



4.0 Waste Management Funding

The Local Government Act Amendment No.3 (LGA3)(1996) requires Council to adopt a Long Term Financial Strategy. As part of this strategy, sources of funding for all Council services provided including solid waste management, have to be identified.

There are currently two sources of funding for waste management activities, rates based and user charges. The former is based on a fixed value determined annually and forms a portion of the general rates charge. The latter is a fee payable on disposal of waste at designated transfer stations.

The decline in service potential, i.e. depreciation of assets will need to be allowed in the funding of waste management activities.

The adoption of the WMP will enable Council to recover the costs of implementation and achievement of its objectives via charges and levy provisions in LGA4. These provisions allow for the creation of incentives and disincentives through the use of environmental awards and economic instruments.

Examples of incentives and disincentives include licensing fees, performance bonds, contract specifications, by-laws, monitoring fees, and waste audit rebates.

