

Media Statement

TOWN APPROVES FOGO INTRODUCTION

The Town of East Fremantle approved the implementation of a Food Organic Garden Organic (FOGO) waste service to 3,397 residential households (including 771 residential multiple unit dwellings) in the 2019/2020 financial year.

Mayor Jim O’Neill said that the change is scheduled for mid-2019 and detailed information will be circulated early 2019.

“Town residents are already diverting more than 60% of waste from landfill and are enthusiastic supporters of the current recycling system. The new FOGO system is anticipated to increase even further the diversion of recyclables from landfill and will save ratepayers money in the long term.”

“The roll-out will include a high-profile education program to let people know what to put in each bin and how the system will work.”

The 3-bin Food Organics Garden Organics (FOGO) system will provide residents with more options for separating their waste, with the aim of improving recovery rates, increasing diversion from landfill and reducing costs of processing material.

By collecting nutrient-rich food waste alongside garden waste in the new FOGO bin, we can generate a high-quality compost to use on farms, parks and gardens and avoid organic waste going to landfill to produce harmful methane gas.

The system has been successfully trialled in the City of Melville as part of a joint project between the Southern Metropolitan Regional Council (SMRC), Cities of Fremantle, Melville and the Town of East Fremantle.

During this trial, the three-bin FOGO system was proven to achieve around 65% diversion from landfill. The process prevented valuable resources from going to landfill and was accompanied by strong participation and support from residents.

The 3-bin FOGO system is the WA Waste Authority’s preferred kerbside collection system as it is considered the most suitable for achieving the State Government target of 65% diversion from landfill by 2020.

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