

MEDIA RELEASE

CONSULTATION ON PROPOSED STAGE 2 EXPANSION OF KERBSIDE WASTE, RECYCLING COLLECTION SERVICES

The Mid Murray community is being asked to have its say on options of a proposal to further expand kerbside waste and recycling collection services across the district.

The Mid Murray Council has recently reviewed its residential roadside waste and recycling services with the aim of ensuring they are practical, affordable, environmentally responsible and continue to meet the community's needs into the future.

The review has identified opportunities to enhance services, including by improving access to recycling, investigating future green waste services, and planning for service delivery in outer areas such as township fringes, rural living and holiday home communities.

Council has endorsed a staged rollout approach to improved roadside pickup services, with Stage 1 involving the extension of existing township waste and recycling services into selected pilot areas adjacent to the Mannum township. That service pilot will begin early next month, and allow Council to test service delivery arrangements, gather feedback from residents and apply information gathered before considering a broader rollout.

As part of Stage 2, Council is planning for the future implementation of improved and expanded services in both urban and rural areas across the wider district.

Mid Murray Mayor Simone Bailey said that "before any recommendations were made about expanding services into those areas, Council wanted to first hear the community's views on service delivery via a consultation survey."

"Council has been talking with the community about how we can best manage waste and recycling collection into the future for some time, including how to achieve sustainability in service delivery in all areas of waste and recycling operations," Mayor Bailey said.

"We understand how important roadside waste and recycling services are, and we want to make sure that any changes to our current bin collection system are practical and affordable, but also deliver environmental benefits by improving access to recycling and green waste removal. Most importantly, any changes to our services need to be in line with our community's and environmental requirements and provide uniform services into the future.

"If you're a resident, ratepayer, business owner or holiday home owner, I encourage you to have your say by completing the survey. We want to know your thoughts on exactly what services you deem appropriate, how often you require them, how you're managing your green waste, and what's most important to you when it comes to waste and recycling services.

"This feedback will be considered by Council as we decide on the next steps for the future of our roadside waste and recycling services."

The survey, along with additional information, is available on Council's Mid Murray Your Say website at <https://engagement.mid-murray.sa.gov.au/>. It will open on 22 October 2026 and all feedback must be received by 5pm on 19 November 2026.

Hard copies of the survey are also available for collection from any Council office for your convenience.



Following the close of the public consultation period, a report will be presented to Council for its deliberation and consideration of the submissions received.

Properties included in the Stage 1 of Council's expansion plan, including Mannum Waters and those along roads adjoining the Mannum township, will start to receive expanded collection services including recycling collections from the week of 4-6 November.

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