

City of Hobart

Waste Reduction statement of commitment

This statement of commitment establishes the expectation that sustainability is considered and prioritised in all current and future Council planning, policy, service delivery and practice.

The purpose of this commitment is to set out Council's approach to waste reduction and support the City of Hobart as an environmental leader by setting the example for the community to follow and prioritise opportunities to reduce waste from City operations and services.

The City recognises the importance of reducing its impact on the environment and has developed the Waste Management Strategy 2015 - 2030 to implement significant waste reduction actions and programs with the primary aim to achieve zero waste to landfill.

The City is committed to implementing key priority actions across all operations in support of minimising environmental pollution and a reduction in waste ensuring sustainable principles and practices are consistent with, and actively support the single-use plastics by-law.

SCOPE

This statement of commitment will be applied to all events operated within the City of Hobart and applies to Council staff, contractors or other Council representatives' engaged in the operation of Council business; all events and individuals or organisations planning, organising running, and/or approving events, conducted in or on Council owned or managed sites. This includes, but is not limited to, all civic, commercial or community events; large and small-scale events, meetings, functions, workshops, markets, festivals, expos, parties, information sessions, conferences and organised or formal sporting or recreational events.

EXCEPTIONS

Exceptions may be made when single-use plastic items are necessary to meet health and safety requirements or where there are no other practical alternative products available. All exemptions require prior consent.

PRIORITY ACTIONS

- To eliminate single-use plastics at events run by Council and held on Council land, in Council buildings, venues and halls or roads.
- To reduce and phase out single-use plastic water bottles and manage appropriately with free access to water.
- Ensure projects and events incorporate the use of certified compostable packaging and cutlery, bags, straws and cups.
- Avoiding single-use plastics including pallet wraps, microplastic products including glitter, balloons and promotional paraphernalia such as plastic bunting or flags.
- Maintain a zero waste to landfill strategy.
- In operations where the generation and /or consumption of single-use plastic is unavoidable, every effort will be made to recover, reuse and recycle products after use.
- Advocating, encouraging and urging a reduction in single-use plastics through supporting state and national waste policies and collaborations with other local governments and industries.

