## **Waste Management Sub-committee**

## Report to SIRAC October, 10<sup>nd</sup>.

Sub-committee members:

Hegarty, Cass, June Lahm, Colin and Rosemary Haskell

Nothing of major significance to report since last meeting, updates from council on waste management issues are:

- *Skips on wharves* The update on our skip bin upgrades is that now the contractor is measuring out the spec of each wharves and he will also be making up the brackets which will house the bin.
  - This is coming "along nicely" according to Richard Li from council. So before the end of the year at this stage.
- Impact of closure of Belrose landfill- the actual transfer station is continuing to function although the landfill is closed so there's no operational change for now. Waste is now trucked to Western Sydney at additional cost but no indication that this is to be passed on to ratepayers.
- Council is considering the "Too Good to Waste" SHOROC proposal on November 3d <a href="http://shoroc.com/wp-content/uploads/2014/08/SHOROC-Too-Good-To-Waste-report-low-res.pdf">http://shoroc.com/wp-content/uploads/2014/08/SHOROC-Too-Good-To-Waste-report-low-res.pdf</a>
- Development of the Terrey Hills Kimbriki Landfill and Resource Recovery Centre- this is a key aspect of the To good to waste" plan and would mean that the centre would be operating in 2017 to convert mixed recyclables. At this stage Scotland Island wouldn't be moving to the new 3 bin model (garbage, mixed recyclables, food and garden) until later due to the logistics of recycling on the island..

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## Appendix 1- Email from PWC to SIRA

This has been previously distributed but I thought it was such us useful summary I'd attach it.

From: robina bramich@pittwater.nsw.gov.au

[mailto:robina bramich@pittwater.nsw.gov.au] **Sent:** Friday, 23 August 2013 9:45 AM **To:** 

Cass Gye Subject: Email to Cass Gye re: outcome of Scotland Island waste service

recommendations

To: Cass Gye Email: "Cass Gye" < cassgye@spin.net.au >,

**Re: Scotland Island waste services** As discussed yesterday, the content of the correspondence dated 19 May 2013 been reviewed by Council staff and senior management responsible for the current waste service agreement. Itemised responses to the various issues raised are detailed below. A formal response from Council will shortly be forwarded to the Scotland Island Resident's Association.

- 1. <u>Protection Barricades at Cargo Wharf</u> The Association's request for cyclone fencing around the perimeter of the stockpiled areas has been reviewed and in accordance with the terms of the existing contract Council does not consider that the contractor, United Resource Management (URM), can be directed or forced to erect cyclone fencing. Further, Council is concerned that cyclone fencing may also introduce risks to the community due to the location, topography and access requirements of the stockpiled areas. The existing method of installing pollution prevention control barriers is sufficient for the purpose of the collections and the contractor will be supervised to ensure that barriers are maintained during the collection process. Council will also monitor the likelihood of pollution entering Pittwater waterways during the general clean up and vegetation collections.
- 2. Request for a Hard Service Area at Cargo Wharf, Scotland Island Council's Urban Infrastructure staff have advised that works are identified to be carried out at this location including the construction of an approved ramp. Appropriate investigations followed by design and costings will be required to secure funding. There will be full community consultation on the progression of these works once the process is initiated.
- 3. <u>Use of Large Skips during Vegetation and General Clean Up Collections</u> Council and the waste service contractor, United Resource Management (URM) have favourably considered the request for the use of large skips for the general clean up and vegetation collection services.
- 4. <u>Recycling</u> Collaboration with the Scotland Island Residents Association has resulted in the production of a local waste calendar targeting issues specifically arising at Scotland Island and Council wishes to thank Cass Gye for the valued input regarding this content. The

Association's request for educational stickers to be issued to residents with contaminated or incorrectly presented recycling will be implemented. Council officers will forward proofs of the stickers for review in the near future.

- 5. <u>Waste Skips at Public Wharves</u> Council and URM have considered the Association's recommendation regarding waste skips on the public wharves. Alternative waste skips may be provided in order to deter illegal dumping and provide ease of use for residents. Council is currently discussing bin suitability with United Resource Management and Council will update the Association regarding implementation of any new bin system.
- 6. <u>Additional Vegetation Collections</u> The request for additional vegetation collections on Scotland Island has been considered with URM. Additionally, the most recent vegetation collection service that occurred on the week commencing 7 August 2013 was inspected by Council and URM where it was identified that the volume of vegetation presented does not warrant a need for additional collections.
- 7. Road Access The Association's request for the waste service contractor to utilise a 4WD to carry out recycling collections due to the topography and condition of the Island's roads is noted. The contractor is not required to provide a 4WD vehicle to undertake waste service collections on Scotland Island. However, the contractor is to advise Council if roads are not deemed suitable for the collections to be undertaken and any changes that may be required in the timing or methods of providing the service. Council will then write to affected property owners advising that alternative collection points may be required to be used until such time as the road/s becomes suitable for the collections.

Yours Faithfully, Robina Bramich Principal Environmental Health Officer Pittwater Council