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Dear Mr Archer

### **ENDORSEMENT OF CITY OF BUSSELTON'S WASTE PLAN**

Thank you for submitting the City of Busselton's waste plan prepared under section 40(2) of the *Waste Avoidance and Resource Recovery Act 2007* on 18 June 2021.

I commend the City of Busselton's commitment to reducing waste, increasing resource recovery, and protecting the environment. I consider that the City of Busselton is implementing initiatives that are consistent with, and contribute to, the delivery of the targets and objectives of the State's *Waste Avoidance and Resource Recovery Strategy 2030*, including:

- Investigating the viability of a third organics bin system across all households across the City receiving kerbside waste services;
- Identifying opportunities to reduce food waste at annual leavers event via the Leavers Event Waste Reduction & Recovery initiative;
- Developing an integrated regional waste management approach for the City;
- Investigating the viability of sending residual municipal solid waste to a waste to energy facility;
- Investigating the viability of an organic processing facility with capacity for expansion;
- Investigating offering the City's waste facilities as a container deposit scheme refund point;
- Determining the feasibility of establishing a reuse shop at the Busselton Transfer Station;
- Investigating the potential for establishing a sorting facility to decontaminate problematic waste streams;
- Reviewing contracts with external providers to provide for separation of waste streams;
- Reviewing procurement practices to encourage greater use of recycled products;
- Determining effective ways to reduce incidents of problematic litter and illegal dumping;
- Implementing community waste education initiatives and a school education program;

- Collecting data on resident kerbside practices and contamination levels via a bin tagging program; and
- Identifying opportunities to avoid or use alternatives to single use plastic within the City.

As you may be aware, the Department of Water and Environmental Regulation is supporting the delivery of the Waste Strategy targets by:

- developing opportunities for food organics and garden organics (FOGO) processing and markets through the FOGO Reference Group;
- developing composting guidelines and better practice guidelines for solid waste treatment and storage facilities;
- incorporating FOGO-related inputs into strategic reviews of Western Australia's waste infrastructure;
- clarifying and improving the regulatory framework for waste to energy facilities; and
- continuing to develop the WasteSorted communications toolkit to help local governments communicate their waste and recycling services to residents and support consistent and effective communications across local governments.

I am pleased to endorse the City of Busselton's waste plan and wish you success with its implementation.

I look forward to receiving the City of Busselton's first annual report for 2021-22 on the implementation of its waste plan by 1 October 2022.

Yours sincerely



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**DIRECTOR GENERAL**

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