

OFFICERS REPORT**6.5a AUDITOR-GENERAL'S REPORT INTO RECOVERING AND REPROCESSING RESOURCES FROM WASTE**

Submitting Councillor: Cr Fergeus

MOTION

That Council:

1. *Notes the Auditor General's report, Recovering and Reprocessing Resources from Waste, released on the 6th June 2019.*
2. *Writes to Environment Minister Lily D'Ambrosio affirming Council's support for the recommendations of the report, in particular:*
 - *The creation of a state-wide waste policy;*
 - *Clarifying the role of government agencies;*
 - *Improving the reliability and quality of waste data; and*
 - *Developing strategies to reduce reliance on international markets.*
3. *Notes that more than half a billion dollars is currently set aside in Victoria's Sustainability Fund.*
4. *Strongly supports the development of the Victorian recycling and waste recovery industry.*
5. *Notes that according to the Auditor-General, Monash Council is ably fulfilling its role in delivering waste and resource recovery services to their communities and have managed to provide continued waste services despite the challenges brought about by the Chinese Sword Policy.*

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

There are no specific budget implications arising from this report. Ongoing waste management services are currently supported through the 2019/20 Council budget and any new initiatives will be submitted as part of the annual budget process.

IMPACT ON INTERNAL RESOURCES

Internal resources have already been committed to the VAGO audit process and there are no additional resourcing requirements needed.

COUNCIL PLAN AND COUNCIL POLICIES

The City of Monash adopted the Waste Management Strategy 2017-27 in January 2018.

Council's Waste Management Strategy has identified five goals that will underpin Council's commitment to Waste Management and the Community. They are:

Goal 1: Increase waste diversion from landfill;

Goal 2: Minimise waste generation through education;

Goal 3: Leading the way;

Goal 4: Serving our customers; and

Goal 5: Pride in our city

The Waste Management Strategy aligns with many themes and actions discussed in the VAGO report such as;

Action: The Waste Management Strategy aims to maximise resource recovery to minimise the volume of domestic residual waste disposed to landfill.

RELEVANCE TO WORK ALREADY UNDERTAKEN BY OFFICERS OR COMMITTEES

Council officers have been an integral part of this audit process since its inception late 2018. In fact Monash and Banyule Councils were participants in the audit and referred to in the report document. Monash is keenly interested in seeing the recommendations contained in this audit actioned, in particular those recommendations referred to in the Motion.