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# Waste and Circular Economy Strategy 2040



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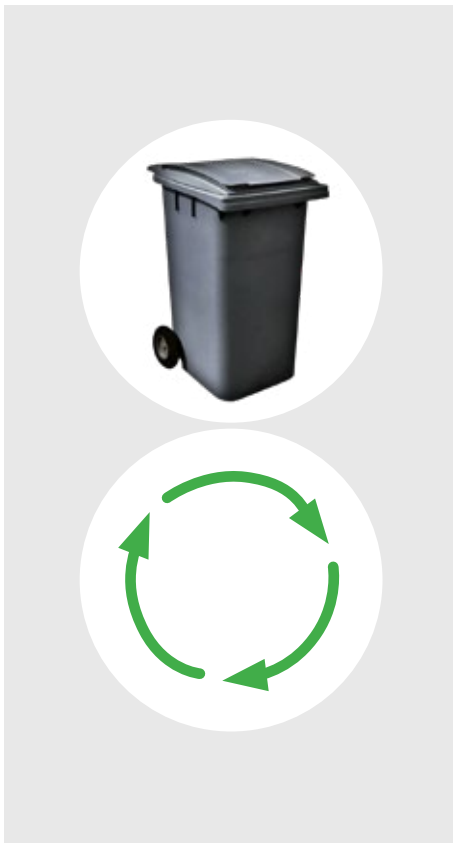
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# About the strategy



This information is about the **Waste and Circular Economy Strategy** from Northern Beaches Council.

We will call it **the strategy** for short.



The strategy says how we will

- Look after **waste** in the Northern Beaches
- Make a **circular economy**.

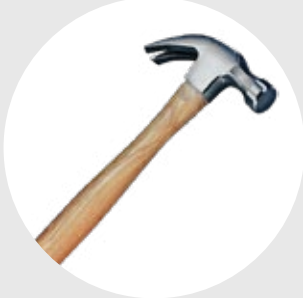


**Waste** means anything you throw away that you do not need anymore.

A **circular economy** means when you use things for as long as you can by



- Using them again



- Fixing them



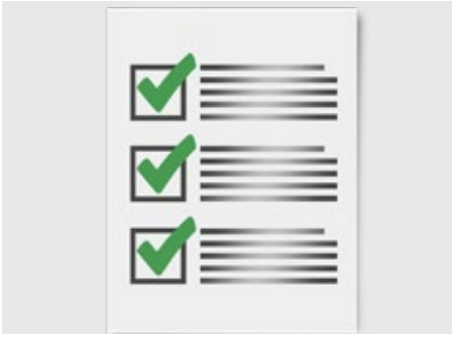
- Making new things from old things



- **Recycling** them.



**Recycling** means when waste is turned into something new you can use.



The strategy says what we will do to make a circular economy that is good for everyone.



The strategy goes to the year 2040.

# Why we need the strategy



We need the strategy to make sure we take care of our community and **environment**.



**Environment** means the place around you like grass and trees.



The strategy will help us

- Look after and recycle waste the right way
- Make more ways for people to recycle things.

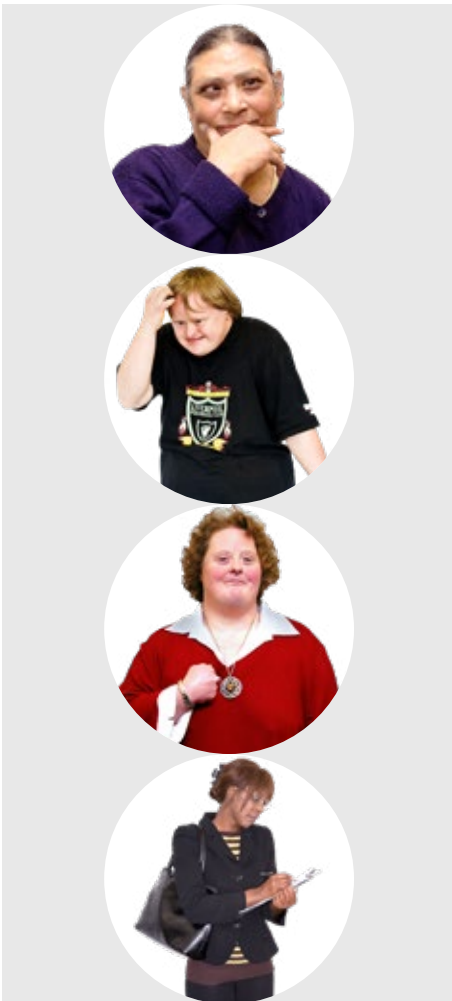


It will help us work with the community to not make as much waste.

# How we made the strategy



We talked to lots of people in the community to help us make the strategy.



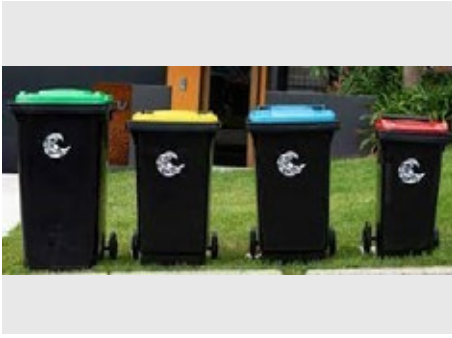
We asked them

- What makes them worried about waste
- What they find hard about waste
- What is important to them about waste
- How we can help them with waste.



They told us lots of things about our waste and circular economy.





They said there should be easy ways to not make as much waste.



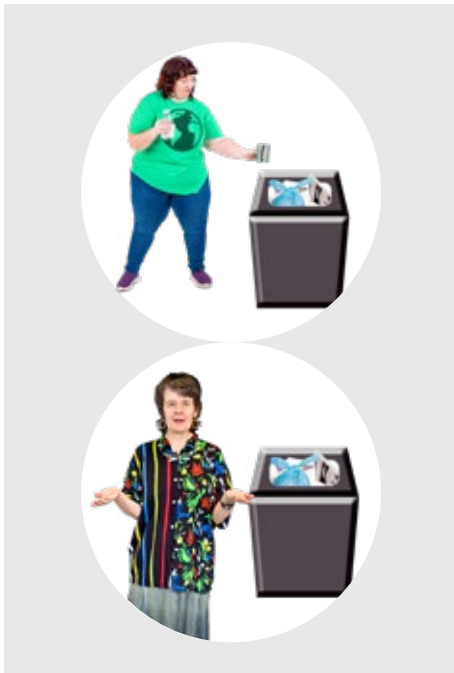
They said we should have more ways to be part of a circular economy in the Northern Beaches.



They said we need to work with business and government to not use as much **single use materials**.



**Single use materials** are things you can only use 1 time like plastic bottles and bags.



The community said they want more information about

- How to not make as much waste
- What to do with waste.



They said we need to have easy ways to deal with waste that is hard to get rid of.



The community said people are not recycling when they should be.



They want us to use recycled things when we build new things.

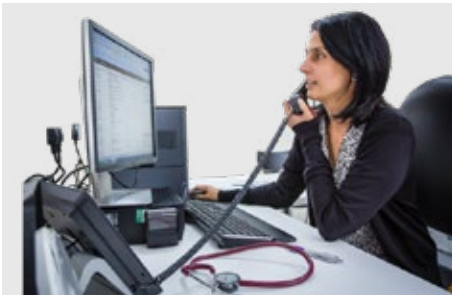




We also did **research** to help us make this plan.



**Research** means when you look into something.



We talked to 600 people on the phone.



We had 5 workshops with people in the community.



We spoke to different Council groups to ask what they think.

## 5 big areas to work on

The strategy has 5 big areas we want to work on.



1. Not have as much waste



2. Having a waste service that is easy to use



3. What to do with **organic** and **plastic waste**



4. Making a clean environment



5. The Council shows people how to do things well.



**Organic waste** is waste from food and gardens.

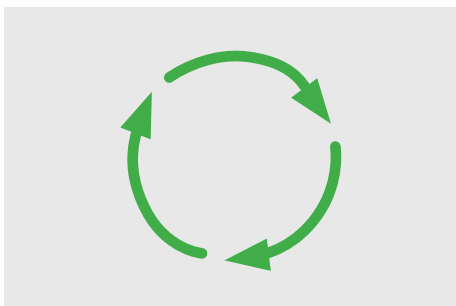


**Plastic waste** is waste from plastic like bottles and bags.

# 1. Not make as much waste



We want to support people to not make as much waste.

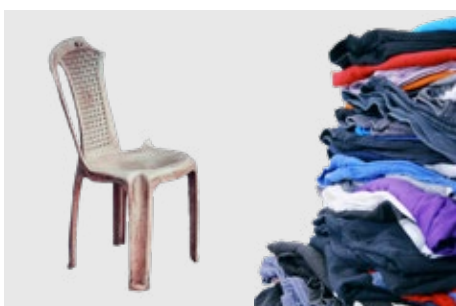


We want to have a circular economy in the Northern Beaches.

## This is what we will do



We will try to have a circular economy for waste from your house.



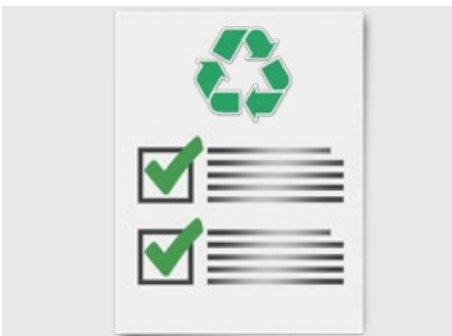
This might be things like broken chairs or old clothes.



We will look at ways businesses can share things they can use again or recycle.



We will tell the community why it is good to not have as much waste at home.



We will ask the government for better **laws** about waste.



**Laws** are rules everyone must follow.



We will find ways for businesses to have a circular economy.



We will work with businesses and researchers to find ways to not have as much waste.



We will look into the best ways to not make as much waste at home.



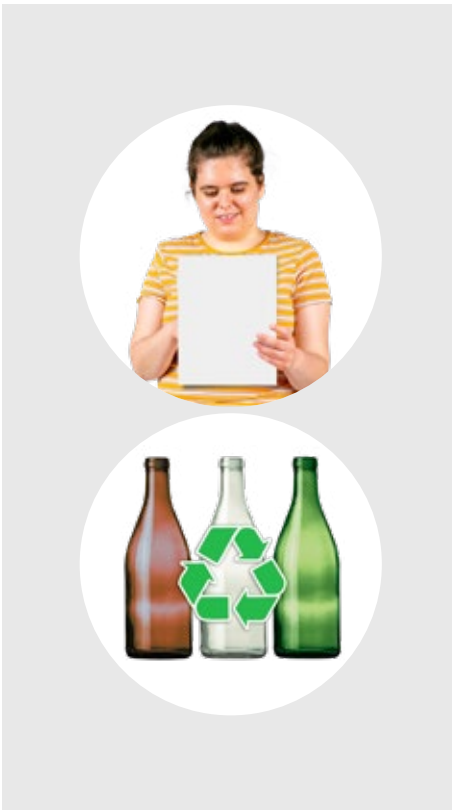
## 2. Having a waste service that is easy to use



We want to have a waste service that is easy for everyone to use.



We want to have good ways for people to recycle waste at home.



We want to

- Give information about recycling to the community
- Support the community to use things that have been recycled.

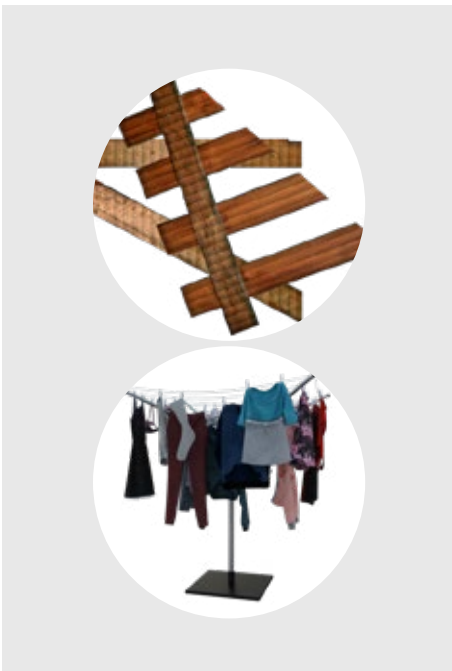
# This is what we will do



We will have easy ways for the community to get their waste picked up.



We will have easy places to take waste to.



This might be waste like

- Timber
- Clothes.



We will teach people how to use their bins the right way.



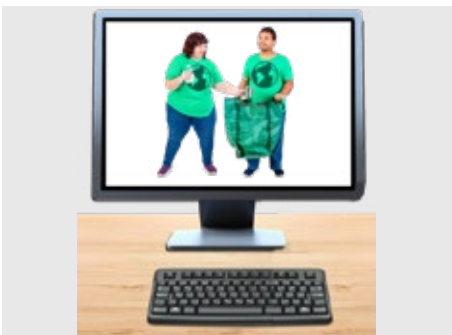
We will have ways to pick up big things for recycling.



We will make a new plan to deal with waste when there is an **emergency**.



An **emergency** is when something bad happens like a flood and there is lots of waste.



We will use new **technology** to make our recycling better.



**Technology** means things like computers and phones.



We will look at the types of waste people make in their homes.



This will help us know how we can help them not make as much waste.

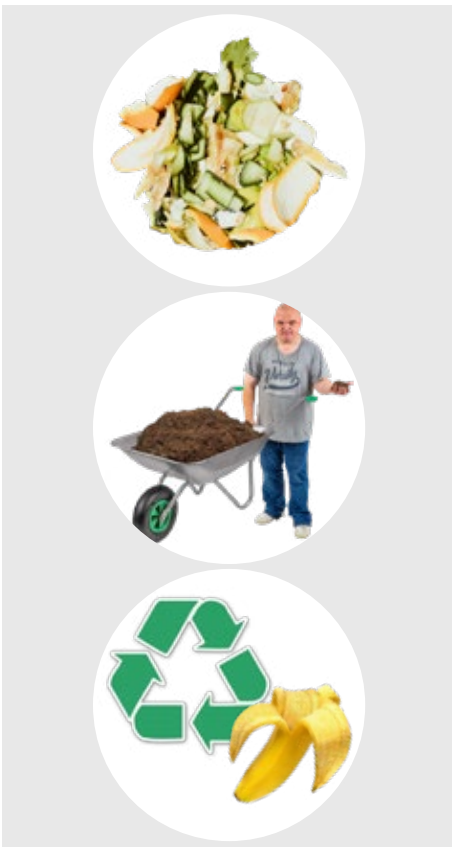


We will choose the waste services we will use for a long time.

### 3. What to do with organic and plastic waste



We want good ways to deal with organic and plastic waste.



We want to give people ways they can

- Not use as much food waste
- Use their organic waste again at home
- Recycle in a way that is good for organic waste.



We want the community to not use as much single use plastics.

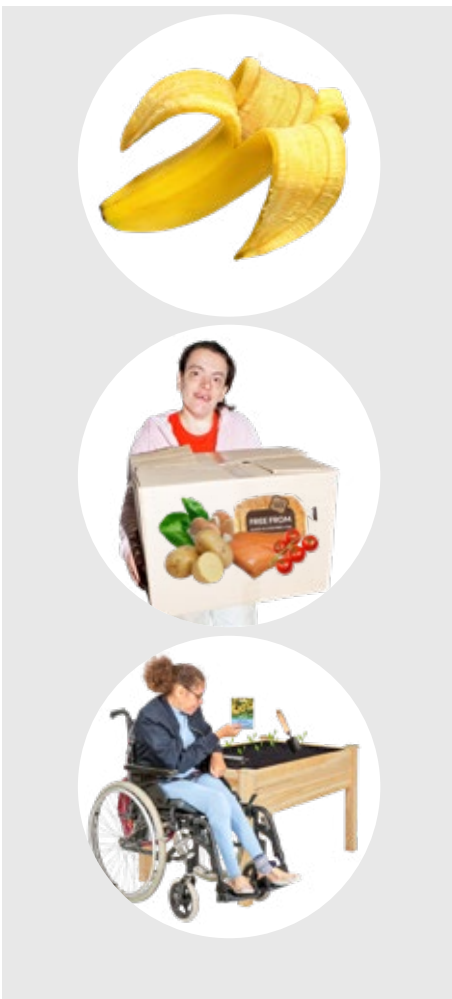
## This is what we will do



We will speak up to say that we should not use single use plastics anymore.



We will make a new plan to pick up food waste from houses.



We will support things that

- Makes there be not as much food waste at home

- Gives food waste to people who need it

- Help people use their organic waste for **home composting**.

**Home composting** is when you use organic waste to grow new things like plants and food.





We will find ways for businesses to use things that are not single use plastics



This might be things like containers.



We will give recycled plastic to people who want to

- Use it
- Make new things.

## 4. Making a clean environment



We want the Northern Beaches to be a very clean place.



We want to look after waste in a way that is good for the environment.

### This is what we will do



Before we use new waste services we will check if they are good for the environment.



We will make plans so that people do not **litter** as much.



**Litter** means you leave rubbish in a public place like a park.



We will work with businesses so they stop using single use things.



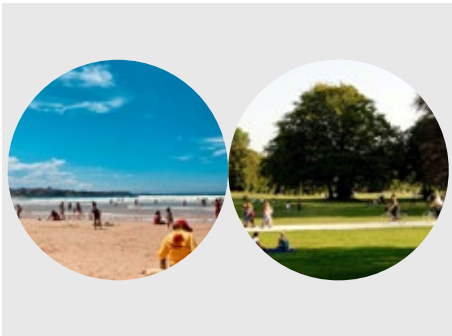
We will work with **volunteers** to tell people why it is bad to litter.



**Volunteers** are people who work and care for others for free.



We will use new technology to help stop people litter.



We will check places like beaches and parks to find ways to make our litter services better.

## 5. The Council shows people how to do things well



We want to show people how to deal with waste in a good way.



We want to find the best ways to make as little waste as we can.

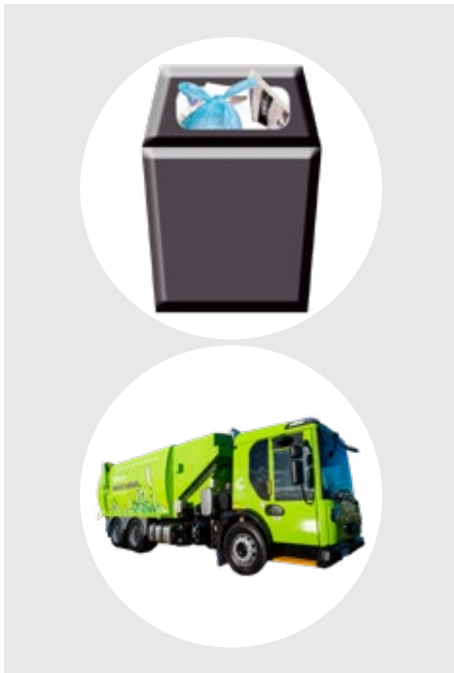


We will think of the best ways to deal with waste the Council makes.

### This is what we will do



We will tell people about the best way to not make waste at events.



We will check

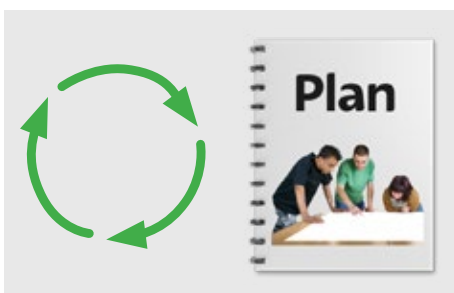
- The types of waste the Council makes
- How the waste is taken away for recycling.



We will speak up about the best ways to stop waste.



We will tell people how to recycle in a way that is good for the environment.



Our plans will have ways to make our waste and circular economy better.



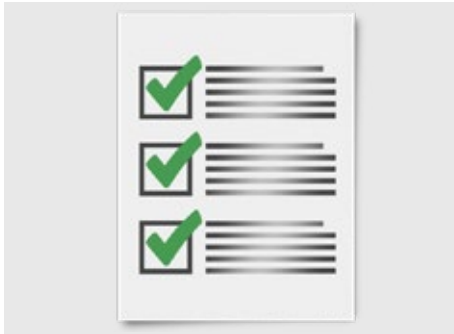


We will support more projects that use recycled things.



We will choose services that make things that are good for the environment.

# How we make sure the strategy works



There are things we will do to make sure the strategy works.



We will work with the community and businesses to

- Check how they are going with the things in the strategy
- Make sure the community is getting what it needs.



We will check the strategy every 5 years.



We will use our money to support the things in the strategy.



We will look at ways to get money from other places for the things in the strategy.



We will tell the Council every 4 years about how the strategy is going.

# Have your say



You can have your say about the strategy.



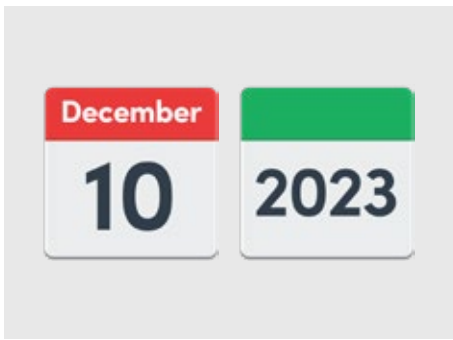
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