



## MEDIA RELEASE

### COVID-19 WASTE DISPOSAL ARRANGEMENTS POST SELF-ISOLATION

EMNI has had several enquiries regarding the collection and disposal of waste. EMNI is dedicated to reducing risks to keep Norfolk Island COVID-19 free, and has therefore chosen to take a cautious approach, as outlined below.

Please continue to sort your rubbish as per the Waste Management Centre requirements, separating glass, aluminium cans, etc. Store this rubbish safely until three days after you have completed your isolation. Do not burn your rubbish, as this may cause discomfort to those in isolation and to your neighbours. Bury or freeze any food scraps that you cannot compost or feed to chickens, for example.

If people offer to collect your rubbish while you are in isolation, please politely decline.

Once you have completed your 14 days in self-isolation, for whatever reason, **you must hold on to your waste for a further three days**, to completely ensure there is no risk of transferring the virus in the waste matter.

Only then can you take your waste to the Waste Management Centre and dispose of it in the normal manner.

It is anticipated that the Waste Management Centre will be busier than normal this coming weekend. Staff will be on hand to assist and to help deal with this pent-up demand.

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