



City of **HOBART**

Memorandum: Lord Mayor
Deputy Lord Mayor
Elected Members

Response to Question Without Notice

PUBLIC FOGO BINS

Meeting: City Infrastructure Committee

Meeting date: 24 March 2021

Raised by: Councillor Ewin

Question:

Could the Director please advise if there is a plan to roll-out a FOGO collection service in respect to the public litter bins throughout the City of Hobart?

Response:

The City has been considering the provision of public place organic bins since it introduced the residential kerbside FOGO collection service, however there are complexities to consider including the cost to manufacture infrastructure, collection and processing costs, and placement in the streetscapes so as not to overcrowd pathways and impede access.

As the City's Single Use Plastic by-Law takes effect there will be more organic packaging in the community, and the current intent is to identify zones where a public organics bin could be installed with some confidence that the food packaging material generated in the area is suitable for composting.

The City is currently scheduling the placement of the first public organics bin at The Springs, kunanyi / Mount Wellington.

This is a very popular location for both tourists and locals, with the one food vendor on site fully compliant with the City's Single Use Plastic By-Law.

As such the City can be confident that any food, food packaging, cutlery, and coffee cups purchased at the site can go in the public organics bin and be composted.

Other suitable areas may include popular parks such as Waterworks Reserve.

The City is not aware of any other permanent public organics facilities being provided in Tasmania.

As signatory to this report, I certify that, pursuant to Section 55(1) of the Local Government Act 1993, I hold no interest, as referred to in Section 49 of the Local Government Act 1993, in matters contained in this report.



Glenn Doyle
DIRECTOR CITY AMENITY

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