

# Domestic waste management charges - Discussion Paper

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Review	Review of domestic waste management service charges
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1. Are there concerns with the prices councils charge for domestic waste management services? Why/why not?	Yes, high costs of waste management – usually half of rates notice costs – even for those residents who don't have enormous amounts of waste, i.e. pensioners who only receive a maximum of \$250 grant from the NSW Government. This grant is always well received, but should have been increased over many decades.
2. If there are concerns, how should IPART respond? For example, if IPART was to regulate or provide greater oversight of these charges, what approach would be the most appropriate? Why?	IPART should insist that councils be legislated to have composting of putrescible waste and green waste, available for disused mine sites and farm rehabilitation. Recycling of glass, steel, copper and aluminium is very successful these days and a windfall to those companies who have contracts with local councils. Waste costs should be reduced in NSW due to recycling.
3. Would an online centralised database of all NSW councils' domestic waste charges allowing councils and ratepayers to compare charges across comparable councils for equivalent services (eg, kerbside collection), and/or a set of principles to guide councils in pricing domestic waste charges, be helpful? Why/why not?	Yes, available to all to compare as the NSW Government landfill charges are high and all councils should be aware that composting and better recycling are the way forward to also eliminate littering and illegal dumping. Illegal dumpers who are caught should feel the full force of the law.
4. Do you have any other comments on councils' domestic waste management charges?	Domestic waste charges are too high. Composting and recycling of both these valuable products have financial rewards for all when implemented properly for mine and farm rehabilitation and environmental rewards to prevent further mineral mining.
5. Which Council do your comments relate to?	

Your submission for this review:	Port Stephens Council is a role model for all councils to follow with composting, recycling of valuable products and also recycling centres of used electronic products, tangible products, building products, steel, aluminium, copper, etc etc for rewarding recycling which in turn allows these centres to grant money to local sporting and environmental groups. As a former Port Stephens councillor, thank you for the opportunity to be part of the submission process.
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