



KATHERINE TOWN COUNCIL WASTE MANAGEMENT STRATEGY CONSULTATION

Katherine Town Council is developing a waste management strategy to provide a strategic framework to guide council decisions about how waste is managed in Katherine.

The strategy will focus on the three R's; reduce, re-use and recycle. It will look into potential options for future waste management tools and facilities.

Council wants to better understand how Katherine residents and the business community manage their waste and hear their thoughts on ways to better manage waste over the next ten years.

Why do we need a Waste Management Strategy?

Too much waste is going to the Katherine Waste Management Facility and not enough waste is being recycled.

Recent studies have found the Katherine Waste Management Facility will reach the end of its life in around five to nine years and it is not possible to expand the current facility. To increase the life of the facility more of our waste needs to be reduced, reused or recycled.

Around 82 per cent of waste goes to landfill at the facility, meaning only 18 percent is recycled. The recycling rate is significantly lower than most Australian cities and we must do better. For example, Cairns diverts 60 per cent and Canberra diverts 79 per cent of all waste to recycling.



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What if we don't change?

As a community we need to manage our waste better to ensure our town is a liveable and vibrant place now and into the future.

It costs Katherine Town Council around \$600,000 per year to manage the Katherine Waste Management Facility. At current rates, the facility will reach the end of its life in five to nine years. It will cost approximately \$5.4 million for a whole new facility and up to \$12 million to remediate the land, which could take decades.

Benefits of reducing, reusing and recycling

- Extend the life of the Katherine Waste Management Facility
- Reduce emissions, pollution and contamination created from landfill waste
- Save money

Community consultation

True North Strategic Communication is now engaging with the community on behalf of Council to gather feedback about ideas, attitudes and behaviours towards waste management.

Community consultation is open from 13 October to 10 November 2020.

For more information or to provide feedback:

Survey Visit www.katherine.nt.gov.au and complete the online survey

Visit Visit us at an information display

Contact True North Strategic Communication
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18%

In Katherine, we currently recycle around 18% of all waste

40% of waste disposed at the tip is domestic and 60% is commercial

Just 6% of domestic waste and 28% of commercial waste is recycled



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