

# Norfolk Island Regional Council

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## MEDIA RELEASE

### WASTE MANAGEMENT

The Waste Management Centre will be receiving a minor face lift in the coming weeks. As the clock is ticking to cease ocean outfall by 2018 we need to find solutions to simplify the way we manage our waste.

There is currently a lot of double handling of waste. As yet we do not have the equipment to efficiently empty the bins. The bins are emptied manually onto the ground and then the bobcat is used to pick it up again to take it to where it needs to go.

We are going to simplify the process by removing the bins and installing barriers. This will mean that the sorted waste will be put directly onto the ground. As a result cans, for example, can be taken directly to the crusher for processing without the cumbersome procedure of tipping over bins.

This will be a significant time saver for the staff and will allow them more time to shred tyres and crush glass and cans.

In order for this system to work we do need the assistance from the public. Rubbish must be sorted before it is placed into the shoots. The staff do not have the time or resources to sort the community's waste.

The shoots will be separated into aluminium cans, steel cans, glass and general household waste. If you are bringing any other waste stream into the centre please ask the staff where they would like you to put it.

The management of waste has been an ongoing issue on the island and the cooperation of the whole community is needed and appreciated to improve the process.

Lastly, if you have a bright idea on how to minimise waste let us know by emailing Council 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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