



Inquiry into annual and financial reports 2024–25

Answer to question on notice

Asked by: Ms Jo Clay MLA

Addressed to: Minister for City and Government Services

Reference: City and Government Services

Hearing: 12 November 2025

In relation to: Materials Recycling Facility and Community Consultation

Question received: 19 November 2025

Answer Due: 27 November 2025

(1) Has there been consultation with the community on what products and items the new Materials Recycling Facility will recycle?

(2) Does CED know what products the community expect to be recycled in the ACT?

(3) How will the ACT Government meet and manage community expectation regarding waste items that the community want recycled but which the MRF will not process?

Ms Tara Cheyne MLA: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:

(1) No, the products recovered through the Material Recovery Facility are based on the recoverability and commerciality of the items. This ensures that the highest volume of material can be processed at the same time as limiting the cost to the community.

(2) The City and Environment Directorate has a good understanding of community expectations for products to be processed at the new MRF, informed by EIS consultation and ongoing engagement activities.

ACT NoWaste engages with the community through regular pop-up information sessions at shopping centres, events and public areas and a weekly 'Trash talk' segment on ABC radio where listeners call in and ask questions about waste management and recycling, with item acceptance in yellow bins being a common topic raised.

(3) ACT NoWaste will continue to engage with the community through targeted education and consultation mechanisms such as those described above. These forums will inform planning regarding community expectations and issues for items received at the new MRF as well as resource recovery in the ACT in general.

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In addition, the new MRF will include a dedicated education room where targeted programs will be delivered by ACT NoWaste to various community and school groups. These programs aim to raise awareness and understanding of MRF operations and resource recovery, and disposal options for a range of waste streams.

Approved for circulation to the Standing Committee on Environment and Planning

Signature:



Date:

30/4/25

By the Minister for City and Government Services, Ms Tara Cheyne MLA