

# TEXTILE RECYCLING BINS ON COUNCIL LAND POLICY

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## 1. PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to advise how the placement and management of textile recycling bins will be controlled and regulated by Council to minimise the impact on the community.

## 2. APPLICATION

This Policy applies to all commercial and not for profit/charity organisations who operate textile bin collection services in the Sutherland Shire local government area on Council owned or controlled land.

## 3. PRINCIPLES

### 3.1 Application of Principles

No one principle should be applied to the detriment of another. Principles must be collectively considered and applied to the extent that is reasonable and practicable in the circumstances.

### 3.2 Textile recycling bins provide a service to the community

It is recognised that textile recycling bins provide a valuable service to the community, raising money for charities and providing residents with a convenient disposal point for unwanted clothing. They encourage recycling and divert unwanted items from landfill.

### 3.3 Textile recycling bins must only be situated in approved locations

Badly managed and poorly located textile recycling bins can cause problems with illegal dumping, graffiti, obstruction of vehicles and pedestrians. Approval will only be granted for the textile recycling bins to be situated in appropriate Council controlled car parks where they do not reduce high demand spaces and must not obstruct any access way or parking place. Textile recycling bins are prohibited from parks and reserves and on the public footpath and roadways.

### 3.4 Council will obtain market return

Council will charge commercial operators a market based fee. These fees and charges are adopted by Council annually. A reduced fee will be offered to the owners/operators of bins who are a registered charity.

## 4. RESPONSIBILITIES

### 4.1 Responsible Officer

The Manager Property is the Responsible Officer for this policy and is responsible to ensure it is reviewed and updated.



## 4.2 Chief Executive Officer

Council has delegated the Chief Executive Officer the authority to exercise the responsibilities detailed in this Policy.

## 4.3 Directors

Directors are responsible for ensuring their Directorate adheres to the requirements of this Policy.

## 4.4 Employees

Employees must adhere to the requirements of this Policy and operate within its authorities.

## 5. POLICY COMPLIANCE

The Manager Property will monitor, review and report on the effectiveness of the Policy.

## 6. RECORD KEEPING, CONFIDENTIALITY AND PRIVACY

Council adheres to and complies with the *NSW State Records Act 1998* and *Privacy and Personal Information Protection Act 1998* through its Access to Information Policy and Privacy Management Plan.

## 7. BREACHES OF POLICY

Breaches of this Policy will be dealt with in accordance with normal disciplinary procedures and will be advised to the Chief Executive Officer and / or Director Corporate Governance, via the Manager Property where appropriate.

## 8. RELATED DOCUMENTS

- Community Strategic Plan
- Waste Management Strategy 2022-2042

## 9. RELEVANT LEGISLATION AND REGULATIONS

- *Local Government Act 1993 (NSW)*
- *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979*
- *Public Spaces (Unattended Property) Act 2021*
- *Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997*
- *Local Government (General) Regulation 2021*

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## 10. DEFINITION OF TERMS

Term	Meaning
Textile Recycling Bin	A container used for the collection of unwanted items of clothing, textile and shoes.

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