

## Media Release

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### GIPPSWIDE KERBSIDE – EOI OPPORTUNITY FOR INDUSTRY

Gippsland is seeking to maximise resource recovery and minimise the volume of waste going to landfill by providing a unique commercial opportunity known as Gippswide Kerbside.

Last year, all six Gippsland councils signed a memorandum of understanding with the Gippsland Waste and Resource Recovery Group to explore effective, sustainable and cost-efficient ways to deliver waste and resource recovery services throughout the region, including collection, haulage, organics and recycling re-processing, and the treatment of residual material.

According to Dick Ellis, Chair of the Gippsland Waste and Resource Recovery Group, over the next 20-30 years, Gippsland will be one of the state's fastest growing regions and the resource recovery sector needs to be proactive and creative with its planning to sustainably accommodate this growth.

"Gippsland's strong history in waste and resource management has enabled it to adapt and respond well to recent challenges in the recycling sector," confirmed Mr Ellis.

"It reinforces that Gippsland councils and their contractors are servicing the region to a high standard and provides the region with a firm platform for investigating and progressing initiatives like Gippswide Kerbside."

Through Gippswide Kerbside, and on behalf of the region's six councils, the Gippsland Waste and Resource Recovery Group is keen to determine market appetite for a region-wide collaborative procurement solution for the collection, haulage, processing and recovery of kerbside waste.

As a precursor to a tender process, expressions of interest in Gippswide Kerbside will be open 16 April to 27 May 2019. In support of this, Gippsland Waste and Resource Recovery Group invites interested parties to an industry briefing in Trafalgar on Monday 29 April 2019.

Matthew Peake, Gippsland Waste and Resource Recovery Group Executive Officer, explained, "The approach taken with Gippswide Kerbside is unique and progressive. We're looking for solutions that are based on leading practice and innovation; provide a model for implementation that is scalable; and, deliver social, environmental and economic benefits to the region."

"While a region-wide approach is key to this project," added Mr Peake. "We strongly encourage interest from smaller providers and businesses in the region to develop partnerships; it's important to maximise the use of local suppliers and ensure investment in regional communities and industry and in the creation of new jobs as a priority for the project, and for Gippsland."

To register for the industry briefing, contact the Gippsland Waste and Resource Recovery Group ph. 03 5633 2744. Expressions of interests are open 16 April to 27 May 2019, further information can be found [www.gwrrg.vic.gov.au](http://www.gwrrg.vic.gov.au).

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