



Operation of Clothing Bins Policy

In force from 28 August 2001

POLICY NAME	Strathfield Council Operation of Clothing Bins Policy
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REF	Minute 470/01
RELEVANT LEGISLATION	Local Government Act (NSW) 1993
RELATED POLICIES/DOCUMENTS	n/a

1.0 Introduction

1.1 Title and Commencement

This policy is titled *Strathfield Council Operation of Clothing Bins Policy*. This policy was adopted on 28 August 2001 and became operational on 19 September 2001 after public exhibition in accordance with s.160 of the Local Government Act.

1.2 Background and Purpose of Policy

Clothing Recycling Bins usually exist as large steel boxes in which items of clothing are deposited by the public. Clothing Recycling Bins can generally be operated in three different ways. They can be:

- Operated by 'recognised' charities (that is, by charities that are members of The National Association of Charitable Recycling Organisations, NACRO)
- Operated by commercial operators but endorsed by a 'recognised' charity (which in turn receives some sort of payment)
- Operated by commercial operators that have no connection with charities.

1.3 Purpose of the Policy

This Policy provides direction regarding the manner in which Clothing Recycling Bins can be operated in the Strathfield Municipality. This Policy has been prepared in accordance with the requirements of Section 158 of the Local Government Act 1993.

1.3 Objectives of the Policy

The objective of this policy is:

- To recognise that Clothing Recycling Bins constitute a legitimate and appropriate means of recycling clothing and other garments.
- To allow for the operation of Clothing Recycling Bins in a manner which limits adverse impacts upon visual amenity, health amenity, existing landscaping and the existing movement patterns of pedestrians and vehicles.
- To control the number and location of Clothing Recycling Bins.
- To control the size, appearance and maintenance of Clothing Recycling Bins.
- To provide Council with legal protection from issues that may arise with regard to the placement of Clothing Recycling Bins.

2.0 Policy Statement

2.1 Part 1 - Coverage and Exemptions to the Policy

This policy requires all prospective owners of Clothing Recycling Bins to obtain approval from Strathfield Council. There are no circumstances in which the prospective operator of a Clothing Recycling Bin is exempt from the need to obtain an approval under this Policy.

2.2 Part 2 - Criteria for assessment

The following criteria applies to assessing of clothing bins

2.2.1 Acceptable locations

Clothing Recycling Bins may be located on land that is not owned by Council.

On land that is owned by Council, Clothing Recycling Bins may only be located in Council carparks, as nominated below, at the maximum rate of one Bin per carpark:

- Strathfield carpark (accessed via Albert Road and Churchill Avenue)
- Homebush carpark (accessed via Burlington Road and The Crescent)
- Homebush West carpark (accessed via Henley Road and Exeter Road)
- Strathfield South carpark (accessed via Homebush Road).

Once a particular Council carpark contains one Clothing Recycling Bin, Council will not permit any additional Clothing Recycling Bins to be located in that carpark.

2.2.2 Acceptable operators

On privately owned land, a Clothing Recycling Bin may be operated by a commercial operator and/or by an operator registered with the National Association of Charitable Recycling Organisations (NACRO).

In the above-nominated Council carparks, a Clothing Recycling Bin may only be operated by an operator registered with the National Association of Charitable Recycling Organisations (NACRO).

2.2.3 Requirements

The requirements listed below are to be met by the operator of any Clothing Recycling Bin. Non compliance with the below requirements will result in Council requesting that the Clothing Recycling Bin be removed.

- A Clothing Recycling Bin must clearly display the name and telephone number of the operator.
- A Clothing Recycling Bin must not be located in a position where it could cause an obstruction or contribute to the occurrence of a potentially dangerous situation.
- In a Council carpark, a Clothing Recycling Bin must not be located in a designated car parking space.
- A Clothing Recycling Bin must not be located in a manner which will detrimentally affect existing landscaping.
- A Clothing Recycling Bin will not be permitted in a particular location if, in the opinion of Council, the Bin will result in an unacceptably adverse visual impact upon the surrounding area.

- A Clothing Recycling Bin must be kept in good condition. The Bin itself should be kept free of graffiti. The area around the Bin should be kept clear of clothing and general waste.

- A Clothing Recycling Bin must be emptied at least once every week.
- The operator of a Clothing Recycling Bin must respond immediately to Council or public concern regarding the operation of that Bin.
- A Clothing Recycling Bin must not exceed the following dimensions:
 - Width: 1.2 metres
 - Depth: 1.3 metres
 - Height: 1.9 metres

2.3 Part 3 - Other Matters

2.3.1 Making an application for the placement of a Clothing Recycling Bin

Operators are encouraged to speak with an officer from the Technical Services Department of Council before making a formal application for the placement of a Clothing Recycling Bin.

An application for the placement of a Clothing Recycling Bin must be in writing and must include:

- a. The name of the company which will be operating the Bin, and the name and contact details of a designated contact person within that company.
- b. If the Bin is to be located in a Council carpark, a letter which identifies the operator of the Bin as a member of the National Association of Charitable Recycling Organisations (NACRO).
- c. A copy of a current insurance policy which indemnifies Council against any claims that could arise from the operation of the Bin.
 - A detailed map(s) which show(s):
 - The exact location of the proposed Bin
 - The location of any other Bins located within approximately 500 metres of the proposed location.
 - The location of any other Bins controlled by the applicant operator that are located within Strathfield Municipality.
- d. Details of the Bin's dimensions, colour, signage, materials and method of installation.
- e. Details of the maintenance arrangements for the Bin itself (including removal of graffiti) and the area around the Bin (including the removal of excess clothing and general waste).
- f. Details of the frequency and method with which the Bin will be emptied.

2.2.2 Approval process

In assessing an application for the placement of a Clothing Recycling Bin, Council will give consideration to the requirements listed in all parts of this policy.

An approval for the operation of a Clothing Recycling Bin will be issued for a period of twelve (12) months only. After that period of twelve (12) months, the continued operation of the Bin will require an application by the operator for an extension of the approval.