

# To all Edith Farms Road residents...

Katherine Town Council would like to talk with you about your waste services.



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TOWN COUNCIL

## Important information

We have been asked to make a decision on whether to provide a waste service to Edith Farms properties accessible via an 'all weather' road and provide a waste service for properties located on a 'non all weather' road. Prior to making any decision, we would like to consult with the Edith Farms community about your views on the introduction of a waste service.

## Snapshot

Currently there are 295 properties in the municipality that do not receive a waste service, inclusive of the 107 properties at Edith Farms. This includes Edith Farms, Beasley, Sullivan, Woollybutt and Rutherven Roads.

The Edith Farms area represents 36% of residential properties without a waste service.

## Council Facts

### Kerbside collection

- Katherine Town Council, in conjunction with a Council contractor, provides a weekly domestic waste collection service for the Katherine township community.
- Currently the waste service is a contract awarded under a tender process that is exclusive of Edith Farms and other rural areas.

### Waste Management Charges

- Council currently charges a full waste management and minimum waste management charge, depending on the service.
- The full waste management charge is levied for the provision of a 240 litre bin, waste service, and free access to the Waste Management Facility (WMF).
- The minimum waste management charge provides for free access to the WMF for residential use.

## Considerations

- Council does not have a specific policy yet on which residential areas receive a waste service but has relied on providing a weekly service to residences where economies of scale can be achieved.
- Servicing the Edith Farms area with a waste service will cost more per household than urban areas due to population and distance.
- The use of skip bins as a substitute for a waste service will require a policy decision by Council to ensure equity and accountability to all ratepayers.
- In considering servicing the Edith Farms Area we also need to give consideration to all other non-serviced rural areas.
- Additional factors that need to be considered for servicing unsealed roads are:
  - Road accessibility (wet season)
  - Contractor logistics and costs
  - Number and percentage of residents who would like the waste service (demand)

## Consultation

Council is looking to engage with the Edith Farms community.

We are holding a meeting -

**Time:** 10am

**Date:** Saturday 26 May 2018

**Location:** Edith Farms Volunteer Fire Brigade,  
Edith Farms Road

For further information please contact Katherine Town Council.

We have mailed all Edith Farms property owners, advertised in the Katherine Times, advertised on the KTC's Facebook and webpages. We aim to send this to each Edith Farms household. We have also been working proactively with the Edith Farms Volunteer Bushfire Brigade group.

*Need more info?*

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