



# COMMUNICATIONS PLAN

*Bargo Waste Management Centre  
Permanent Closure & Remediation*

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## **CLOSURE OF BARGO WASTE MANAGEMENT CENTRE**

### **BACKGROUND**

- Bargo Waste Management Centre (BWMC) is non-putrescible landfill located at 27 Anthony Road, Bargo and is Council's only remaining operational licenced landfill.
- Since the site at Bargo was opened in the 1960's Council has been able to adapt to changing environmental requirements to extend the life of the facility; however, it has now reached maximum capacity.
- In February 2024, Council resolution 44/2024 endorsed that that the landfill has reached capacity & is at the use of its useful lifespan and that BWMC is to remain operational for Wollondilly residents while planning for the remediation and closure.
- The site temporarily closed in April-May 2024 and reopened in a reduced capacity (majority of landfilling ceased) to allow residents to still utilise the site while closure and remediation plans were finalised.
- In accordance with Council's EPA Licence requirements and to protect the environment from unnecessary risks from the landfill site, the BWMC will be permanently closed and remediated.
- In November 2024, a Councillor briefing was completed to advise that BWMC will need to close to allow remediation works to occur and Councillors agreed to permanently close in June 2025 to allow works to occur as per resolution 44/2024.
- On 25 March 2025, Council endorsed the closure of Bargo Waste Management Centre with the final day that the site will be open to the public will be Sunday, 8 June 2025.
- Remediation activities will commence from July 2025.
- All waste from Wollondilly residents and businesses must be disposed of at an alternate licensed facility (e.g. Remondis Picton) or in the kerbside clean up service (resident access only).

### **AIM**

- To explain the changes to the Bargo Waste Management Centre to the community and stakeholders, including that the site is at capacity and will be permanently closed from COB 8 June 2025 for remediation works.
- To provide clear options for disposal of waste, and reassure the community that they will still be able to dispose of their waste.
- Focus on promotion of other local waste and recycling disposal options available to residents incl. Picton Resource Recovery Facility (operated by Remondis) and other

alternatives (e.g. kerbside clean up, CRCs, Return & Earn machines, wood chipping service)

- Focus on the environmental benefits of remediating BWMC (including what remediation is) and the requirement to comply with EPA Licence Requirements.

## KEY MESSAGES

### Main message for social media:

*After 60 years of operation, our Waste Management Centre at Bargo has reached capacity and will be permanently closed to allow site remediation to occur. The final day of operation and acceptance of waste and recycling will be **Sunday, 8 June 2025**.*

*Once closed, there remains many other options available for dropping off waste and recycling within the Wollondilly Shire including:*

- **Waste Facilities** - The licenced resource recovery facility at 67 Wonga Road Picton, operated by Remondis on a Council owned site, is open to accept your waste, at competitive industry rates.

*Alternatively, there are other facilities located only a short distance, including:*

- Benedict Recycling – 52 Anderson Rd, Smeaton Grange
  - Veolia Spring Farm Resource Recovery Park 20 Barrow Rd, Spring Farm
  - Bowral Waste Centre – 8 Kiama St, Bowral
  - Penrith Landfill Depot - 842 Mulgoa Rd, Mulgoa
  - Wollongong Waste & Resource Recovery Park (Whytes Gully) – 502 Reddalls Rd, Kembla Grange
- **Community Recycling Centres** - Problem wastes such as gas bottles, paint, motor oil and batteries can be disposed of at your local Community Recycling Centre for free. The closest centres are located at Camden, Campbelltown, Mittagong and Penrith. <https://www.wollondilly.nsw.gov.au/waste-services/waste-recycling-and-disposal-options/community-recycling-centres>
- **Wood Chipping Service** - Council runs a free wood chipping service to Wollondilly residents at different locations around the Shire. Residents can drop off material which is too big for their green-lid garden organics bin such as tree branches, trunks and large shrubs, which will be chipped and recycled. For more information and to make a booking, visit <https://www.wollondilly.nsw.gov.au/waste-services/wood-chipping-service>.
- **Household clean up service** – Council provides two scheduled household clean up collections each financial year to residential properties using our waste services. These collections are to assist with the removal of bulky household materials. Residents are entitled to place 1.5m<sup>3</sup> of eligible bulky waste on the kerb for collection on their scheduled collection week.

For more information on the service including eligible waste types, scan the QR code or call our Waste Hotline on 1800 805 305. ([link to https://www.wollondilly.nsw.gov.au/waste-services](https://www.wollondilly.nsw.gov.au/waste-services), as per QR Code)

*For more information about local waste disposal options, visit:*

<https://www.wollondilly.nsw.gov.au/waste-services/waste-recycling-and-disposal-options>

*Landfill remediation at the Bargo Waste Management Centre will include safely containing the waste in accordance with the Protection of the Environment Operations Act and EPA Approvals. Landfill sites continue to breakdown in the years after closure, so remediation of the site will play a critical role in reducing risks to the environment for current and future generations.*

### **Other messages for Fact Sheets/Website:**

#### **Local Waste Facilities**

*Many other local waste and resource recovery facilities are available for Wollondilly residents and businesses to dispose of household waste items such as tyres, scrap metal, garden organics and electronic waste. Local waste facilities include:*

- *Remondis Picton Resource Recovery Facility – 67 Wonga Rd, Picton*
- *Benedict Smeaton Grange Recycling Facility – 52 Anderson Rd, Smeaton Grange*
- *Veolia, Spring Farm – 20 Barrow Rd, Spring Farm*
- *Bowral Waste Centre – 8 Kiama St, Bowral*
- *Moss Vale Resource Recovery Centre – 177 Berrima Rd, Moss Vale*
- *Penrith Landfill – 842 Mulgoa Rd, Mulgoa*
- *Wollongong Waste & Resource Recovery Park (Whytes Gully) – 502 Reddalls Rd, Kembla Grange*

*For more information, visit the [‘Local Waste Facilities’](#) page on Council’s website.*

#### **Community Recycling Centres**

*Community Recycling Centres (CRCs) are permanent drop-off centres for common household problem wastes that can’t be collected via council kerbside waste and recycling collection services. To find your closest Community Recycling Centre, visit the [‘Community Recycling Centre’](#) page on Council’s website or contact the EPA on 131 555.*

#### **Household clean up service**

*Council provides two scheduled household clean up collections each financial year to residential properties using our waste services. These collections are to assist with the removal of bulky household materials. Residents are entitled to place 1.5m<sup>3</sup> of eligible bulky waste on the kerb for collection on their scheduled collection week.*

For more information on the service including eligible waste types, scan the QR code or call our Waste Hotline on 1800 805 305. <https://www.wollondilly.nsw.gov.au/waste-services/twice-yearly-clean-up>

### **Wood Chipping Service**

Council runs a free wood chipping service to Wollondilly residents at different locations around the Shire. Residents can drop off material which is too big for their green-lid garden organics bin such as tree branches, trunks and large shrubs, which will be chipped and recycled. For more information and to make a booking, visit <https://www.wollondilly.nsw.gov.au/waste-services/wood-chipping-service>.

### **Return and Earn**

Return and Earn is an initiative implemented by the NSW Government which offers a 10c refund for eligible drink containers deposited at return points throughout NSW. Eligible containers include cans, bottles, cartons, juice boxes or poppers. To find your nearest Return and Earn machine location, visit <https://returnandearn.org.au/>.

### **Council's Domestic Waste Service**

Council provides residents with a waste service consisting of a red-lid garbage bin (emptied weekly), yellow-lid recycling bin and green-lid garden organics bin (emptied fortnightly) to residents. Residents have the option to increase their bin sizes or order additional bins if required.

To find out more, visit the [‘Red, Yellow & Green Bins’](#) page on Council's website.

### **Protecting the Environment**

Landfill remediation at the Bargo Waste Management Centre will include safely containing the waste in accordance with the Protection of the Environment Operations Act and EPA Approvals. Landfill sites continue to breakdown in the years after closure, so remediation of the site will play a critical role in reducing risks to the environment for current and future generations.

## **TARGET AUDIENCE**

- All Wollondilly residents
- Special interest groups - Bargo community
- Businesses, such as construction
- Council staff

## KEY DATES

- Communication Plan to be activated from March 2025 to August 2025.
- Final day of site operation is Sunday, 8 June 2025.
- First day of site closure is Monday, 9 June 2025.
- Remediation works will commence from 1 July 2025 (approximate date).

## METHODS OF COMMUNICATION

CHANNEL	DATES	STATUS
<b>Closure Works</b>		
Send final draft Comms Plan to Director who will share with Councillors.	February 2025	Complete
Updated website pages	February 2025	Complete
Media Release – proposed closure going to Council meeting	March 2025	Complete
Media Release – closure endorsed by Council	March 2025	Complete
Fact Sheet/FAQs (2x options prepared)	March - April 2025	Complete
Letters to surrounding properties	March - April 2025	Complete
Assets incl. corflute signs, brochures, social media/website imagery	March - April 2025	Complete
Internal communications for staff	April 2025	Complete
Information to Customer Service for answering enquiries	April 2025	Complete / ongoing
Social Media Messages	April 2025	In progress
eNews short article	April 2025	In progress
Community newsletter	April-June 2025	In progress
Final Closure Notices (Social Media)	Up to June 2025	Not commenced
Replace 'Closure Notice' Corflute with 'Redirection Notice'	June 2025	Not commenced
<b>Date of Closure of BWMC</b>		
BWMC phone to be active to answer customer enquiries	June to December 2025	Not commenced
<b>Remediation Works</b>		
<b>Preparation / Lead-Up</b>		
Main Media Release	TBC	Not commenced
Fact Sheet/FAQs (2 options prepared)	TBC	Not commenced
Updated website pages	TBC	Not commenced
Corflute at BWMC x3	TBC	Not commenced
Remove 'Bargo tip' signs in Bargo	TBC	Not commenced

Social Media Messages	TBC	Not commenced
eNews short article	TBC	Not commenced
Internal communications for staff	TBC	Not commenced
Information to Customer Service for answering enquiries	TBC	Not commenced
Community News	TBC	Not commenced
<b>Project Updates</b>		
Contractor Signage on Site	TBC	Not commenced
Social Media Messages	TBC	Not commenced
Updated website pages	TBC	Not commenced
<b>Project Completion</b>		
eNews short article	TBC	Not commenced
Social Media Messages	TBC	Not commenced
Internal communications for staff	TBC	Not commenced
Community News	TBC	Not commenced

## MATERIALS REQUIRING GRAPHIC DESIGN

### 1. Corflute Signs

The purpose of the corflute signs is to communicate temporary messaging to users of the site and surrounding Bargo areas. The proposed locations for the corflute signs are provided later in this document. The below draft corflute sign designs have been prepared.



Remediation notice (post closure & prior to remediation works):

Wording to be prepared following the design & construction tender release.





## 2. Flyers

The purpose of the flyer is to communicate the closure of BWMC and alternate locations for residents to dispose of their waste. These flyers will be available at BWMC, Council foyer, Library, mobile library, Dilly Wanderer, council events, Bargo shops and other areas around the Shire. The below draft flyer design has been prepared.

### FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

**QUESTION:**  
What is 'remediation'?

**ANSWER:**  
Landfill remediation will include safely containing the waste in accordance with the Protection of the Environment Operations Act and NSW EPA Approvals. Landfill sites continue to breakdown in the years after closure, so remediation of the site will play a critical role in reducing risks to the environment for current and future generations.

**QUESTION:**  
What will the final land use be once Bargo WMC is remediated?

**ANSWER:**  
The final land use will be classed as 'passive open space' which will contain a variety of grasses and carefully selected vegetation to encourage local fauna and invertebrate and support the exiting ecological corridor with the neighbouring C2 Environmental Conservation zoned land. The site will be inaccessible to the public.

**FIND OUT MORE**  
**BARGO WASTE MANAGEMENT CENTRE CLOSING**



For more information about the closure Bargo WMC or waste disposal options, scan the QR code or call Council on 02 4677 1100.

### FREE WOOD CHIPPING SERVICE

Council runs a free wood chipping service to Wollondilly residents at different locations around the Shire. Residents can drop off material which is too big for their green-lid garden organics bin such as tree branches, trunks and large shrubs, to be chipped and recycled.

**FIND OUT MORE**



Scan the QR code, visit [wollondilly.nsw.gov.au](http://wollondilly.nsw.gov.au) or call 4677 1100 for more information and to make a booking.  
*Bookings are essential!*

### HOUSEHOLD CLEAN UP SERVICE

Council provides two scheduled household clean up collections each financial year to residential properties using our waste services. These collections are to assist with the removal of bulky household materials. Residents are entitled to place 1.5m<sup>3</sup> of eligible bulky waste on the kerb for collection on their scheduled collection week.

**FIND OUT MORE**



For more information on the clean up service including eligible waste types, scan the QR code or call our Waste Hotline on 1800 805 305.



**Wollondilly**  
Shire Council

## BARGO WASTE MANAGEMENT CENTRE

Closure Information

## BARGO WASTE MANAGEMENT CENTRE IS CLOSING

After 60 years of operation, Bargo Waste Management Centre has reached capacity and will be permanently closed to allow site remediation to occur. The final day of operation and acceptance of waste and recycling will be **Sunday, 8 June 2025**.



### ALTERNATE WASTE DISPOSAL FACILITIES

Many other options remain available for the drop off of waste and recycling within the Wollondilly Shire.

**REMONDIS Picton Resource Recovery Facility**  
Address: 67 Wonga Road, Picton  
Phone: 137 373  
Opening hours: Mon - Fri 7am - 3.30pm, Sat 7am - 12pm

**Benedict Recycling Smeaton Grange**  
Address: 52 Anderson Rd, Smeaton Grange  
Phone: 02 8761 0019  
Opening hours: Mon - Fri 6am - 4.30pm, Sat 6am - 2pm

**Yeolia Spring Farm Resource Recovery Park**  
Address: 20 Barrow Rd, Spring Farm  
Phone: 13 13 35  
Opening hours: Mon - Fri 6am - 4pm, Sat 8am - 4pm, Sun 8am - 12pm

**Bowral Waste Centre**  
Address: 8 Kiama St, Bowral  
Phone: 02 4211 4555  
Opening hours: Mon - Fri 7am - 4pm, Sat 8am - 1pm

**Penrith Landfill Depot**  
Address: 842 Mulgoa Rd, Mulgoa  
Phone: 02 4773 8778  
Opening hours: Mon - Fri 7am - 2.30pm, Sat 7am - 11.30am

**Wollongong Waste & Resource Recovery Park**  
Address: Lot 502 Reddalls Rd, Kembla Grange  
Phone: 02 4227 7111  
Opening hours: Mon - Fri 7.30am - 4.30pm, Sat & Sun 8am - 4pm

Please note operating hours may change, contact the centres to confirm before visiting.

### COMMUNITY RECYCLING CENTRES (CRC)

Problem wastes such as gas bottles, paint, motor oil and batteries can be disposed of at your local Community Recycling Centre for free.

**Camden**  
Address: 5 Millwood Avenue, Narellan  
Phone: 132 263  
Opening hours: Sat & Sun 9am - 2pm

**Campbelltown**  
Address: 2 Hephher Road, Campbelltown  
Phone: 02 4645 4000  
Opening hours: Mon - Sat 8am - 3pm, Sat 7am - 12pm

**Moss Vale**  
Address: 177 Berrima Road, Moss Vale  
Phone: 02 4868 0888  
Opening hours: Mon - Fri 8am - 4pm, Sun 8am - 1pm

**WHAT CAN I TAKE TO A CRC?**

- Paint
- Gas bottles
- Fire extinguishers
- Motor oils
- Other oils
- Car batteries
- Household batteries
- Smoke detectors



For more information and to find your nearest Community Recycling Centre, visit the 'Community Recycling Centre' page on Council's website or contact the EPA on 131 555.  
*Note: Some Community Recycling Centre services may be disrupted. Please call the centre prior to visiting.*

### 3. Cover sticker for fees & charges sign



There is a large fees and charges sign directly out the front of BWMC. While we will place conflute signs around Bargo to advise residents of the closure, there may be some residents that still drive up to the facility if the Government Rd gates are open (especially if rehab works have commenced). We would like a sticker design created that we can place over the existing sign design to indicate that the site has closed and is preparing for/undergoing remediation works. Sign is 2x5m.

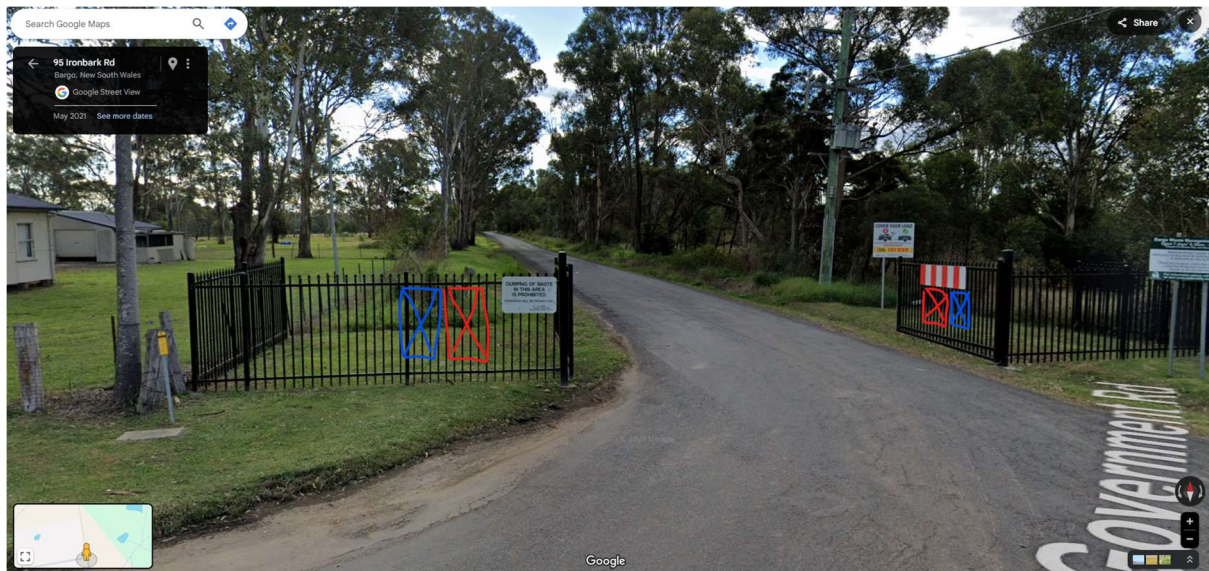
### 4. Social media assets incl. Facebook tiles, website banners, etc



## DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNICATION MATERIALS

### 1. Corflute sign locations

- 4 x Ironbark Drive



- 4 x BWMC
  - 3 x Closure Notices (Entrance and Exit, and on Weighbridge)
  - 1 x Remediation Notice (Entrance Facing)





- 1 x Closure Notices



- 1 x Closure Notices



- Additional potential notification locations:
  - Bargo Post Office
  - Bargo IGA

## 2. Letter Drop

Letters will be posted to households located in Bargo and Yanderra.

### Draft letter wording:

Dear Resident,

#### **Notification of Permanent Closure of Bargo Waste Management Centre**

After 60 years of operation, Bargo Waste Management Centre, commonly known as 'Bargo Tip', has reached its capacity and will soon be permanently closing. The last date of operation and acceptance of waste and recycling will be Sunday, 8 June 2025.

The permanent closure of Bargo Waste Management Centre is the first step towards commencing remediation of the site in accordance with the Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997 and the NSW EPA Environment Protection Licence. The remediation of the site is planned to commence during 2025 and, once complete, will reduce the impacts of the landfill on our environment and play a critical role in preparing the site for future generations.

A fact sheet has been attached to this letter which provides more information on the site closure and remediation and suggests alternative local waste disposal options.

For more information, visit [www.wollondilly.nsw.gov.au/waste-services](http://www.wollondilly.nsw.gov.au/waste-services), contact Council's Waste Services Team on 4677 1100, or email [council@wollondilly.nsw.gov.au](mailto:council@wollondilly.nsw.gov.au).



### 3. Fact Sheet (attachment to above letter drop)

  
**FACT SHEET**  
  
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on **(02) 4677 1100**  
or visit Council's website  
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## CLOSURE AND REMEDIATION OF BARGO WASTE MANAGEMENT CENTRE

### BACKGROUND

Bargo Waste Management Centre, also commonly known as 'Bargo tip', is a landfill site located at 27 Anthony Road, Bargo and is Council's only remaining licenced landfill.

Bargo tip has been operating since the 1960s and over that time Council has continued to adapt to changing environmental legislative requirements to extend the life of the tip. Unfortunately, the tip is now full and needs to permanently close.

The last date of operation and acceptance of waste and recycling will be Sunday, 8 June 2025.

### HISTORY

Time Period	Description
Prior to the 1960s	The site was an existing natural reserve.
1960 to 2024	Bargo tip operated as a landfill site, accepting non-putrescible waste such as glass, rubber, plastic, cement, etc. During this time, the landfill lifespan was extended on a number of occasions following improved management practices including better waste compaction, increased recycling efficiencies and the installation of a weighbridge in 2019.
2023	A draft Landfill Closure Plan, estimated that the remaining landfill capacity had been reached.
2024	Council commenced planning for the closure of Bargo tip with the NSW EPA with the aim of limiting the impact of the closure on the community. This included transitioning to a waste transfer station for the community and providing ongoing updates to the community as the Plan progressed.
	The NSW EPA approved the Landfill Closure Plan in December, and varied the site's Environment Protection Licence to reflect this.
2025	Council endorsed the permanent closure of Bargo Waste Management Centre at the Council meeting held on 25 March 2025.



# FACT SHEET

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or visit Council's website  
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## ALTERNATE WASTE DISPOSAL FACILITIES

During the site closure, a number of other local waste disposal facilities are available for Wollondilly residents and businesses to access and dispose of household waste items such as tyres, scrap metal, garden organics and electronic waste. These sites include:

### Local Waste Facilities

Facility	Address	Contact No.	Services
Remondis Picton Resource Recovery Facility	67 Wonga Rd, Picton	137 373	Accepted waste types include dry waste, food waste, garden organics, construction & demolition, scrap metal, mattresses, tyres, recyclables, electronics and polystyrene. Open 6 days per week (Mon-Sat).
Veolia Spring Farm Resource Recovery Park	20 Barrow Rd, Spring Farm	131 335	Accepted waste types include food waste, garden organics, construction & demolition, scrap metal, mattresses, tyres, recyclables, electronics, polystyrene, motor oil, asbestos & batteries. Open 7 days per week.
Benedict Recycling Smeaton Grange	52 Anderson Rd, Smeaton Grange	(02) 8761 0019	Accepted waste types include dry waste, garden organics, construction & demolition, scrap metal, mattresses, tyres, cardboard, electronics and polystyrene. Open 6 days per week (Mon-Sat).
Bowral Waste Centre	8 Kiama St, Bowral	(02) 4211 4555	Accepted waste types include dry waste, garden organics, construction & demolition, scrap metal, mattresses, tyres, polystyrene, recyclables and asbestos. Open 6 days per week (Mon-Sat).
Penrith Landfill Depot	842 Mulgoa Rd, Mulgoa	(02) 4773 8778	Accepted waste types include dry waste, garden organics, construction & demolition, mattresses, tyres, polystyrene and recyclables. Open 6 days per week (Mon-Sat).
Wollongong Waste & Resource Recovery Park (Whytes Gully)	502 Reddalls Rd, Kembla Grange	(02) 4227 7111	Accepted waste types include dry waste, food waste, garden organics, construction & demolition, scrap metal, mattresses, tyres, recyclables, electronics, motor oil, and polystyrene. Open 7 days per week.



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## Community Recycling Centres

Community Recycling Centres (CRCs) are permanent drop-off centres for common household problem wastes that can't be collected via council kerbside waste and recycling collection services. Wollondilly residents can drop off problem wastes at any of these centres year-round, FREE of charge. The following materials can be dropped off at Community Recycling Centres:

- Paint
- Gas bottles
- Fire extinguishers
- Fluorescent globes
- Motor oil
- Other oils
- Household batteries
- Car batteries
- Aerosols
- Smoke detectors

To find your closest Community Recycling Centre, visit the ['Community Recycling Centre'](#) page on Council's website.



## Council's Domestic Waste Service

Council provides residents with a waste service consisting of a red-lid garbage bin (emptied weekly), yellow-lid recycling bin and green-lid garden organics bin (emptied fortnightly) to residents.

Residents have the option to increase their bin sizes or order additional bins if required. To find out more, visit the ['Waste Service Options'](#) page on Council's website.





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## Council's Bulky Waste Clean Up Service

As part of the Domestic Waste Service, Council also provides residents with two scheduled household clean up collections each year. The collections are to assist with the removal of bulky household materials.

We are currently investigating a number of options for the clean up service once the next kerbside waste collection contract is awarded in 2026. This will help to offset the closure of Bargo tip and may include changing to a bookable clean up service, increasing the number of clean up collections each year, continuing to offer a scheduled clean up service or implementing a hybrid service with both scheduled pickups and an option to book additional clean ups.

To find out your next clean up date, visit the ['Lookup Your Clean Up Details'](#) page on Council's website.



## FURTHER INFORMATION

For more information on the closure of Bargo tip:

- Visit the ['Bargo Waste Management Centre'](#) page on Council's website
- Contact the Waste Services Team on (02) 4677 1100
- Send an email to [council@wollondilly.nsw.gov.au](mailto:council@wollondilly.nsw.gov.au)



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## FAQs

### WILL ILLEGAL DUMPING INCREASE ONCE BARGO TIP CLOSES?

There are many reasons why people choose to illegally dump waste, and these behaviours are influenced more by personal choices than the availability of disposal sites.

It is not expected that illegal dumping will increase once Bargo tip closes however, to protect nearby residents, additional measures will be implemented to prevent and monitor illegal dumping. This includes both camera and physical surveillance in streets including but not limited to Anthony Road, Government Road and Ironbark Road.

Residents are encouraged to report illegal dumping to Council via Council's website or by phone to 4677 1100.

### WHAT IS REMEDIATION?

Landfill remediation involves safely containing the waste from a landfill site in accordance with the *Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997* and NSW EPA Approvals. Landfill sites continue to break down in the years after closure, so remediation plays a critical role in reducing risks to the environment for current and future generations.

### WHAT IS INVOLVED IN LANDFILL REMEDIATION?

Site remediation works can involve various items, such as earthworks and bank

stabilisation, landfill capping systems, environmental monitoring systems, and NSW EPA Approvals.

All works will be completed in accordance with the relevant NSW Work Health and Safety legislation, *Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997* and NSW EPA Approvals.

### WHAT WILL THE FINAL LAND USE OF BARGO TIP BE ONCE REMEDIATED?

The final land use of the site will be green open space, which will contain a variety of grasses and carefully selected flora to encourage local fauna and insects back to the area. It will also support the existing ecological corridor with the neighbouring C2 Environmental Conservation zoned land. The site will be inaccessible to the public.

### WILL THERE BE AN INCREASE IN TRAFFIC IN BARGO DURING REMEDiation?

There is not expected to be any significant increase in traffic during the site remediation works however, the contractor vehicle movements may fluctuate during this time as they complete different stages.

### HOW LONG WILL REMEDiation LAST?

Works are planned to commence in 2025. The different stages associated with site remediation are expected to take up to three years. More information will be provided to impacted residents closer to commencement of works.





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## **WILL COUNCIL BUILD ANOTHER WASTE MANAGEMENT FACILITY IN FUTURE?**

At this stage, it is very unlikely that Council will consider developing another landfill due to the high financial costs associated with the construction, operation and ongoing environmental monitoring required. Instead, already established local waste facilities are a more feasible solution and are more conveniently located for Wollondilly residents to access.

## **CAN THE SITE BE USED AS A PUBLIC SPACE (E.G. PARK) ONCE IT'S REMEDIATED?**

Unfortunately, the site cannot be used as a public space due to potential risks associated with landfill gas emissions and steep landfill batter slopes post-remediation.

No vehicular or foot traffic is permitted on the remediated landfill to ensure that no damage occurs to the final capping layer of soil and vegetation. Damage to a remediated landfill can be costly to fix.

## **WHERE CAN I FIND A COPY OF BARGO TIP'S ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION LICENCE?**

The NSW Environment Protection Licence (EPL 6061) for Bargo Waste Management Centre can be found on either Council's or the NSW EPA's website.

## **WHAT WILL THE SITE NEXT DOOR BE USED FOR?**

Council was successful in securing grant funding through the Black Summer Bushfire Grants Program to install a hardstand area at 25 Government Rd, Bargo (next door to Bargo tip) to support emergency waste management following natural disasters.

Other uses of the area include, but are not limited to:

- Household Chemical Clean Out events
- Wood chipping events and other resource recovery initiatives
- Temporary storage area for machinery and clean soil to be used for remediation works at Bargo tip

More information on the project can be found on Council's website under the ['Projects – Bargo Hardstand'](#) page.

## **WHERE CAN I FIND MORE INFORMATION?**

Information on the closure and remediation of Bargo Waste Management Centre can be found on the ['Bargo Waste Management Centre'](#) page on Council's website or by contacting Council's Waste Services Team on (02) 4677 1100 or email [council@wollondilly.nsw.gov.au](mailto:council@wollondilly.nsw.gov.au).