



Appendix A

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
BETWEEN**

**BALLINA
SHIRE
COUNCIL**

AND

**LISMORE
CITY
COUNCIL**

WASTE MANAGEMENT



MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

PARTIES TO THE MEMORANDUM

BALLINA SHIRE COUNCIL and LISMORE CITY COUNCIL

PREAMBLE

During 2008 and 2009 Ballina Shire Council and Lismore City Council managers have met to discuss opportunities which provide scope for mutual benefits in the area of waste management. It is agreed that the establishment of some formality around these discussions is now desirable.

PARTNERSHIP OBJECTIVE

There are many waste management activities where a collaborative approach could deliver economies of scale to both Councils. A Memorandum of Understanding between the two Councils would enable staff to develop programs to take advantage of these situations, confident that the respective Councils are supportive of joint activities which deliver mutually beneficial operational and strategic outcomes in the field of waste management.

ORGANISATIONAL BACKGROUND

Ballina Shire Council

The Shire Council is in a rural-coastal locality and enjoys a temperate to sub-tropical climate. It has an area of 487 square kilometres and an approximate population of 40,000 people. Ballina's Waste Management Centre offers a wide range of services with a philosophy of 'Reduce, Reuse and Recycle'. Through effective management, the Waste Management Centre significantly reduces the amount of waste going to landfill-by sorting, recycling and reprocessing waste.

Lismore City Council

The City Council is a progressive and innovative organisation focused on providing professional quality services which benefit the people of Lismore, its economy and environment. The Council employs approximately 300 staff and services a population of more than 44,000 people. It is a leader in regional waste management evidenced by the results of community surveys which show that 90% of residents are satisfied with Council's waste management performance.

COMMITMENT

The parties to this agreement commit to jointly researching, investigating, evaluating and sharing waste management knowledge and to develop action plans which have potential to deliver enhanced outcomes for the communities of their respective Council areas.

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EXPECTATIONS

Through a shared effort the parties expect to achieve economies of scale cost benefits in service delivery, recycling, resource utilisation, community education and sustainable waste management practices generally. Any outcome requiring a specific allocation of financial resources shall be the subject of a formal contract between both parties.

TERM

This Memorandum of Understanding will be effective until 31 December 2011 at which time it will be eligible for renewal. In the intervening period it may be voided by the mutual agreement of the parties.

Signatories



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