

Q10 Waste Management. Merri-bek aims to be a leading council in sustainable waste management. What will you do to help Merri-bek in educating citizens on waste streams , to achieve Merri-bek's 2030 zero waste to landfill target as part of Zero Carbon in the Planning Scheme – ESD Policy v2.0?

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1	The Merri-bek waste management initiative, which focusses on employing local residents from Glenroy and Fawkner, to assist with waste reduction and management is cutting-edge. I would like to see this roll out in other areas, helping to manage waste effectively, but also provide local employment, fostering community involvement in sustainability.	10/1/2024 11:15 PM
2	We have a lot of people moving in and out of Merri-bek, and unfortunately each Council area can have different rules for which bin certain items go in depending on where and how they process waste. So Council needs to be regularly running community education programs on what goes in which bin.	9/30/2024 4:40 PM
3	I am committed to Merri-bek's 2030 target of zero waste to landfill. I volunteer at the Brunswick Tool Library, an organisation that runs a monthly repair cafe to keep household items out of landfill and save residents from needing to buy replacement items. I would support investigating ways Council can support existing repair cafes and expand on these programs.	9/30/2024 10:59 AM
4	The educational initiatives of governments are increasingly difficult due to the global availability of compelling distractions. One of my policies is to move towards open-source software for powering the government, allowing civilians to be involved in the website and the processes of government. This would allow compelling content creators to be a part of any government initiatives, increasing the ability of councils to connect with residents. I'd also like to see more local composting sites. These would each need a caretaker. By increasing the visibility of these practices, it helps them gain popularity and understanding. When I lived in New York, there was a shared composting site in a nearby park, then I found out I could sign up my apartment building for the city's composting collection. So many people just aren't aware of how easy it is to change their waste habits.	9/29/2024 8:06 PM
5	I am committed to Merri-bek's 2030 target of zero waste to landfill. Now that the food and organics bin has been universally rolled out, we will see a reduction in the amount of food and organics waste going into landfill. Nevertheless, medium and high-density blocks are often excluded from council organics waste services. Given this, I plan to investigate possibilities for tailored waste management for medium and high-density residential developments. Such as providing composting systems or tailored food waste collection. Furthermore, given there continues to be a high level of contamination in Merri-bek's recyclables stream it is also clear that further community engagement and education around waste management is required. I will also promote circular economy principles and support initiatives promoting zero waste initiatives.	9/28/2024 4:28 PM
6	Merri-bek, often in association with neighbouring Councils seems to be heading in a positive direction. I oppose waste incineration. In my doorknocking I meet many residents who don't seem to fully understand the 4 bin collection system, which fosters opposition. Council needs to communicate better with residents about this.	9/23/2024 2:14 PM
7	I have a strong history of engaging with non-English speaking communities. I strongly believe in bringing the community with us rather than lecturing people on what to do. I will my experience and connections in the community to increase uptake of waste streams. Unlike some "progressive" councillors, I will ensure essential services like the former Moreland Energy Foundation are not privatised by council, which occurred in 2022. https://brunswickvoice.com.au/energy-foundation-a-loss-to-moreland-community/	9/22/2024 4:57 PM
8	Having been part of Council's most recent waste reforms as a current Councillor, I remain committed to Merri-bek's 2030 target of zero waste to landfill. Now that the food and organics bin has been universally rolled out, we will see a reduction in the amount of food and organics waste going into landfill. One area for continual improvement is in the contamination of the yellow recycling bin. This may require a further education campaign to	9/21/2024 10:26 AM

ensure people know what to put in each particular bin. There is also a role for Council to play in advocacy around both manufacturer and consumer choices, especially in relation to soft plastics.

9	Yes. I think this essential, as many people wish to address landfill , but may only know how though education.	9/20/2024 4:30 PM
10	Council provide professional and available advice on better waste. We need evidence to assess if these are effective and where they are not.	9/19/2024 10:11 PM
11	I am committed to Merri-bek's 2030 target of zero waste to landfill and communicating strategies to reduce waste to the public. I am also committed to changing the responsibility of managing waste to the manufacturer, rather than the consumer.	9/19/2024 8:13 PM
12	yes	9/19/2024 6:15 PM
13	I will support council's community education plans, to ensure residents understand how to use their various bins. Additionally, I will seek to install recycling, hard rubbish and glass bins in parks and reserves, to avoid residents relying solely on hard rubbish at parks and sporting facilities.	9/18/2024 8:56 PM
14	Multicultural communities often don't fully understand waste disposal. They need information and education in their own languages, along with community outreach. A letter alone is not enough to educate these communities.	9/18/2024 2:56 PM
15	I recognize the importance of sustainable waste management and Merri-bek's goal of zero waste to landfill by 2030. I support ongoing efforts to educate the community on proper waste streams and encourage participation in recycling and composting initiatives. I will advocate for the promotion of existing programs and resources, ensuring they are accessible and easy for residents to engage with, while also supporting partnerships that enhance community awareness and participation in sustainable waste practices.	9/17/2024 11:47 PM
16	Review the hard waste collection to encourage more reuse and recycling, have circular economy principles in procurements and contracts. Support food and organic recycling and investigate textiles recycling.	9/17/2024 10:05 AM
17	There needs to be an improvement on education re reducing waste. On Fawkner resident suggested that council organise a tidy suburb campaign. We need to educate people to reduce waste but also work with fast food businesses about reducing waste. Council also needs to advocate to the federal government to introduce laws to stop manufacturers making un-needed packaging and products which can't be repaired. Council also needs to work with real estate agencies to get them to educate new tenants about what should and shouldn't be put in the recycling bin. Real estate agents should also educate new tenants about what do do with broken down furniture that they can no longer use. Council also needs to increase the number of workers clearing away the rubbish in the shopping strips.	9/16/2024 2:37 PM
18	Information sessions for residents about separating waste, more information about where waste goes and an audit of the full flow path of all waste streams to ensure it is maximally sustainable and energy efficient.	9/15/2024 12:39 PM
19	I would take all opportunities to promote these policies, but also advocate at a higher level for more urgent and structural changes to waste management, such as bans on single use plastics.	9/15/2024 9:38 AM
20	People need to see, as I have done, how the Veolia recycling facility works and see what happens to the end product. They need to understand the perils of proposals such as the Wollert incinerator and understand what it will mean to us down wind and down stream if something goes horribly wrong if the incinerator is allowed to be built. People need to understand how important procurement of recycled products is and how to aim to quit plastic. People need better education of the impact of plastic waste on our local waterways.	9/14/2024 5:15 PM