

RP-12 GREGADOO WASTE MANAGEMENT CENTRE - DRAFT ACCESS FEE

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Summary: An amendment is proposed to the existing Gregadoo Facilities Access Fee. It is recommended the change be placed on public exhibition with further consideration of any submissions prior to determination. The fee is provided for commercial businesses located at the Gregadoo Waste Management Centre.

Recommendation

That Council:

- a place the following new fees and charges on public exhibition for a period from 30 November 2021 to 7 January 2021.
- b receives a further report following the public exhibition period:
 - i. addressing any submission made in respect of the proposed new fees
 - ii. proposing adoption of the new fees and charges unless there are any recommended amendments that will require a further public exhibition period

Report

Council currently has an Access Fee for commercial operators at the Gregadoo Waste Management Centre. With additional infrastructure being installed and changes to operations a new pricing mechanism has been developed for access and entry to the Gregadoo Waste Management Centre (GWMC) for these operators. This adjustment to the current Access Fee is targeted at the actual costs for new infrastructure and have been based on usage and visitation to the site.

The access fee is based on proportion of costs for two major infrastructure components, being the weighbridge and a new service road used by commercial operators at the facility. The costs for the weighbridge are attributed to all facility users and the costs for the service road are shared between the existing commercial operators, Carbon Mate and Councils FOGO contractor. The new service road costs will be apportioned based on loading.

Council is intending to commission the weighbridge facility as soon as possible.

The following table sets out the costs that are being recovered by Council. This includes capital and operational expenses as shown.

Capital and Operational Expenses

Asset (Lifespan)	Capital (per annum)	Operation & Maintenance (per annum)	Total
Access Road (30yrs)	\$ 23,333	\$ 15,000	\$ 38,333

Weighbridge (15 years)	\$ 33,333	\$ 230,000	\$ 263,333
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The existing access fee is \$7.50 per tonne. This fee was proposed in advance of weighbridge costs and operational details of commercial users.

The amended fee is proposed to comprise the following changes:

- i) Access Road - \$0.96 per tonne
- ii) Weighbridge - \$3.44 per waste vehicle entry

At this time Councils commercial users to which the charges will apply include, Carbon Mate and Councils FOGO contractor.

Implementation of the access fee subject to public exhibition and adoption by Council is proposed to be from 1 February 2022.

Financial Implications

The new GWMC Access Fee(s) have been developed to recover Councils costs for the newly installed infrastructure that supports the commercial operators ongoing activities. The new fee will also enable other commercial operators to establish on the site as future circumstances or opportunities eventuate.

Policy and Legislation

Local Government Act 1993

Link to Strategic Plan

Community Leadership and Collaboration

Objective: City of Wagga Wagga services reflect the needs of the community

Outcome: The City of Wagga Wagga has efficient and effective processes

Risk Management Issues for Council

Council is providing new infrastructure and improvements to the Gregadoo Wase Management Centre to support current and future commercial operators. The cost of the infrastructure should be apportioned based on use and impact. The amended access fee provides for this and better reflects cost recovery.

Internal / External Consultation

Council initially developed the Access Fee in consultation with commercial operators. Following completion of the new internal access road and weighbridge further consultation identified significant changes to the proposed arrangements and cost recovery options. The changes to the fees provide an improved mechanism for all parties going forward.

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