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Land clearing and green waste

The Minister for the Environment, Education and Social Welfare the Hon Vicky Jack MLA, today reminded the Norfolk Island community about the successful green waste programme at the Waste Management Centre.

“The Centre is happy to receive clean, green waste”, Mrs Jack said. “This is then shredded and processed to produce useful mulch and compost for commercial and private use. The environment and the community benefit from this successful recycling programme”.

Mrs Jack said that the Waste Management Centre could process almost all forms of green waste, but could not deal with large tree stumps. The Centre also cannot process green waste contaminated with other waste materials such as plastic or glass. The Minister asked community members to ensure that green waste was free of other material before delivery to the Centre.

“I recognise that in some cases, people may have large stumps or contaminated waste which they wish to burn on their own properties”, Mrs Jack said. “In such instances, it is best to allow the material to dry thoroughly before burning, so as to minimise smoke and nuisance to other people. Before they undertake burning, I ask everyone to show consideration for their neighbours and to recognise that one of our major attractions to visitors is our clean, green environment. Excessive smoke poses a threat to that hard-won reputation”.

Anyone with queries about disposal of green waste should contact the Waste Management Centre on 24090. The Centre is open seven days a week, except for public holidays.

Stephanie V Jack
Minister for the Environment, Education and Social Welfare

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