

Media Release



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NEW ORGANIC KERBSIDE COLLECTION FOR BENDIGO

More than 40,000 Bendigo households will have access to a new kerbside collection service for food and garden organic waste from today.

Launching the new service, Minister for Energy, Environment and Climate Change Lily D'Ambrosio said it would help keep more than 12,000 tonnes of food and garden organic waste out of landfill each year.

The Andrews Labor Government, through Sustainability Victoria, provided \$500,000, to help the council roll out the new service and purchase the necessary bin infrastructure.

The City of Greater Bendigo is one of 10 regional and rural councils the state government has supported to introduce new or expanded kerbside collection services for organic waste to approximately 140,000 Victorian households.

Organic waste breaks down in landfill and can create greenhouse gas emissions and odour leading to potential environmental and public health risks.

Every tonne of organic waste diverted from landfill avoids 1.4 tonnes of greenhouse gas emissions being generated.

By the end of this year one in four country Victorians will have access to organic kerbside collection services.

The Labor Government is also helping Victorians to reduce the amount of organic waste they produce in the first place through the Love Food, Hate Waste program which provides practical tips and guidance for reducing food waste.

Quotes attributable to Minister for Energy, Environment and Climate Change Lily D'Ambrosio

"The Andrews Labor Government is reducing greenhouse gas emissions through the TAKE2 Pledge Program."

"This program is one step towards helping us to achieve the net zero emissions reduction target by 2050."

Quote attributable to Member for Bendigo West Maree Edwards

"We want to help make it easier for communities to dispose of waste responsibly and keep it out of landfill."