing waste services across the Fraser Coast in 2023/24.

Over the next 10 years, this could add \$26 million to the cost of providing waste services.

That's why Council is working hard to ensure we provide waste services throughout the region as efficiently, effectively and equitably as possible.

Why wasn't there any consultation before this decision was made?

Council conducted extensive community consultation on the development of the Fraser Coast Waste Strategy 2019-2029.

This included broadly distributed surveys, websites, newsletters, market stalls, and social media posts.

As part of this process, over 200 survey responses were received where, for example, 64% of respondents were in some way supportive of the closure of the Burrum Heads transfer station, including 30% who were 'very supportive'.

In addition, a Future Waste Community Forum, which included a broad range of community representatives from throughout the region, took part in workshops over two days to help develop the ten-year strategy.

Travel Distances

From	To	Distance
Burrum Heads (Community Centre)	Toogoom Transfer Station	15km
Burrum Heads (Orchid Drive/Lakeside Drive)	Toogoom Transfer Station	14km
Burrum Heads Transfer Station	Toogoom Transfer Station	13km
Burrum Heads Transfer Station	Howard Transfer Station	18km
Yengarie Transfer Station	Maryborough Landfill	12km
Granville (Brendan Hansen Park)	Maryborough Landfill	5.8km
Granville Landfill	Maryborough Landfill	9km
Tinana School	Maryborough Landfill	8km
Craignish	Nikenbah Transfer Station	13km
Torquay (Tavistock Street Chambers)	Nikenbah Transfer Station	9km
Urangan (Pier Street via Booral)	Nikenbah Transfer Station	19km
Urangan (Pier Street via Boat Harbour Drive/Main Street)	Nikenbah Transfer Station	14km
River Heads	Nikenbah Transfer Station	21km
Point Vernon (Corfield Street)	Nikenbah Transfer Station	9km