

## MEDIA RELEASE

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### SHARE YOUR VIEWS ON LITTER AND ILLEGAL DUMPING

Ask anyone about litter and illegal dumping and they usually have a story to tell because litter and illegal dumping affect all of us in some way.

Unfortunately, they are persistent problems in the region, Victoria and around Australia. While attitudes and behaviours have improved, we need continued action to reduce littering and illegal dumping.

Resource Recovery Gippsland, together with Gippsland's six shire councils, is seeking the community's views, concerns and priorities about litter and illegal dumping in the region through an online community survey until Sunday 4 August 2019.

The survey includes a series of questions about many aspects of litter and illegal dumping and is available on the Engage Victoria website <https://engage.vic.gov.au/regional-litter-and-illegal-dumping-plans/gippsland>.

According to Matthew Peake, executive officer with the Resource Recovery Gippsland, "The results of the survey will help develop a Regional Litter and Illegal Dumping Plan that will include a number of actions to tackle the top five priorities."

"The amenity and appeal of our communities and towns are something Gippslanders take pride in. The development of this plan is a great opportunity for us to identify a range of strategies and priority areas to further enhance our region."

The survey takes about 15 minutes to complete, is confidential and anonymous and individual responses will be collated and analysed as group data. As an incentive, participants can provide their email address or phone number (which is kept separate to the survey responses) to enter a draw to win a \$100 gift card.

Surveys must be completed by midnight on Sunday 4 August 2019 and the results will be reported back to the community in the following months.

Two stakeholder workshops will be held later in August to present the results of the survey as well as the available data to consider the region's top five priorities and the actions needed to reduce litter and illegal dumping.

Funding to develop the regional plan is provided by the Victorian Government. The plan and action plan will be used to apply for external funding as it becomes available.

"Residents are encouraged to share their thoughts on litter hotspots, how illegal dumping may have impacted on them, the ease at which littering and illegal dumping can be reported and any ideas they may have on litter prevention."

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*Still one of Victoria's seven Waste and Resource Recovery Groups, Resource Recovery Gippsland is committed to supporting our region's journey in maximising resources and minimising waste.*