

Waste Management Code Amendment

Strategic Alignment - Our Environment

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**City Planning, Development
and Business Affairs
Committee**

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PURPOSE OF WORKSHOP

The purpose of the workshop is to present the findings of the investigations into the waste management planning policies in the State Government's Planning and Design Code and seek Council Member feedback prior to preparing the draft Waste Management Update Code Amendment (the Code Amendment) for Council's endorsement for consultation.

The Code Amendment is in line with the City of Adelaide Strategic Plan – Our Environment which seeks to provide progressive waste management and resource recovery services, partner with the community to divert more waste from landfill and increase diversion from landfill for residential kerbside waste from 50% (2020) to 80% by 2030.

The Code Amendment progresses Policy 7.2 from the City Plan. Adelaide 2036 – Lead Changes to the Planning and Design Code to embed sustainable design principles into housing design, enhance energy and resource efficiency and improve affordability through life cycle and running costs.

Code Amendment Process

Council endorsed a request to the Minister for Planning to Initiate the Code Amendment on 12 November 2024. The Minister for Planning has yet to endorse the Code Amendment. The steps in the Code Amendment process are as follows:



Draft Policy

The Code Amendment seeks to:

- Improve waste management practices within multi-unit residential developments through improved waste separation and reduced contamination of waste streams
- Achieve City of Adelaide and State Government resource recovery targets
- improve street presentation through the reduction of bins presented to the kerb.

The City of Adelaide engaged MasterPlan and Rawtec to review existing waste management policies in the Planning and Design Code and prepare a draft policy approach.

Investigations have included preliminary engagement with Green Industries SA (GISA) and the Office for Design and Architecture SA (ODASA).

Draft policies have been developed into a Waste Management Overlay that could apply to the Capital City Zone, City Living Zone, City Main Street Zone and Business Neighbourhood Zone in the City of Adelaide. A map showing the area affected is provided in [Link 1](#).

Policy in the Overlay proposes to address building design requirements to ensure the adequate provision of spaces for the storage and management of waste.

Draft policies have been road tested using previous development applications to inform further refinement. An extract of this assessment is provided in [Link 2](#).

Prior to public consultation, targeted stakeholder consultation will be undertaken to inform the final Code Amendment policies.

Following the workshop, and subject to approval by the Minister for Planning of Council's 'Proposal to Initiate', a report will be presented to the 7 October 2025 meeting of the City Planning, Development and Business Affairs Committee and Council seeking a decision on the draft Code Amendment for the purposes of public consultation.

KEY QUESTIONS

What are Council Members' views on the policy changes proposed for inclusion in the Waste Management Code Amendment?

What are Council Members' views on the proposed engagement approach for the Waste Management Code Amendment?

DATA AND SUPPORTING INFORMATION

Link 1 – [Area Affected by the proposed Code Amendment](#)

Link 2 - [Review of existing waste management policies in the Planning and Design Code](#)

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