Rural City of Wangaratta

Connect Wangaratta

Connect Wangaratta - Community Engagement Report

Waste Management Policy 2025 – Engagement Summary.

This community engagement campaign has been launched to gather feedback on the Waste Management Policy 2025. Although the policy was reviewed and adopted by Council in June 2025, the introduction of a kerbside glass collection service has prompted a further review to ensure alignment with waste service standards.

The Rural City of Wangaratta Waste Management Policy 2025 recognizes the growing challenges of increased waste generation due to population growth and urban expansion, alongside the need to reduce environmental impacts and reliance on landfill. It aims to deliver a clear, responsive, and sustainable waste management system that aligns with Victorian Government standards, supports community needs, and promotes resource recovery.

Council invited community submissions on the draft Waste Management Policy 2025 for 28 days from 25th July 2025 to 22nd August 2025 via the Connect Wangaratta webpage.

28 days

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What we heard

Due to the timing of this review occurring shortly after similar recent engagement activities, community feedback was limited. This level of response is consistent with previous engagement undertaken by the Waste team over the past 24 months in relation to other strategies and policies, reflecting a pattern of consultation fatigue or reduced public interest in closely spaced reviews.

Three items of feedback were received:

- “Is the plan to continue with the use of 'yellow top' bins in public areas?”
- “Great to have a more circular economy”
- “There should be an annual kerbside hard waste collection, which many other councils”

What we are doing

Of the 12 visitors to the project page, 3 surveys were completed with the following feedback:

- “Is the plan to continue with the use of 'yellow top' bins in public areas?”
- “Great to have a more circular economy”
- “There should be an annual kerbside hard waste collection, which many other councils”

Council currently utilises the use of 'yellow top' bins in public areas with no changes planned for this service provision.

Next steps

Feedback Item	Action/Info	When	Strategy Change
“There should be an annual kerbside hard waste collection, which many other councils”	While we acknowledge the value of this initiative, it currently falls outside the financial scope of our existing service framework and budget allocation	Nil	Nil

Present to Council to Endorses the draft Waste Management Policy 2025 for adoption