

Aim 3: Increasing the performance and safety of the waste and recycling infrastructure

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Implementation Plan*

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Why is this important?

When infrastructure and service operations follow 'best practice' (which is the correct approach) recycling rates and performance improve. This ultimately means reduced financial, social and environmental impacts across the community.

Priority actions to achieve this aim

1. Support councils, alpine resorts and industry to upgrade infrastructure and improve operations
 - Why? See page 13 of the Plan.
 - For 3 short term actions, see page 16 of the Plan.
2. Work with councils and across state government to site new infrastructure appropriately and protect existing facilities and hubs from encroachment.
 - Why? See page 13 of the Plan.
 - For 3 short term actions, see page 16 of the Plan.
3. Work with councils, alpine resorts and industry to investigate innovative and technological advancements that could inform future infrastructure development
 - Why? See page 14 of the Plan.
 - For 1 short term action, see page 17 of the Plan.
4. Facilitate work between councils and the EPA to develop appropriate risk-based approaches for rehabilitation of unlicensed closed landfills
 - Why? See page 14 of the Plan.
 - For 2 short term actions, see page 17 of the Plan.

What will change and how will it affect me?

It is likely that you will see improvements to your local resource recovery centre over the coming years. These improvements may include better and bigger areas for sorting and storing materials for recycling.

In council areas where there are currently many small transfer stations these are likely to be merged into one larger, more cost effective resource recovery centre. These larger centres may collect more materials for recycling and will likely have longer opening hours.