



# **MEDIA RELEASE**

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## **Recycling changes underway**

Adriana Taylor, Huon Valley Council Commissioner has been encouraged by community feedback on the recent changes to the Council's recycling regime.

"The new recycling system is underway at the Huon Valley Waste Transfer Stations. We are still awaiting delivery of the revised deposit bins but are very pleased to see our recycling contamination and separation rates are on track to deliver big savings to ratepayers.

"Council sought the community's assistance to separate the recycling into the three streams of cardboard, glass and other recyclables. We are really pleased with the way residents have adjusted to the new disposal procedure and are encouraged by the positive feedback we are receiving on the changes.

"By providing a level of separation at the Waste Transfer Stations, HVC is able to significantly reduce these costs and in some cases even receive a modest return for the recyclable items which is used to offset the costs of transportation to the recycling facility.

"By ensuring that cardboard only is placed in the cardboard skip bin, we are able to receive a return of \$30 per tonne for cardboard.

"Glass can be a problem for the recycling industry across Tasmania with facilities stockpiling large quantities of glass as they are unable to find a market for them. To address this issue, Council is using a local service provider who is crushing the glass for use in concrete products. This allows Council to ensure that glass deposited by Huon Valley residents is disposed of in a responsible manner and at the same time reduces the processing costs from \$75 per tonne to \$35 per tonne.

“Council continues to encourage diversion of waste from landfill and responsible use of recyclable materials.

“Please ask one of our staff, especially the recycling officers if you are unsure about the new recycling regime,” Commissioner Taylor said.

To continue to offer free recycling at the waste transfer stations, residents are asked to separate their recycling into three categories:

- Cardboard only
- Glass only
- Other recyclable material.

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