

WASTE AND CIRCULAR ECONOMY GLEN EIRA CITY COUNCIL FACT SHEET



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The challenge: Building a sustainable waste system for Glen Eira

Glen Eira is committed to reducing waste and supporting a circular economy, but our current systems face growing pressure from population growth, rising costs, and changing recycling requirements. Transitioning to a low-waste future requires investment in infrastructure, education, and innovation.

Without strong partnerships and funding, we risk higher landfill rates, increased emissions, and missed opportunities to recover valuable resources.

Our advocacy priorities

- 1. Expand local recycling and resource recovery infrastructure:** Reduce landfill waste through regulating commercial recycling, tackling hard-to-recycle waste, setting national recycled content targets, supporting repair and producer responsibility initiatives, and expanding kerbside reforms.
- 2. Invest in community education and behaviour change programs:** Funding for initiatives that help households and businesses reduce waste, improve recycling practices, and embrace circular economy solutions.
- 3. Invest in green infrastructure projects:** Support initiatives such as rain gardens, permeable surfaces, and water-sensitive urban design to enhance sustainability and resilience.
- 4. Advocate for kerbside glass reform:** Advocate for reform of the kerbside glass mandate, supporting expansion of the *Container Deposit Scheme* to include wine and spirit bottles, to reduce costs, household burden, and improve environmental outcomes.

Policy outcomes sought

- Increased recycling and resource recovery to reduce landfill and emissions.
- Expanded organics diversion to meet State waste reduction targets.
- Stronger community engagement in waste minimisation and circular economy practices.
- Innovative partnerships that create jobs and reduce environmental impact.

Why government partnership is essential

Local government manages household waste services but faces funding and infrastructure constraints. Glen Eira City Council is committed to delivering sustainable waste solutions, but we need State and Federal support to:

- Upgrade recycling and organics processing infrastructure.
- Fund education programs that drive behaviour change.
- Support innovation and partnerships that advance circular economy goals.

Community impact

Investing in waste and circular economy initiatives reduces landfill, cuts emissions, and creates new opportunities for reuse and recycling. These actions protect the environment, lower costs over time, and build a sustainable future for Glen Eira.



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Key data and context

- **Population growth:** Glen Eira's population is projected to grow by 30,000 people by 2036, increasing waste generation and service demand.
- **Waste targets:** Victoria's Recycling Victoria policy aims to divert 80 per cent of waste from landfill by 2030, requiring significant local investment.
- **Organics diversion:** Food and garden organics make up a large share of household waste, highlighting the need for expanded processing capacity.
- **Circular economy:** Innovation in reuse and recycling creates economic opportunities and reduces environmental impact.

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