

NORTH EAST WASTE & RESOURCE RECOVERY GROUP IMPLEMENTATION PLAN

The North East Waste and Resource Recovery Group is in the process of developing a Waste and Resource Recovery Implementation Plan for the north east region.

The objective of the plan is to set out the waste and resource recovery infrastructure needs of the region over at least a 10 year period, while minimising environmental and public health impacts and where possible reducing costs to the community.

The board heard that two consultation opportunities were ready for release:

- A consultation paper outlining the strategic direction, needs and opportunities identified for the plan. Feedback will be due back by 18th December. <http://www.newrrg.vic.gov.au/>
- A market sounding process. Seeking information from local government/alpine resorts and industry on new or expanding waste and resource recovery infrastructure <http://participate.sustainability.vic.gov.au/regionalmarketsounding>

THREE BIN CONFERENCE

The Three Bin Conference will take place in Benalla on 16th November. Councils, alpine resorts and related public and private organisations have all been invited to attend this event. This conference will focus on sharing learnings from the roll out of kerbside food and garden organics services across the Hume region. Parliamentary Secretary for the Environment, Anthony Carbines MP will be attending to open the event.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT FUNDING GUIDELINES

Following consultation and limited feedback around the Local Government Funding Guidelines the board agreed to adopt the guidelines without change and review again in the future.

SUSTAINABILITY FUND PRIORITY STATEMENT

The board heard that the release of the Sustainability Fund Priority Statement which will guide priorities for expenditure from the fund is due for release by the State government soon. A 21 day consultation period will follow its release. The board were keen to alert local government and the alpine resorts about the upcoming consultation to ensure they were prepared to provide feedback. *(Please note this is now open visit <http://www.delwp.vic.gov.au/environment-and-wildlife/sustainability-fund-priority-statement-review> for further information).*

UPCOMING DATES

- **16th November** – North East Three Bin Conference, Benalla Performing Arts and Convention Centre. Registrations close 9th November.
- **7th December** – Board, Local Government Waste Forum and Technical Advisory Sub Committee Meetings at Lupos Café in Myrtleford.

FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information on any item included in this Communique or if you have any other queries relating to North East WRRG please contact the Executive Officer, Brooke Hermans on 0438 003 038 or brooke.hermans@newrrg.vic.gov.au