

Landfill Remediation Separate Charge Policy

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The *Local Government Act 2009* allows for the levying of Landfill Remediation Separate Charge under section 94(1)(b)(iii).

Policy Objective

To commit to long term funding for the remediation of all closed landfills and manage financial, safety and environmental risks to meet statutory requirements and wider community benefit. Council has determined in its budget position that the community in general will benefit from the monitoring and remediation of all closed landfills to prevent environmental harm.

Policy Statement

Redland City Council, through its Corporate Plan, is committed to providing services that deliver our community's shared vision and collective aspirations; *Naturally wonderful lifestyle. Connected community. Embracing opportunities.* We are a values led organisation and our organisational values encapsulate what we care about, influence how we operate and support our mission: Make a difference, make it count.

In managing the Landfill Remediation Separate Charge, Council is committed to:

- Operating a closed landfill remediation program to manage functions such as environmental monitoring, site investigations, minor works, maintenance, design, and major capping works on all closed landfills.
- Modelling a 10-year expenditure and funding plan for the closed landfill program that complies with Council's financial strategy and associated financial policies and annual budget process.
- Ensuring expenditure is undertaken based on reducing risk which will encompass compliance with legislation and other corporate and community values, site specific management issues, site use and intensification pressures.
- Ensuring expenditure is limited to 'closed landfill remediation', being actions and works that identify and rectify impacts and risks to the environment, infrastructure, or community because of historic landfilling activities. Expenditure forecasts for the costs of restoration in respect of landfills represent anticipated present and future costs of ongoing remediation of landfill sites and decontamination and monitoring of historical residues and leaching on these sites.
- Consideration of levying a separate charge, in accordance with section 94 of the *Local Government Act 2009*, as defined in section 92(5). Council has determined that the community will benefit from the activity of Council's monitoring and remediating closed landfills and incidental activities. The Landfill Remediation Separate Charge will fund operational projects relating to the monitoring and remediation of closed landfills.

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- Setting the separate charge to recover the program expenditure over 10 years. The net impact of the of the 10-year landfill remediation program when contrast against its separate charge revenue is nil over the forecast period. Price structures are developed and workshopped with Council during the annual budget development process.
- Consideration of the opportunities and savings from economies of scale to be gained through project integration initiatives including forward planning and early consideration of Master Planning outcomes, stakeholder engagement activities, land use assessments and cross Council capital and operational planning.

Definitions

Term	Definition
Landfill	A site used for disposal of general solid waste by burial in the ground that is licensed as a landfill under the Environmental Protection Act 1994.
Closed Landfill	A site that was formally used for disposal of solid waste.
Closed Landfill remediation	Closed landfill sites undergoing final capping/ rehabilitation, aftercare management and environmental monitoring program.

Associated Documents

RCC Corporate Plan
 Annual Operational Plan and Budget Book
 RCC Financial Strategy
 ENV-001-009-G Environmental Management System Guideline ([A6757567](#))

Document Control

Only Council can approve amendments to this document by resolution of a Council Meeting, with the exception of administrative amendments which can be approved by the relevant ELT member.

Any requests to change the content of this document must be forwarded to relevant Service Manager(s).

Approved documents must be submitted to the Corporate Meetings and Registers Team for registration.

Version Information

Version number	Date	Key Changes
2	March 2013	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Updated to include funding for all closed landfills including the recently closed landfills at Birkdale and Giles Road • Minor editing to consolidate the policy wording and include alignment with new related documents
3	November 2015	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Change of name of related document • Change to department and group
4	January 2019	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Updated associated documents.
5	September 2019	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minor editing to consolidate the policy wording and include alignment with new related documents
6	March 2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Administrative update to include reference to the new Corporate Plan
7	October 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Updated to include reference to the expenditure scope and how revenue will be calculated.