

Newsletter

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Council proposal for a “Waste & Amenity Levy”

Council have stated that they're unable to deliver waste management, a core Council service within their existing budget. (Source <http://www.portphillip.vic.gov.au/11.1-Report.pdf>) One of the fundamental expectations of rate payers is that their rubbish is collected and managed by the council and that this service is funded by the rates that the council collects.

The council is now proposing to introduce a separate Waste and Amenity Levy into the next year's budget to fund this core service. The proposed levy is separate to rates revenue, which would sit outside the government rate cap requirement. This means it can be increased by any amount Council deems fit. This Council cannot manage basic services within their own budget - it's outrageous.

The proposed Waste & Amenity levy is not going to replace any rates already collected - it will be an additional levy charged to ratepayers (and will flow through to rents). This Council cannot manage basic services within their own budget - it's outrageous. The waste cost must remain under the category of core services and classified as a charge and not a levy and only be increased in line with the rate cap or inflation or CPI.

Write to councillors and tell them what you think
(http://www.portphillip.vic.gov.au/your_councillors.htm)

On a positive note RoPP is supports the Council's resolution to undertake trials of additional fixed-term (eight-month) recycling services for kerbside glass recycling, communal glass recycling, food organics and garden organics (FOGO) recycling, and

the 12-month trial recycling of street sweeping waste. However, we question the cost of the program. Why does the Council have to employ two additional people to oversee the trial? Surely of the existing 900 staff there must be two people who are capable of this work.

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How can you help?

Please pass this email to FIVE of your friends, neighbours and business owners who are ratepayers or residents in the City of Port Phillip and encourage them to join up. *Our Council is only able to waste our money because they believe no one will hold them to account!*

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- Speak at Council meetings on behalf of RoPP;
- Donations to RoPP.

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