

Council Policy - NB-P-13

Waste Minimisation for Functions and Events

Policy Statement

Council aims to promote best practice waste management through waste avoidance, resource recovery and sustainable procurement practices at all public events held in the Northern Beaches local government area.

All public events and functions held on Council property and public open space must adhere to the Event Waste Management Guidelines.

Principles

Event organisers are required to promote and practice waste avoidance principles by:

- minimising the amount of waste generated
- prohibiting the sale and/or distribution of single-use plastic products and single use sachets, polystyrene, plastic bags, plastic straws and/or balloons
- prohibiting the sale/and or distribution of bottled water. Alternative sources of water must be considered.
- responsibly managing any waste to ensure the cleanliness of the area is maintained during and after the event
- maximising recycling
- promoting and engaging in sustainable procurement practices
- minimising the environmental impact of any products, supplies and promotional materials used at the event

Scope and application

This policy applies to any individual or organisation applying to hold an event on Council land or Council facilities within the Northern Beaches local government area, and includes events produced by Council.

The policy is implemented through Northern Beaches Council Event Waste Management Guidelines and Application Form, which forms part of Council's event and reserve booking application and approval process.

The policy does not apply to the ongoing or seasonal operation of sports club canteens and other community venues that hold events and functions as part of their normal operations, however these organisations are encouraged to transition towards the principles of this policy.

References and related documents

- Northern Beaches Council Policy Framework
- Event Waste Management Guidelines and Application Form
- Local Government Act, 1993
- Protection of the Environment Operations Act, 1997
- Waste Avoidance and Resource Recovery Act, 2007
- Events policy

Definitions

“Waste” includes any substance that is discharged or deposited in the environment in such volume, constituency, or manner as to cause an alteration in the environment.

“Single use plastics” include any disposable plastic and polystyrene items such as straws, balloons, bags, cutlery and food and drink packaging designed to be used once and then discarded.

“Single use sachets” include tomato sauce, sugar, salt & pepper sachets, sunscreen sachets, or giveaways such as shampoo sachets.

Community Strategic Plan

This Council policy relates to the Community Strategic Plan Outcome of:

- Environmental sustainability - Goal 6 Our Council is recognised as a leader in environmental sustainability

Responsible Officer

Executive Manager Waste Management and Cleansing

Review Date

Insert 4 years from date of adoption or sooner in response to relevant change.

Revision History

Revision	Date	Change	TRIM Ref
1	27/6/2017	First draft Northern Beaches Council policy for exhibition	2017/288880
2	22/8/2017	Policy adopted by Council with amendments to scope and application section following public exhibition.	2017/288880
3	27/02/2024	Policy adopted by Council and reference number allocated	2024/030286