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Port Stephens Council waste contract awarded to SITA

Port Stephens' residents will see new look waste and recycling collection trucks on their streets next year with Port Stephens Council awarding a ten-year waste collection and haulage contract to SITA Australia.

Council announced the \$40 million multi-year contract will commence on July 1 2015, with new opt-in services and on-call bulky waste collections being offered to residents.

SITA Northern NSW Region Manager, Leon Grosso, said the contract would see a number of initiatives to help improve the kerbside recycling and waste collection service for over 32,000 residents in the area.

"SITA will have thirteen new trucks to service the region, including the introduction of a small rear-lift collection truck to access smaller residential streets and retail precincts," Mr Grosso said.

"The trucks will all be fitted with GPS and on-board cameras helping us to deliver sound safety and service performance.

"The cameras will allow us to observe the types of waste being disposed, monitor contamination and help improve recycling rates," he said.

The contract will also provide further employment opportunities in the local area with sixteen staff to be hired before the contract begins mid-next year.

Port Stephens waste management coordinator, Aaron Malloy said some of the improved efficiencies in the new contract came from the community public forums and online surveys run by Council late last year.

"For those residents that told us they needed a larger recycling bin to recycle better and more effectively, they will now be able to opt in to a larger recycling bin for a one-off fee," Mr Malloy said.

"Our residents will also have access to two free on-call kerbside bulky waste collection services each year.

"What this means is that they won't have to wait for scheduled collections, but will have the flexibility to choose when their bulky waste is collected," he said

All general waste collected by SITA will be sent to SITA's Raymond Terrace Advanced Resource Recovery Technology Facility. The facility diverts waste from landfill by turning household waste into compost which can be used in rehabilitation projects to replenish severely degraded soils.

Bulky kerbside collections will be sorted and separated for recycling and reuse at Council's Transfer Station. Recyclables will be sent to a third party recycler.

For more information, visit the Port Stephens Council [website](#).

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