

# Norfolk Island Regional Council

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## MEDIA RELEASE

### THE GRAND WASTE PLAN

As you are aware, Council staff is commencing the large task of moving towards minimising waste and having zero waste disposal at Headstone.

A recent study identified that 85% of the island's waste can be processed sustainably on island. The below diagram shows the waste management hierarchy that everyone in the community can start to follow. If we can all make a concerted effort to minimise and reuse our waste, then in turn we will reduce the impact on our environment and lessen the financial burden on our community.



'To reach the stage where we actually do reduce waste and are able to process recyclables on the island, we will need to cover the cost of waste management. Currently the waste fund is in deficit, which is not sustainable. Waste is everyone's responsibility and the waste management levy is clearly not covering the cost of Waste Management. Subsequently it would be irresponsible if Council didn't look at ways of covering this shortfall,' said Ms Lotta Jackson.

The community should also be made aware that the funding that was granted to the Administration of Norfolk Island for a high temperature incinerator is no longer available. The recent study did not recommend the incineration of any waste streams and has identified a number of risks associated with air and water quality and the island's ability to process the ash by-product.

The Council is looking into future funding opportunities for the management of waste on Norfolk Island. The community should be assured that the Council has a way forward and a commitment to cease the ocean outfall of all waste within 1-2 years.

If anyone has a bright idea on how to minimise waste let Council know at [regionalcouncil@nirc.gov.nf](mailto:regionalcouncil@nirc.gov.nf) or send a letter addressed to the General Manger, PO Box 95, Norfolk Island, 2899.

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