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Dear Mr Malinauskas

I refer to your application (reference number 9417138) pursuant to the *Freedom of Information Act 1991* (the FOI Act) to the Department for Environment and Water on 3 March 2021 requesting access to the following, for the period 25 March 2018 to 2 March 2021:

All documents (including but not limited to physical, electronic, or written briefs, internal discussion papers, minutes, emails, diary entries and any other correspondence) in relation to increases to the waste levy

Your application was partially transferred to Green Industries SA (GISA) on 11 March 2021 and I am providing this determination as GISA's Accredited Freedom of Information Officer.

As discussed with Ms Perre of your office, it was agreed on 5 May 2021 that the scope of the application would be refined to the following, for the same time period:

All correspondence making an objection to increases to the waste levy in 2019-20

Following a search of documents held by GISA, I have located two documents within the scope of your request. These are listed in the attached schedule.

I have considered the documents under the provisions of the FOI Act and determined to release both of these documents in full. Please find copies enclosed with this determination.

In accordance with the FOI Act and *Freedom of Information (Fees and Charges) Regulations 2018* in relation to applications from Members of Parliament, no amount is payable for the costs associated with this determination.

Pursuant to the FOI Act, if you are dissatisfied with this determination you have a right to apply for an internal review. An application for internal review must be made in accordance with section 29(2) of the FOI Act.

Should you have any queries in relation to this determination, please contact me on telephone (08) 8204 2586 or email josh.wheeler@sa.gov.au.

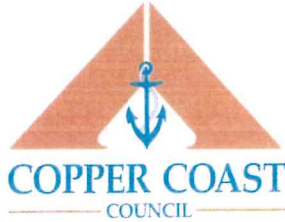
Yours sincerely

Josh Wheeler
Accredited Freedom of Information Officer
GREEN INDUSTRIES SA

27 September 2021

Documents Schedule

No.	Document	Determination
1	Letter from the Chief Executive Officer of Copper Coast Council to the Minister for Environment and Water dated 29 July 2019	Full access
2	Letter from the Chief Executive Officer of Copper Coast Council to the Minister for Environment and Water dated 6 August 2019	Full access



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29th July 2019

Please quote our ref: OLT20191486
Your ref: N/A
Enquiries to: Roylene Schild

The Hon. David Speirs MP
Minister for Environment and Water
Level 10
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Dear Minister

IMPACT OF THE SOLID WASTE LEVY INCREASE(S) ON RECYCLABLES PROCESSING AT THE NORTHERN ADELAIDE WASTE MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY

The Copper Coast Council transports its recyclable materials to the Northern Adelaide Waste Management Authority. Other Councils in the region that also do this include Port Pirie Regional Council, Barunga West Council, Adelaide Plains Council, Barossa Council, Yorke Peninsula Council and the Light Regional Council.

Your recent State Budget announcement of two increases in the Solid Waste Levy for 2019/2020 has resulted in an increase in contaminated waste from residents in the yellow top bins. This resulted in an increase in costs to the Northern Adelaide Waste Management Authority's to separate the contamination from recyclable material. These costs are now again passed on to local Councils. We are concerned that a Solid Waste Levy on recyclable waste will again have further cost increases for Councils.

Therefore, the Copper Coast Council considers that recycling waste should be exempt from any increases in the Solid Waste Levy. The recyclable materials transported to the Northern Adelaide Waste Management Authority are made into various products. I have attached a sheet showing the products that are made from the recyclable materials.

The Northern Adelaide Waste Management Authority has advised that effective from 1st July 2019 their recyclables processing gate fee would increase by \$3.50 per tonne. Should the second Solid Waste Levy increase from the 1st January 2020 proceed, this may increase again.

Therefore, we request that recycling waste be exempt from any increase from the Solid Waste Levy.

Your response would be appreciated.

Yours faithfully,

Russell Peate
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

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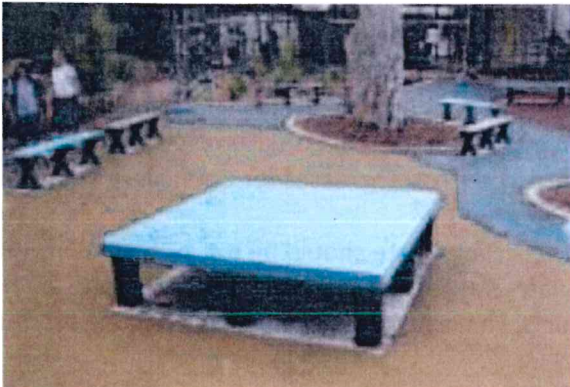
Examples of products made from recycled materials



Picnic settings



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Low maintenance park furniture



Plastic bollards



Low maintenance decking as alternative to timber



Long lasting low maintenance bridge

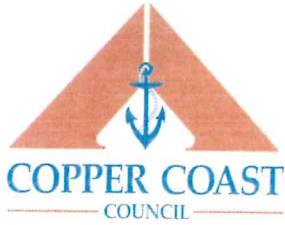


100% Recycled Aluminium Foil



Compostable party plates and bowls





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6th August 2019

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The Hon. David Speirs MP
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Dear Minister

COPPER COAST COUNCIL – STATE GOVERNMENT WASTE LEVY INCREASE

The Copper Coast Council has a population of over \$15,000 and encompasses the towns of Kadina, Wallaroo and Moonta. The Council wishes to register its strong objection to the 40% increase in the State Government Waste Levy. The Copper Coast Council has adopted its budget with an average rate increase of 3.2 %.

The waste levy increase will mean that the Copper Coast Council will pay an estimated \$520,170, an increase of \$130,418. \$520,170 represents a 3% rate increase. If the Copper Coast Council did not have to pay the waste levy, our rate increase would have been 0.2% for 2019/20. The waste levy increase was also proposed when consultation had already been undertaken with the community on our proposed budget for 2019/20.

It is also noted that a large percentage of the waste levy collected form Councils is used for the Environment Protection Authority and it is understood for coastal protection works for Adelaide beaches. It would be appreciated if you could advise the reasons for the 40% increase in the waste levy, where the waste levy collected is spent, with details of such expenditure and whether there is any intention to review the waste levy payable by Councils. The waste levy and increase has and will continue to have a deleterious effect on Council services and projects for the benefit of our communities.

Yours faithfully,

Russell Peate
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

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