



**THIS CONFIDENTIAL REPORT WAS DECLASSIFIED
BY COUNCIL RESOLUTION ON
28 SEPTEMBER 2023**

19.3 GRANT FUNDING

D2023/10685

PURPOSE OF REPORT

The purpose of this report is to advise Council of the outcome of the Department of Water and Environmental Regulation (DWER) WasteSorted – Organics Infrastructure 2022/23 grant funding, whereby the EMRC received the maximum funding of \$200,000 (ex GST) for a FOGO picking station at the Red Hill Waste Management Facility.

KEY POINT(S)

- The EMRC applied for funding from the State government through the WasteSorted – Organics Infrastructure 2022/23 grant funding for a FOGO picking station to help reduce the level of contamination.
- The EMRC was notified by the Department of Water and Environmental Regulation, on behalf of the Waste Authority, of the EMRC's successful funding application of the maximum \$200,000 (ex GST) as part of an overall commitment to FOGO processing at the EMRC.
- The funding agreement has been signed and returned to DWER.

RECOMMENDATION(S)

That:

1. Council acknowledges receipt of grant funding to the EMRC to assist with reducing contamination during the processing of FOGO material, as outlined in the report.
2. The report remains confidential and be certified by the EMRC Chairman and the CEO.

SOURCE OF REPORT

Chief Executive Officer

BACKGROUND

- 1 The EMRC has been processing the Food Organics and Garden Organics (FOGO) from the City of Bayswater and the Town of Bassendean, which commenced with Bassendean in August 2020 and expanded to include Bayswater in March 2021. The processing to date has been in open windrows which has been a challenge when dealing with the elements and also when dealing with the level of contamination in the FOGO material.

REPORT

- 2 The WasteSorted – Organics Infrastructure 2022/23 grant funding is one of the ways in which the Government of Western Australia supports existing organics handling and processing infrastructure to transition to better practice with improved regulatory and environmental outcomes.
- 3 The Operations Team at the Red Hill Waste Management Facility has worked to perfect the processing of the 15,000 tonnes of FOGO material received annually from the City of Bayswater and the Town of Bassendean and has constructed a new pad in readiness to process FOGO from the remainder of the EMRC's member Councils. The installation of a FOGO picking station will greatly reduce the level of contamination during the processing of the FOGO material.
- 4 It is estimated that by 2025 up to 55,000 tonnes of FOGO material will be processed at the Red Hill facility.



- 5 The EMRC staff continue to explore funding opportunities for the processing of FOGO material at the Red Hill Waste Management Facility.

STRATEGIC/POLICY IMPLICATIONS

- 6 Reporting on EMRC Strategic Policy implications align with the revised 10 Year Strategic Plan 2017-2027 and the Sustainability Strategy 2022/2023 – 2026/2027:

- Goal: To Demonstrate Circular Economy Leadership
 - Target: 80% resource recovery of waste generated in the region by 2030
- Goal: To Respond to a Climate Emergency
 - Target: Infrastructure adaptation and education by 2030
- Goal: To Create Value in the Community
 - Target: Source separation by 2027

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 7 The \$200,000 (ex GST) of funding will be included in the budget as an additional source of income.

SUSTAINABILITY IMPLICATIONS

- 8 Separation of organics from the waste stream will continue to ensure a reduction in organics from landfill and therefore a reduction in the amount of potent methane gas being created. The picking station will also greatly reduce the level of contamination.

RISK MANAGEMENT

| Risk | | |
|--|---------------|--------|
| Consequence | Likelihood | Rating |
| Possible | Insignificant | Low |
| Action/Strategy | | |
| ➤ Continued liaison with member Councils and other interested Councils | | |

MEMBER COUNCIL IMPLICATIONS

| Member Council | Implication Details |
|--------------------|---------------------|
| Town of Bassendean | } Nil |
| City of Bayswater | |
| City of Kalamunda | |
| Shire of Mundaring | |
| City of Swan | |

ATTACHMENT(S)

Nil



VOTING REQUIREMENT

Simple Majority

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3. The report be declassified immediately upon public announcement by the grantor.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION(S)

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That:

1. COUNCIL ACKNOWLEDGES RECEIVAL OF GRANT FUNDING TO THE EMRC TO ASSIST WITH REDUCING CONTAMINATION DURING THE PROCESSING OF FOGO MATERIAL, AS OUTLINED IN THE REPORT.
2. THE REPORT REMAINS CONFIDENTIAL AND BE CERTIFIED BY THE EMRC CHAIRMAN AND THE CEO.
3. THE REPORT BE DECLASSIFIED IMMEDIATELY UPON THE PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE GRANTOR.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

EMRC Chairman

Chief Executive Officer
