

## MEDIA RELEASE

## NI Waste Management Strategy Consultation

NIRC is currently in the process of reviewing the Norfolk Island Waste Management Strategic Plan, a document developed in 2015 which set the basis for our current waste management system. Anne Prince Consulting (APC) is conducting this review. The APC team has extensive experience in waste management across Australia, including remote regions and island communities.

To inform the updated strategic plan, an Options Paper has been developed by APC to consider various opportunities to address the island's waste streams that continue to be unresolved. These include bulky and construction/demolition waste, while the paper also includes alternative technologies to manage commercial and domestic waste streams. Recommendations on future fee structures, grant opportunities with the Australian and Queensland governments and recycling schemes that may benefit Norfolk Island in addressing target waste types are also included.

The Options Paper will be available shortly on the NIRC website for download and review. In addition, a community survey is being developed to explore key issues and opportunities raised in the Options Paper. The online survey details will be made available through NIRC media and next week's Norfolk Islander. We encourage the community to complete the survey and to review the paper and provide their comments via email or in person.

Anne and her team will be visiting island from 14-18 February to conduct community consultation, including with the Sustainability Advisory Group, and to inspect Council's current waste management facilities. They will also attend the Foodlands forecourt area on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> February where members of the community are welcome to discuss waste management issues and opportunities and to understand more about the detail of the Options Paper. We look forward to the community's participation.

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