

**From:** info@warrumbungle.nsw.gov.au  
**Sent:** Monday, 24 August 2020 1:58 PM  
**To:** Records Officer  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Written Submission - Commercial Recycling Collection

You have successfully submitted the following information. This copy is for your records.

**First Name and** [REDACTED]

**Last Name:**

**Email Address:**

**Address:**

**Town where  
business is  
located:**

**Written  
Submission on  
Commercial  
Recycling  
Collection:**

With regard to the collection of commercial cardboard from businesses, at [REDACTED] [REDACTED] we handle large quantities of medium and large boxes, EG: Refrigerator & Freezer, dishwasher, dryer and LED television and small appliance cartons.

The physical size of the white goods boxes makes them too large to fit in standard otto bins. If the manual collection of wool bales packs of cardboard was to cease I would require a suitable alternative that would allow for handling of the size & quantity of cardboard that currently collected.

Any change that does not take these requirements in to account would be a grave mistake & serious miscalculation on shire councils behalf. I can fully appreciate the cost cutting mentality of the council however my business will be adversely affected as far as handling of recycling of cardboard is concerned.

Thank you

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, 21 July 2020 4:30 PM  
**To:** Records Officer  
**Subject:** CESSATION OF SUPPLY & COLLECTION OF WOOLPACK

**Importance:** High

ATTENTION GENERAL MANAGER,

In Response to the letter received today dated 20/07/2020. As a business we use the cardboard wool bags & with a change to Yellow lidded bins this in our case would not work for us this would be because these bins would not be adequate due to the large amount of cardboard used in our business, the main problems we can see with this is that the yellow lidded bins aren't very big & once a fortnight pickup would defiantly not be enough, if this was to happen any excess cardboard would simple be put in the waste. We endeavour as a business to recycle everything possible so hoping this helps.

Regards

[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, 28 August 2020 10:53 AM  
**To:** Records Officer  
**Subject:** Cessation of supply and collection of woolpacks for commercial recycling

Good morning

We wish to submit some comments to Council regarding the above subject. Through these comments I hope we can influence Council to retain the service.

1. As a major receiver of supplies in Coonabarabran, we receive and need to dispose of many kilograms of cardboard each week – possibly more than any other organisation.
2. The woolpack system of collection that Council provides is the most efficient method of collection and disposal of cardboard for [REDACTED].
3. The use of yellow lidded bins is not an option for [REDACTED] – the volume of cardboard that needs to be disposed of each week would mean that we would have to replace two woolpacks with between twelve and fourteen yellow lidded bins.
4. For [REDACTED], disposing of cardboard in smaller footprint bins will require employees to spend four times the amount of effort to reduce cartons to a size to fit inside. This is compounded by the additional time to take the bins out to the street and return them when empty (it currently takes an employee 30 minutes to take our existing bins out to the street).
5. Storing the additional bins required for removal of cardboard is going to be difficult due to the additional area required for the bins to be stored during the week.
6. Having many additional yellow lidded bins lined up along the street in conjunction with our normal bins will make the street look ugly and provides more opportunity for vandals to litter the streets at night.
7. Council's concern regarding labour intensity, and presumably costs, means that the decision to discontinue the service will shift this labour intensity and cost directly to [REDACTED]. Shifting costs to [REDACTED] hurts not only the organisation as a whole but all the residents who [REDACTED] looks after – remembering that [REDACTED] is a community not-for-profit organisation and not a for-profit retail business.
8. Council's concern regarding WHS risks also means that this risk would simply be shifted to [REDACTED], as we would have to remove cardboard waste in ways other than the yellow bin option that has been suggested.
9. Our first option is to retain the service as it exists (ie. unchanged). Our secondary option is to be able to retain the woolpacks for our own collection and to then be able to dispose of the cardboard at a Council recycling collection centre at no additional cost to [REDACTED].

Please contact me if you need to discuss this submission further.

Regards

[REDACTED]

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**First Name and** [REDACTED]

**Last Name:**

**Email Address:** [REDACTED]

**Address:** [REDACTED]

**Town where  
business is  
located:** [REDACTED]

**Written  
Submission on  
Commercial  
Recycling  
Collection:** I have against the proposed new arrangements I feel a Woolpack weekly. The yellow lidded bins you currently use throughout the Shire would be too small and I probably need eight for a fortnightly pick up maybe four of the larger bins you see out at the tip might work but we would have to see



Date:31.07.2020

To: THE GENERAL MANAGER  
Warrumbungle Shire Council  
14-22 John Street  
Coonabarabran NSW 2357

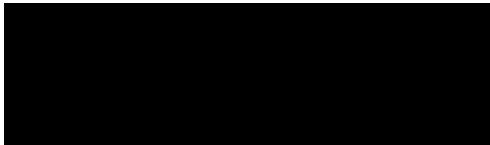
Dear Sir

**Re: Cessation of the supply and collection of woolpacks for Commercial Recycling  
at [REDACTED]**

I would like to advise the council that [REDACTED] has been using Coona Waste Disposal Services for a number of years since the approval of the then Coolah Shire Council, we have never had any woolpacks or collection services from either the then Coolah Shire Council or now The Warrumbungle Shire Council.

Coona Waste Disposal has been supplying us for a number of years with a skip bin the very same the local tip uses we pay a monthly fee plus bin hire.

Yours Sincerely



[REDACTED]

**Date:** 10<sup>th</sup> August, 2020  
**To:** General Manager - Warrumbungle Shire Council  
**Subject:** Cessation of supply and collection of Woolpacks for Commercial Recycling

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Dear Roger Bailey,

I am writing in regard to the above mentioned letter dated 20.7.2020 from Leanne Ryan which proposes to cease commercial cardboard recycling collection of woolpacks – my business currently generates enough cardboard that requires a weekly woolpack collection.

The proposed changes would not suit our business and I estimate it would only accommodate approximately 25% of the recycling we currently generate. Taking into consideration the service is to cut back to a fortnightly service and the recycling sulo bin capacity would be less than half of a woolpack.

[REDACTED]

If the proposal was to go ahead I would ask that Recycling charges on the above assessment number for our business to be refunded as the service would not accommodate our business and we would have to organize our own recycling disposal.

If you have any questions, please contact me on [REDACTED]

Regards  
[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, 23 July 2020 12:11 PM  
**To:** Records Officer  
**Subject:** Recycling - Wolfpack's

Attention  
Rodger Bailey - General Manager  
Ken Stratton - Manager Planning and Regulations

Morning,

I am writing regarding the correspondence I received by post this morning in relation to Commercial recycling of woolpacks ceasing.

I run a small plumbing business in Coolah that has one of these woolpack recycling bins. While this isn't filled to capacity every week, it is more than half filled most weeks. Some weeks I have to leave excess stacked beside the woolpack for collection. My recycled cardboard will not fit in a plastic bin physically or by volume weekly let alone fortnightly. Could you please explain how I am to put a storage hot water box (1.6mtr x .7mtr, as thick as your finger) into a plastic bin. Some weeks there are 2-3 of these. If I leave these under the plastic bin will the truck driver get out and manually put them in the truck or will they be left on the footpath?

It is clear every year that services are becoming less and indoor staff is increasing to comply with ridiculous Local, State and Federal Government and social policies. It becomes frustrating that as a business owner and tradesman we deal with people with little or no qualifications in their given fields.

While I understand that the Shire has to run a financially sound business plan, sometimes you have to have business aspects that do not meet those criteria's which complement other services.

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[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

Sent from my iPad



23 JUL 2020

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WAR RUMBONGLE SHIRE COUNCIL  
14-22 JOHN ST,  
COGNAMARAMAN

RE LETTER KEN STRATTON P.O

THE LETTER I RECEIVED ABOUT CESSATION OF THE SUPPLY + COLLECTION OF WOOLPACK FOR COMMERCIAL RECYCLING.

ITEM ONE WE DO NOT HAVE WOOLPACK COLLECTION

ITEM TWO OUR BUSINESS IS NOT RATED COMMERCIAL PREMISES  
WE ARE LOCATED IN THE INDUSTRIAL ZONE

ITEM THREE THE PROPERTY YOU LIST AT [REDACTED] CONSIST OF FIVE VACANT BLOCKS OF LAND AND HAVE NO BUILDING ON THEM AND DO NOT HAVE GARBAGE COLLECTION

ITEM FOUR WE HAVE LARGE CARDBOARD BOXES COLLECTED BY COUNCIL TRUCK AND HAVE A GREY OTTO BIN COLLECTED WEEKLY CONSIST OF LARGE WINDSCREEN BOXES, BUMPER BAR BOXES, MOTOR CAR DOOR BOXES, BONNET BOXES, MUDGUARD BOXES ALL TO LARGE TO FIT IN THE GREY OTTO BINS

ITEM FIVE IF COUNCIL WISH TO COLLECT OUR GARBAGE PERHAPS YOU SHOULD CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING OF FRONT LOAD BINS AS SUPPLIED BY CONTRACTOR WOULD EQUAL

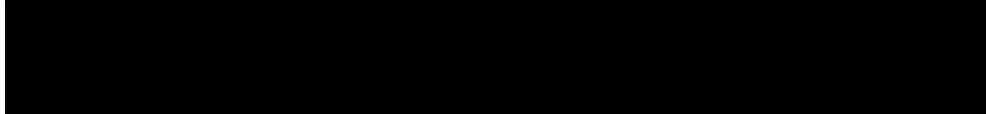
FRONT LOAD BIN = TO FOUR GREY OTTO BIN

FRONT LOAD BIN = TO TWO WOOLPACK

FRONT LOAD BIN = WOULD FIT ALL OF OUR CARDBOARD BOXES COLLECTION FRONT LOAD BIN, ONCE PER MONTH EQUAL 4 OTTO BINS  
2 WOOLPACKS

(2)

OUR LAND CONSIST OF



ALL OFF THESE

LOT ARE VACANT AND NO BUILDINGS.

LOTS



THESE LOTS HAVE WORKSHOP AND

BUILDING ON THEM.

WE PURCHASE OUR FIRST PROPERTY IN 1968 AND WE THE FIRST BUSINESS TO LOCATE IN THE INDUSTRIAL AREA THIS HAS NEVER BEEN REFERRED TO AS COMMERCIAL AREA

THERE ARE FORTY SIX BUSINESS AND LOTS IN THE INDUSTRIAL AREA AND COLLECTION OF FRONT LOAD BINS ONCE PER MONTH WOULD WORK OUT TO BE MORE FINANCIAL FOR COUNCIL THAT THE CURRENT WEEKLY GREY OTTO BINS.

THE SIZE OF GARBAGE COLLECTED FOR RESIDENTIAL - COMMERCIAL - INDUSTRIAL THREE DIFFERENT VOLUME AND CAPACITY BEING CREATED AT THE THREE TOTALLY DIFFERENT SITES.

THE FRONT LOAD BIN ARE NOT MAN HANDED AND ARE LIFTED BY HYDRALIC FITTED TO THE FRONT OF THE GARBAGE TRUCK.



1/8/20

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]



General Manager  
Warrumbungle Shire Council  
PO BOX 191  
COONABARABRAN NSW 2357

Dear Sir

I am writing to you to address the planned changes to the cardboard recycling woolpacks.

Yes I agree that they are very large and awkward to physically move, BUT, they are also a cheap and size wise a way more and practical method for cardboard.

I have 2 questions:

1. Have you ever tried to get a large quantity of cardboard into a Sulo bin? it is highly impractical for the quantity of cardboard that is generated by even the average business.
2. Have you ever tried to get a large quantity of cardboard OUT of a Sulo bin? It is also highly impractical for the amount of cardboard that is generated by an average business, as it would be so jammed into the bin that the normal emptying of bins by the truck would be very much hit and miss, more often a miss, which would be very frustrating to have last week's cardboard left in the bins.

Unless you planned to have someone sitting on the back of the truck to make sure the bins emptied and/or pull the cardboard out of the bins, also highly impractical.

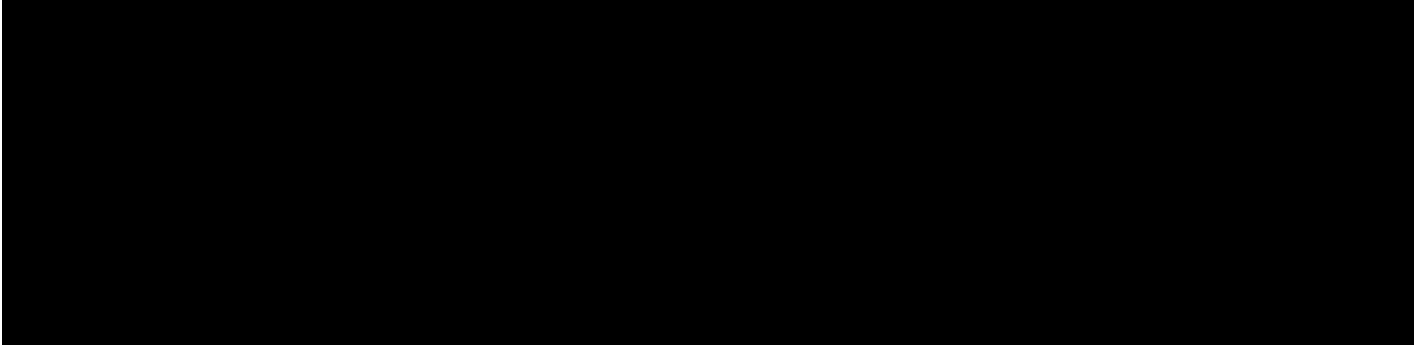
However, there are other options you could consider,

1. Supplying 4 wheel 440L or 1100L bins which are much larger and more practical size for cardboard OR
2. Purchasing hydraulic lifting arms on each of the trucks to alleviate the physical lifting of the bags, cheapest and most practical solution.

Please use some common sense with this decision, as a yellow lidded bin for cardboard is not a practical or cheap solution.

Thank you.

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]



27<sup>th</sup> August 2020

General Manager  
Warrumbungle Shire Council  
PO Box 191  
Coonabarabran NSW 357

**Re: Cessation of the supply and collection of woolpacks for Commercial Recycling**  
**Property:** [REDACTED]

Dear Roger,

In relation to doing away with the woolpacks for commercial recycling, [REDACTED] is NOT in agreeance with this proposal. We would require 8 to 10 bins per week to be emptied for the amount of recyclable cardboard and plastic we accumulate over a week.

We feel a skip bin would be a lot more beneficial for us, if this collection needs to be changed to a fortnightly collection.

Please consider our recommendation.

Kind regards

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**From:** info@warrumbungle.nsw.gov.au  
**Sent:** Thursday, 27 August 2020 1:13 PM  
**To:** Records Officer  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Written Submission - Commercial Recycling Collection

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**First Name and Last Name:** [REDACTED]

**Email Address:** [REDACTED]

**Address:** [REDACTED]

**Town where business is located:** Select a town

**Written Submission on Commercial Recycling Collection:** I disagree with councils proposed decision to go to yellow bins for recycling for commercial businesses. At [REDACTED] we recycle everything that can be recycled. We go thru over 150 x 2litre Milk containers per week. The wool pack is always overflowing with cardboard. It is not sustainable for us to have fortnightly collection. I have had to call the council to ask the people from the tip to collect our recycling as it's overflowing.

The recycling yellow topped bin we have at home with 2 people, that is collected fortnightly, is always full so clearly 1 yellow topped bin for a cafe is not adequate!

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, 24 July 2020 10:29 AM  
**To:** Records Officer  
**Subject:** Yellow lidded bins

Attn Ken Stratton,

Re cessation of supply of woolpacks in [REDACTED]

The size of the bin is not stated on the letter but I assume the bin will be the same as those used currently used for domestic purposes, not the larger size used at the recycling depot.

I would urge council to review their decision to swap to the Yellow lidded recycling bins due to their limited capacity. The size of the bins are not suitable to every day storage of large bulky cardboard. We have multiple instances where a single box ie ride on mower , log splitter would not fit into a single bin even after employing a person to break the box down. The fortnightly collection for the bins is also inadequate as the current weekly service can lead to excess cardboard at times.

If you have any questions feel free to call.

Regards,

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
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[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

26 August 2020

Leeanne Ryan  
Director Environment & Development Services  
Warrumbungle Shire Council  
PO Box 191  
COONABARABRAN NSW 2357

Attention Leeanne Ryan/Ken Stratton

Re: Cessation of the supply and collection of woolpacks for Commercial Recycling  
Property: [REDACTED]

In response to your letter dated 20 July 2020, we advise that we prefer if possible, to retain the supply and collection of woolpacks, as opposed to being supplied with yellow-lidded recycling bins to be collected from our premises fortnightly.

We advise that we currently have 2-3 woolpacks of cardboard per week collected, as well as 1 woolpack of plastics collected every 2-3 weeks. Our plastics have currently been reduced due to the Men's Shed collecting all recyclable bottles to take to Dunedoo to trade for cash. However, if this practice ceases, our recyclables will increase again accordingly.

If we were to use the yellow-lidded recycling bins, we estimate that we would require up to 20 bins to cover the recyclable material for a fortnight. This would be in addition to the 4 green general garbage bins that are collected every fortnight, so the footpath out the front of our business would be quite obstructed for most of the morning of collection, as the recyclables are usually not collected until around Midday.

This is due not only to the recyclables created from stock that is delivered to our business, but also, due to the nature of our business, from visitors to the town who use our facilities to remove rubbish from their cars from purchases in other areas.

There is also the issue of stray dogs that continue to roam around the town at night and knock over every garbage bin that is not tied down, which not only creates extra work the next day cleaning up, but is not a very welcoming sight for our customers, or the town in general.

We would not be opposed to keeping the woolpacks as they are now and having them collected fortnightly instead of the current weekly collection. This would reduce the number of recycling bins we would require and therefore the workload from everyone involved, including Council staff and our own staff.

We thank you for the opportunity to reply prior to your decision on cessation of supply.

Yours faithfully

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Saturday, 25 July 2020 1:31 PM  
**To:** Records Officer  
**Subject:** Proposed Changes to Commercial Recycling

Good afternoon,

I think that the proposed changes are a good idea as the woolpacks have been unwieldy and collection sporadic.

If the proposal goes ahead, please allow businesses to collect the recycling bins from council so that businesses can be assured of getting their bins.

Kind regards

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]



**From:** info@warrumbungle.nsw.gov.au  
**Sent:** Friday, 31 July 2020 4:20 PM  
**To:** Records Officer  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Written Submission - Commercial Recycling Collection

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**First Name and Last Name:** [REDACTED]  
**Email Address:** [REDACTED]  
**Address:** [REDACTED]  
**Town where business is located:** [REDACTED]  
**Written Submission on Commercial Recycling Collection:** Not opposed to the idea, however being a news agency and post office I would require more than 1 yellow bin.

**From:** info@warrumbungle.nsw.gov.au  
**Sent:** Thursday, 27 August 2020 10:27 PM  
**To:** Records Officer  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Written Submission - Commercial Recycling Collection

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**Email Address:** [REDACTED]

**Address:** [REDACTED]

**Address:** [REDACTED]

**Town where business is located:** [REDACTED]

**Written Submission on Commercial Recycling Collection:** As an employee and future owner of the [REDACTED] in Coonabarabran, I must object to this change. Currently, with 3 wool packs being used for commercial recycling at the rear of the building which is used by [REDACTED], and having collections multiple times a week the wool packs are already being overfilled with cardboard and spilling into the street. Changing to 240L recycling bins at this point with a collection fortnightly would greatly impact all businesses involved.

There are multiple issues with this:

- With the amount of cardboard that is currently disposed of, a fortnightly collection would be too infrequent
- Cardboard cartons that are disposed of are too large to fit into a 240L bin even with the boxes packed down (this would also make them more difficult to empty for Council's recycling staff)
- To give businesses the equivalent amount of volume of receptacles to use, may impact the work, health and safety of employees using the back alley behind the building as there would not be enough space for employees to use
- If bins are filled prior to collection, businesses would either be forced to store recycling at the rear of the building which could be a hazard or affect the appearance of the area; or take recycling to the waste depot at cost to the businesses

In the current economic climate, we would like Council's assistance with not creating further cost to businesses which are already struggling due to the recent drought and the current pandemic crisis.

**From:** info@warrumbungle.nsw.gov.au  
**Sent:** Monday, 24 August 2020 9:21 PM  
**To:** Records Officer  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Written Submission - Commercial Recycling Collection

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**First Name and Last Name:** [REDACTED]

**Email Address:** [REDACTED]

**Address:** [REDACTED]

**Town** [REDACTED]

**where business is located:**

**Written Submission on Commercial Recycling Collection:** To whom it may concern, i honestly think that this bulk recycling is essential for the business houses within our complex. We would honestly have way too much cardboard to only be collected once every fortnight and even if it was weekly, we would never fit all of our cardboard in a yellow bin. Even at times the 3 wool packs that we have isnt sufficient for our needs. I hope this decision will be reconsidered. I know in some other bigger towns they actually have lidded skip bins that are emptied every single day.

Regards [REDACTED]

**From:** info@warrumbungle.nsw.gov.au  
**Sent:** Monday, 17 August 2020 10:38 PM  
**To:** Records Officer  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Written Submission - Commercial Recycling Collection

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**First Name and Last Name:** [REDACTED]

**Email Address:** [REDACTED]

**Address:** [REDACTED]

**Town where business is located:** [REDACTED]

**Written Submission on Commercial Recycling Collection:** We are a business that recycles over 30 box's a week, shared with another business. The wool sacks are just enough weekly, using the recycling bins would not be enough.

Having a couple of recycling bins available would be great. As we can only recycle cardboard in the wool sacks.

Thank you

**From:** info@warrumbungle.nsw.gov.au  
**Sent:** Thursday, 27 August 2020 9:37 PM  
**To:** Records Officer  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Written Submission - Commercial Recycling Collection

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**First Name and Last Name:** [REDACTED]

**Email Address:** [REDACTED]

**Address:** [REDACTED]

**Town where business is located:** [REDACTED]

**Written Submission on Commercial Recycling Collection:**

I am against this as Recycling bins would not have the provisions or space for the large Boxes and number of boxes that businesses use regularly and on a weekly basis.

I know we fill a woolpack With cardboard every week and theres no way The bins would accommodate that and definitely not over a fortnightly basis.

Possible Suggestion... an extra bag for business and collect fortnightly For cardboard only.

However... The bins would be great for the smaller items such as tin/ cans/ bottles /paper Etc..For businesses..

**From:** info@warrumbungle.nsw.gov.au  
**Sent:** Friday, 28 August 2020 12:47 PM  
**To:** Records Officer  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Written Submission - Commercial Recycling Collection

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**First Name and Last Name:** [REDACTED]

**Email Address:** [REDACTED]

**Address:** [REDACTED]

**Town where business is located:** [REDACTED]

**Written Submission on Commercial Recycling Collection:** A couple of questions - will business be offered a limited number of yellow-lidded bins or whatever they require for their particular needs? One bin would not be comparable to one woolpack in capacity. Will there be any costs to business for the yellow-lidded bins?

Does Council envision any problems with using the Yellow-Lidded bins for the cardboard recycling? Given the size etc of boxes and the space of the bins aren't really conducive to holding flat boxes?

Thank you for the online submission form. Much easier and appreciated.

**From:** info@warrumbungle.nsw.gov.au  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 26 August 2020 8:25 AM  
**To:** Records Officer  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Written Submission - Commercial Recycling Collection

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**First Name and Last Name:** [REDACTED]

**Email Address:** [REDACTED]

**Address:** [REDACTED]

**Town where business is located:** [REDACTED]

**Written Submission on Commercial Recycling Collection:** If u go to yellow top bins i am gone to need around 10 off them and then have trouble storing them somewhere and put in all the cardboard into The system we have now is heaps better and heaps easier all the carports gotta go somewhere I will just have to burn it

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, 31 July 2020 10:58 AM  
**To:** Records Officer  
**Subject:** Cessation of the supply and collection of woolpacks for Commercial Recycling. Property: [REDACTED]

Attn: Ken Stratton

This email is in regards to the recent letter we received about the above.

We wish to advise that we have not had a wool pack for at least the last ten years. We have yellow lid bins.

Thank you

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Regards

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**We are in the country of the Wiradjuri, Gamilaraay and Wailwan peoples. We pay respect to their Elders, celebrate their continuing culture and acknowledge the memory of their ancestors.**

[REDACTED]



**From:** info@warrumbungle.nsw.gov.au  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 12 August 2020 10:24 AM  
**To:** Records Officer  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Written Submission - Commercial Recycling Collection

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**First Name and** [REDACTED]

**Last Name:**

**Email Address:** [REDACTED]

**Address:** [REDACTED]

**Town where** [REDACTED]

**business is**

**located:**

**Written Submission on Commercial Recycling Collection:** With the amount of cardboard that comes through our business it would be impractical to try and fit it in a sulo bin, in fact most weeks would not even fit in 5 sulo bins.

When there is a lot of cardboard the boys in the workshop help the shire staff to load the truck therefore eliminating dangerous lifting practices. Should you go to the sulos you will find more people putting the cardboard in the rubbish rather than recycling and therefore causing more problems for the environment.

The sizes of boxes we receive are varied from small cartons to bullbar boxes, bumper boxes and panel parts therefore take up a lot larger area than most.

We are not the only business who would struggle with sulo bins for the cardboard.

Really need to look at the big picture. Don't feel this would be working with the local businesses and without local business the community would struggle.

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, 11 August 2020 1:00 PM  
**To:** Records Officer  
**Subject:** re Cessation of the supply and collection of woolpacks for commercial recycling

To whom it may concern,

I am writing in response to the letter received, dated 20<sup>th</sup> July 2020, regarding the cessation of the supply and collection of woolpacks for commercial recycling.

I would like to submit to you a list of reasons against to proposed notion.

As a business we produce a lot of waste, mainly cardboard, from empty cartons of stock used to fill our shelves. We use a wool press to compress our cardboard waste and leave the resulting bale out for collection by the council.

To start I would like to point out that if we were to take the cardboard bale produced by the wool press and put it into yellow lid Otto bins we would need 6 yellow lid bins for every 1 bale produced. On average we produce 4 cardboard bales per fortnight meaning we would need at least 24 to 30 yellow lid recycling bins, plus our current 4 general waste Otto bins, to be able to make this work.

There is a few issues with this:

1. The sheer cost of buying 24 to 30 yellow lid bins. The average yellow lid Otto is sold for \$125, putting our estimated cost anywhere between \$3000 and \$4000. For a small business like ours, this is quite a large amount and we could not absorb this cost. If council were to cover the cost of our 24 to 30 Otto bins, along with all of the Otto bins they would have to supply to the other businesses using a wool press, this would come to a very large amount which could have an effect on where council spends budgeted funds that are meant to improve our community, not fill our streets with too many bins. Perhaps Council could use a portion of this money to hire another council member to help with the collection of cardboard bales, this seems to save both parties a lot of time and money.
2. The space that 24 to 30 Otto bins would take up on our premises. Currently, as mentioned before, we have 4 general waste Otto bins on the premises and most days we feel they are in the way. Our back area is not big and is home to our forklift, pallet jack, spare shelving, a "garden shed" for POS and all of our cleaning gear. We would simply not have the room to store so many bins. The only alternative to keeping them inside of our gated back area would be to keep all of the bins outside of our premises, in the laneway behind the business, where our waste is currently collected. This alternative opens up a few new issues, including obstruction. 24 to 30 Otto bins lined up in the lane way all the time would obstruct our businesses loading dock, it would obstruct the loading area for the hospital and/or obstruct the rear entrance of our neighbouring business. By leaving the bins in the laneway we would be leaving them open to many things including but not limited to theft, damage and weathering (causing premature aging) all of which would incur a further cost on our behalf.

3. The inconvenience of having to use the Otto bins. Our current situation runs on efficiency for our business. Our staff are able to quickly toss, into the wool press, unfolded boxes and press them. This means our staff do not have to waste time unfolding every box we receive, saving time, money and energy. If we were to use the Otto bin option put forth by the council, this would mean our staff would have to spend a lot of extra time and energy on unfolding every single box that we receive in order to fit all of them in the bins. On any given week we can receive 1000 cartons through our shop, most of which are emptied almost immediately to fill our shelves and then they are disposed of. The amount of cartons we receive could possibly put us in a situation where we would have to hire an extra person to work afternoons just to unfold all of the boxes and put them in the bin as having our current staff take the time to do it would impact severely on their ability to complete other tasks within their shifts. Hiring an extra person is yet another cost that as a small business, we could not incur.
4. Pollution. With 24 to 30 Otto bins for just our business alone the chance of the bins falling over, blowing over or getting knocked over is much higher. We are positioned next door to the local pub putting our bins at a higher than normal risk of getting knocked over and causing a mess, particularly at night when no one would be on site to clean it up. If this were to happen our lovely little town may soon be covered in waste. This already happens to our general waste bins when they are put out for collection and we then pay our staff to clean it up in the morning. If we had this issue with 6 times the amount of bins, just for our shop, this could cause many issues for the community and the council.
5. Current health situations. Due to the current health risk of COVID-19 we would be increasing our exposure to potential contraction of viruses and illness by over-handling the boxes. From what I know of how the current system works, it is pretty minimal contact with the cardboard for our staff and council members that are disposing of our waste. Extra precautions needed to keep our staff and council staff safe would also incur extra time, money and energy that may be better used elsewhere.
6. Other waste that is packed in wool bags rather than pressed. I am only assuming here, as it was not expressly stated that council will be ceasing the collection of recycling in wool bags as well. We receive large items including but not limited to fridges, freezer, hot food displays, cold food displays, stainless steel work benches and much more, that are wrapped in large amounts of Styrofoam and plastic. We also receive a lot of our fresh produce in large wax covered cardboard boxes; we also receive a lot of stock wrapped in plastic. We currently have 2 wool bags on site for these items to be recycled. If we were to use Otto bins instead of these wool bags, we would need another 6 to 10 Otto bins, putting our total number of Otto bins on site to approximately 40. This would also cause more sorting needed by council after collection because the cardboard, wax boxes, Styrofoam and plastic that would have been kept separate would all get mixed together in the truck; unless the council ran 4 different trucks or had multiple collections days a week, this alternative seems excessive and costly.

I would like to now address the points put forth by the council in the letter mentioned above.

***“Council is considering ceasing this service (being the supply and collection (emptying) of woolpacks) due to the service being very labour intensive and carrying considerable WHS risks associated with manual handling”***

This is quoted from the letter we received.

While we can all agree that the work health and safety of our staff in the most important part of running and form of business or service, it was the “labour intensive” part that stuck out of the letter like a sore thumb. We have seen the cardboard bales being loaded onto the council collection truck. The bale is rolled onto a lift and then rolled into the back of the truck. The bales can be quite heavy or awkward and we would have no problem in one our staff quickly helping the council member roll the bale into place. If the council is concerned that the process is to labour intensive, perhaps they could let us help in lightening the load rather than incurring all labour needed. Alternatively, as mentioned above, the council could hire an extra person to help with collection.

Thank you taking the time to read my letter and I hope the council will come to right decision.

Regards



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**From:** info@warrumbungle.nsw.gov.au  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 19 August 2020 11:55 AM  
**To:** Records Officer  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Written Submission - Commercial Recycling Collection

You have successfully submitted the following information. This copy is for your records.

**First Name and** [REDACTED]

**Last Name:**

**Email Address:** [REDACTED]

**Address:** [REDACTED]

**Town where** [REDACTED]

**business is**

**located:**

**Written Submission on Commercial Recycling Collection:** You're suggesting a reduction in services for services you can't even manage to fulfill at the current set up/schedule.

We had to ring multiple times and talk to the rubbish collectors ourselves to occasionally get all our recycling collected when it was in the wool packs.

The excuses alternated between 'the truck was full' and 'the wool pack wasn't full we'll collect it when it is' (we used separate plastics/cardboard/metal/glass bins wool packs and drums)

One \*residential sized\* recycling bin and one \*residential sized\* rubbish bin is not sufficient for a \*business\*. Unless you do more than one collection a week of both rubbish and recycling.

We are a cafe so we produce lots of recycling in the form of cardboard packaging our supplies come in and in milk bottles/tetrapaks. They take up more than one wheelie bin, you can't fit an entire week's worth in let alone a fortnight's.

We also produce rubbish with food in it and more than one wheelie bin can handle so we need more than one bin/more than one collection.

It is a health hazard/rodent risk for it to be sitting around for an extra week because it won't fit in one wheelie bin. And that's on your head for putting businesses on the residential schedule/bin size.

We recently contacted the council about getting an extra recycling and rubbish bin. We were told this would have to be requested by the landlord and incur extra charges on their rates - which would be an increase on our rent so we would effectively be paying it. And how many times will we be told 'trucks full' even with paying an extra fee?

How are COMMERCIAL enterprises supposed to run to the RESIDENTIAL waste/recycling schedule and bin size?

Surely the \*commercial\* rates would cover waste management sufficient for places with \*commercial\* waste production!

This has been an ongoing battle even before you decided to reduce the service (for no reduction in rates I'm assuming).

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## FW: Commercial recycling

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**To :** [REDACTED]

**Sent :** 31 July 2020 08:41:18

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-----Original Message-----

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, 30 July 2020 6:58 PM  
**To:** Ken Stratton  
**Subject:** Commercial recycling

Hi Ken

Thank you for your time spend with me discussing the proposed changes to our commercial recycling.

Our current weekly service with the wool pack frames is filled on a weekly basis, the new proposal of 240 litre Otto bins to be collected fortnightly will not service our needs. This proposed service appears to be less than half the capacity we currently have and half the pickups. May I suggest as an alternative a larger trolley type bin that would take flattened and stacked cardboard much easier and more efficiently for all concerned.

Many thanks

[REDACTED]

Sent from my iPhone