

## JOINT LETTER

On the afternoon of Tuesday 6 July, Better West Inc initiated a petition that asks Council –

- rescinds (or overturns) the decision made on 29 June to reinstate weekly garbage collection and to reduce the FOGO collection to fortnightly;
- listens to the positive community feedback from the statistically valid community survey
- finds a better, affordable and sustainable solution for those households who need more than a 120L bin with a fortnightly collection; and
- continues to advocate to reduce waste and assist households adjusting to the waste service.

Better West Inc did not have the opportunity to present the petition at the Urgent Council meeting on 8 July. In approximately 48 hours up to the time of the Urgent Council meeting more than 1600 signatures were collected. Approximately (80%) of those signatures were valid local signatures as per section 12.1.5 of the Hobsons Bay Governance Rules.

We, the undersigned, acknowledge the Council decision made on 29 June regarding the Kerbside waste service outlined in the Resolution.

We now ask that Council:

1. in thanking the community for their feedback in the Kerbside Waste and recycling review, share the engagement results with the community, including the outcomes of the Kerbside Waste and Recycling One Year Review with an average rating of 7.4 out of 10 being “good” to “very good” community satisfaction levels, though identifying several clear areas for improvement;
2. publicly congratulate council’s staff and contractors for the achievements of the Recycling 2.0 over the past 18 months, including a reduction in waste to landfill of 33%; and
3. make the review and survey easily and clearly accessible on council’s website for the community and for other councils who are moving to the four bin system.

We ask that the Report asked for in point 4 of the adopted Motion for Item: 8.3.1 Kerbside Waste and Recycling Service Review 29 June 2021 (the Motion):

1. be developed by Council Officers;
2. consider options that are comprehensive and examine the merits of returning to garbage collections on a fortnightly basis should landfill costs escalate, alongside a weekly food and garden organic collection;
3. is evidence based and builds upon the 2021 Waste Services Review and the results of the community survey;
4. is consistent with the endorsed Waste and Litter Strategy 2025 and recommits Council to the targets within that Strategy including the target to divert 54% of waste from landfill by June 2022, and by 66% by 2025;
5. includes a monitoring and accountability schedule to report progress towards these targets and periodically report this performance to the community through a range of available media and including some visual information on progress towards these goals;
6. the final recommendations in the Report are presented to Councillors after community consultation, including clear information of the impact of the intervention in meeting waste reduction targets in the Strategy and cost-benefit analysis, and
7. the final recommendations are presented to Councillors prior to any changes made to the current weekly FOGO collection.

Signed by:



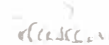
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