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Inquiry into the waste management of absorbent hygiene products

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Hi Kate,

Apologies for the delay in responding to you.

In early 2020, the Shire had previously received advice from the then CEO of Bunbury Harvey Regional Council confirming that certified compostable nappies, specifically Eenee Compostables, were accepted in FOGO collections. As the Shire of Augusta Margaret Rivers FOGO is collected and sent to BHRC's Organics Processing Facility for processing, the Shire initially promoted that certified compostable nappies could be disposed of in our FOGO collection. Subsequent meetings with the WALGA run Consistent Communications Collective suggested that these were no longer accepted within FOGO, and thus our messaging was changed to no longer promote these types of disposables. In the absence of these materials being accepted in FOGO collection, these disposable, single use nappies would then need to be directed to the general waste stream. I believe BHRC's position has changed to reflect this.

It is the Shire's understanding that compostable single use nappies are quite expensive for the consumer, so there is little benefit for our community.

In light of this, our education campaign has in the last few years focussed around promoting the benefits of reusable modern cloth nappies. The Shire offers up to a \$100 subsidy for the purchase of these products, and when COVID restrictions allowed, we offered regular Modern Cloth Nappy interactive workshops to further celebrate their benefits. These workshops and products have been very popular.

In an effort to provide consistency amongst the industry, particularly in the South West of Western Australia, we will continue to promote these, and other reusable products, through a variety of different outlets.

Happy to be contacted should subsequent discussions be required.

I hope this helps.

Kindest regards

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