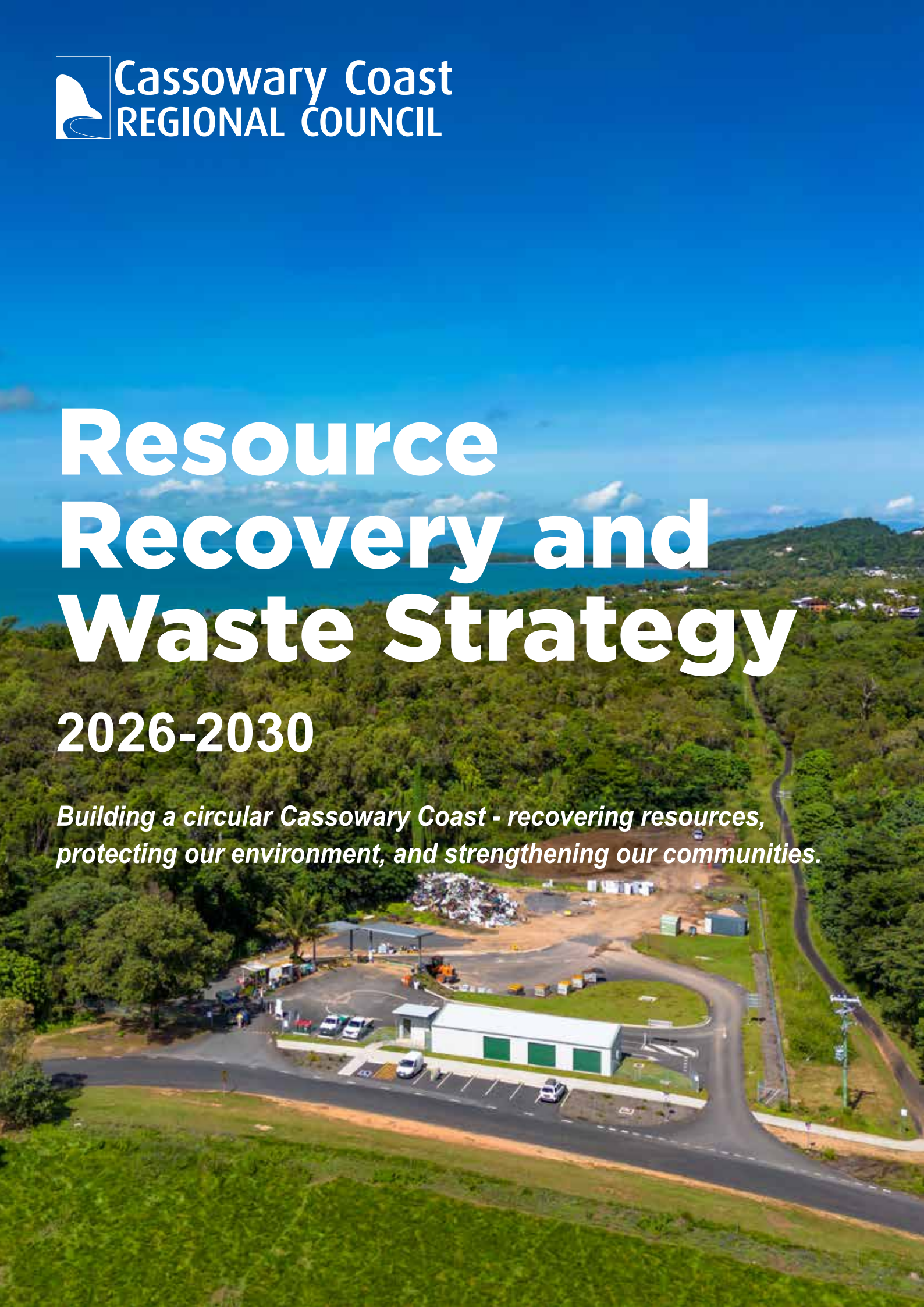


Resource Recovery and Waste Strategy

2026-2030

*Building a circular Cassowary Coast - recovering resources,
protecting our environment, and strengthening our communities.*





Edition 2026

cassowarycoast.qld.gov.au

1300 763 903

70 Rankin Street, Innisfail | 38-40 Bryant Street, Tully | 4 Balliol Street, Cardwell

© Cassowary Coast Regional Council 2026 - current. Reproduction without permission is prohibited.

Acknowledgements

Council wishes to thank all contributors, stakeholders and community members involved in the development of this strategy.

Reference document

This document should be cited as follows:

Cassowary Coast Regional Council. 2026.

Cassowary Coast Resource Recovery and Waste Strategy 2026–2030.

Disclaimer

To the extent this document contains future plans, activities, policies and strategies, these matters are aspirational and subject to change at any time without notice.

While Cassowary Coast Regional Council has exercised reasonable care in preparing this document, no warranty or representation is given by Council or its officers in relation to any of the information or data contained within this document (including as to its accuracy, reliability, completeness or suitability for any purpose).

Council and its officers are not liable (including without limitation, liability in negligence) for any loss, damage, expenses or costs (including any consequential loss or damage) incurred by you relating to any use of, or reliance upon, the information and data contained within this document.



1300 763 903



enquiries@cassowarycoast.qld.gov.au



cassowarycoast.qld.gov.au



70 Rankin Street, Innisfail
38-40 Bryant Street, Tully
4 Balliol Street, Cardwell



Resource Recovery and Waste Strategy 2026-2030

Contents

Acknowledgement of Country	4
Mayor's Foreword	5
Executive Summary	6
1. Introduction	6
2. Cassowary Coast Today	8
3. The Cassowary Coast Waste System	9
4. Strategic Alignment	10
5. Strategic Focus Areas	11
6. Short 10-Year Infrastructure Plan (Summary)	14
7. Implementation Framework	14
8. Cassowary Coast Waste Snapshot	15
9. Appendix - Action Plan	16



Acknowledgement of Country

Cassowary Coast Regional Council acknowledges the traditional custodians of the land and sea on which we operate, the Mamu, Djiru, Girramay, Gulngay, Warrgamay, Jirrbal and Bandjin Peoples.

We wish to acknowledge our respect for their current and emerging leaders and those in the dreaming.

We thank all First Nations people for the contributions they make in building this community.



Mayor's Foreword

The Cassowary Coast is one of Australia's most unique and naturally stunning regions, where World Heritage rainforest meets the Great Barrier Reef, and where thriving agricultural lands and vibrant townships are connected by a strong sense of community and place. Protecting this landscape is essential not only to our lifestyle, but to the long-term prosperity and resilience of our region.

This Waste Strategy sets a clear direction for how Council and our community will work together to reduce waste, recover more resources, and build a strong circular economy that creates local jobs, supports innovation and safeguards our land and sea Country for generations to come. It reflects the values of our community and the opportunities available to us as a region rich in natural assets, primary production, and local enterprise.

The Cassowary Coast faces unique waste challenges. We manage widely dispersed communities, high rainfall, remote transport distances, a strong tourism season, ageing infrastructure and increasing environmental and regulatory standards, all while navigating the financial pressures of the State Waste Levy. Despite these challenges, the region is well placed to lead. New opportunities are emerging through improved regional collaboration with FNQROC, growth in resource recovery industries, innovations in technology, and renewed government investment in recycling, organics and waste reduction initiatives.

This Strategy charts a balanced and financially responsible path forward. It focuses on practical and achievable steps: modernising transfer stations, expanding local reuse and recycling opportunities, improving kerbside services, reducing the cost of living through smarter systems, encouraging behaviour change, supporting innovation pilots such as pyrolysis and modular processing, and strengthening environmental protections across our sites and waterways.

Most importantly, it places people at the centre, households, businesses, Traditional Owners, farmers, community groups, and our neighbouring councils. By working together, we can create a cleaner, smarter, more sustainable waste system that reflects who we are as a region: resilient, innovative, and deeply connected to our environment.

This Strategy ensures transparency for ratepayers, accountability for outcomes, and a shared vision for a cleaner and more prosperous Cassowary Coast.

Executive Summary

The Resource Recovery and Waste Strategy 2026–2030 sets a renewed direction for how our region will minimise waste, maximise resource recovery, and transition toward a circular economy. It aligns with the Draft Queensland Waste Strategy, the FNQROC Regional Resource Recovery Plan and Council's strategic vision for a sustainable, thriving future.

BY 2030, COUNCIL AIMS TO:

15%

Reduce per-capita general waste to landfill by 15%

60%

Achieve at least 60% municipal resource recovery

70%

Reduce waste to landfill by 70%

15%

Reduce recycling contamination rates to below 15%

10yrs

Adopt a 10-year waste and resource recovery infrastructure plan

OUR FIVE STRATEGIC FOCUS AREAS ARE:



Harness economic opportunity

Grow local industry, jobs and circular economy opportunities



Improve access to recycling and encourage behaviour change

Make it simple and convenient for everyone to recycle right



Unleash innovation

Trial and scale new technologies to increase recovery



Reduce the cost of living

Manage waste system costs responsibly for ratepayers



Reduce the impact of waste on the environment

Protect land, waterways and the marine environment

1. Introduction

The Cassowary Coast is one of Australia's most unique and naturally stunning regions, where World Heritage rainforest meets the Great Barrier Reef, and communities are connected by rich agricultural lands, vibrant townships, and a deep sense of place. Protecting this environment is not only essential to our lifestyle but core to our economic future.

The region manages significant waste volumes each year across geographically dispersed population centres including Innisfail, Tully, Mission Beach and Cardwell, as well as numerous rural and coastal communities. Waste generation continues to grow, driven by population increases, new construction activity, agricultural production, and strong seasonal tourism. These factors place pressure on Council's infrastructure, transport networks and landfill, particularly given the long distances between townships and the region's high rainfall and tropical climate.

This Waste Strategy has been developed in the context of major State and national policy changes, rising disposal costs and the Queensland Waste Levy, increasing environmental and regulatory standards, and ageing infrastructure that requires renewal or redesign. It also responds to community expectations for stronger environmental leadership and greater transparency in how the waste system is funded and managed.

At the same time, new opportunities are emerging, from organics recovery and circular economy innovation, from improved data and technology, and from strengthened regional collaboration through FNQROC on planning, procurement and shared infrastructure. Government funding programs present additional opportunities to invest in modernised facilities, high-value recovery systems and behaviour-change initiatives.

This Strategy provides a clear and financially responsible roadmap to modernise waste services and infrastructure across the Cassowary Coast. It sets out practical actions to improve kerbside services, prepare for future organics recovery, modernise transfer stations, support local circular industry, strengthen education and behaviour change, and ensure waste operations remain cost-effective for ratepayers. It also reinforces Council's commitment to working closely with households, businesses, Traditional Owners, industry and neighbouring councils to build a cleaner, more resilient and sustainable region for future generations.



2. Cassowary Coast Today

The Cassowary Coast is defined by its unique rainforest–reef–agriculture landscape, high biodiversity, and globally recognised ecological sensitivity. It is home to the Wet Tropics World Heritage Area, the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park, rich agricultural lands supporting major industries such as sugarcane, bananas, tropical fruits and emerging agribusiness sectors, and a coastline that attracts visitors from across Australia and the world. These environmental assets and economic strengths are closely interwoven with the region's waste challenges and opportunities.

The region's communities, centred around Innisfail, Tully, Mission Beach and Cardwell, along with numerous rural and coastal townships, rely on effective waste and resource recovery services that must operate over long distances, across diverse terrain, and under some of the highest rainfall conditions in Australia. Council's Corporate Plan identifies Sustainable Environments, Thriving Economy, Liveable Places, and Resilient Infrastructure as core strategic pillars. Waste management intersects with each of these: protecting natural environments, supporting industry and tourism, maintaining amenity and public health, and delivering reliable, cost-effective services across a geographically dispersed region.

Within this complex operating environment, the Waste Strategy must meet rising environmental standards, manage increasing disposal costs, address infrastructure renewal needs, and support a growing and diversifying economy, all while balancing affordability for ratepayers and meeting the expectations of residents, businesses and visitors.

2.1 Community and Economic Drivers

The Cassowary Coast Economic Development Strategy identifies significant opportunities for industry diversification, regional innovation and sustainability-led growth. Waste and resource recovery play a direct and enabling role in these opportunities, particularly in:

Circular Economy and New Industry Development

The Strategy highlights strong potential for circular economy industries, including composting, mulching, organic waste processing, remanufacturing, upcycling and local reuse enterprises. These industries support local jobs, reduce landfill dependency, create new products from recovered materials (e.g. mulch, soil conditioners, aggregates, biochar), and strengthen local supply chains.

Agriculture and Land Rehabilitation

The region's agricultural sector presents opportunities for beneficial reuse of organic materials, including compost, biosolids and mulches, aligning with soil health initiatives, regenerative farming and rehabilitation of degraded lands. This supports both productivity and environmental outcomes.

Tourism and Visitor Experience

Strong tourism visitation at Mission Beach, Dunk Island, Hinchinbrook Channel, Kurrimine Beach and Etty Bay increases seasonal waste volumes and the demand for high-quality public waste services. Improved recycling infrastructure, reduced litter, and clean foreshore environments directly contribute to the region's appeal and economic sustainability.

Innovation, Training and Workforce Development

The Economic Development Strategy emphasises collaboration with TAFE, schools and training providers to build skills in new industries. Waste and resource recovery provide practical pathways in fields such as equipment operation, recycling technologies, maintenance, environmental monitoring and circular manufacturing.

Regional Collaboration Opportunities

The FNQROC Regional Resource Recovery Plan identifies shared challenges and regional-scale opportunities across Far North Queensland. These include:

- joint procurement for waste transport and processing
- shared advanced treatment solutions (e.g. organics, C&D recycling, MRFs)
- regional planning for future infrastructure investment
- coordinated behaviour change and education programs
- cost savings through economies of scale

The FNQROC Plan also highlights the inefficiencies associated with small, stand-alone facilities and the rising costs of long-haul transport and landfill disposal, all key considerations for the Cassowary Coast.

Cost Pressures and Community Expectations

Population growth, expanding development, and increased construction and demolition activity are generating higher waste volumes. At the same time, the Queensland Waste Levy and rising transport costs are placing pressure on Council budgets and ratepayers. The community increasingly expects modern waste services, stronger environmental protection, and transparent management of fees and infrastructure investments.

3. The Cassowary Coast Waste System (Current State)

3.1 Kerbside Services

Council currently provides red-lid general waste, yellow-lid recycling, green waste services in limited areas, and bulk and special collection services. Challenges include high recycling bin contamination rates, limited community adoption of requested recycling practices, long transport distances and market uncertainty for recyclable commodity sales.

3.2 Infrastructure Network

The region operates transfer stations, landfill assets, green waste processing areas and reuse shops where available. Many of these facilities are ageing and require renewal to meet safety, compliance and contemporary resource recovery expectations. Limited public usage of some Waste Transfer stations raises questions about their economic viability.

3.3 Key Challenges

- Ageing infrastructure requiring renewal.
- Exposure to the landfill levy and rising disposal costs.
- Small population scale limiting commercial viability for some facilities.
- High rainfall requiring detailed site design and leachate management.
- Tourism hotspots generating high seasonal waste volumes.
- Long haulage distances increasing costs.
- Maintaining 7 waste transfer stations in a low and geographically scattered population.



4. Strategic Alignment

This Strategy aligns with the Draft Queensland Waste Strategy 2025–2030, adopting its five focus areas and targets structure; the FNQROC Regional Resource Recovery Plan (2023), which sets a regional pathway for infrastructure and markets; the Cassowary Coast Corporate Plan, which emphasises sustainable environments and resilient infrastructure; and the Economic Development Strategy, which highlights circular economy opportunities and innovation.

Building a circular Cassowary Coast — recovering resources, protecting our environment, strengthening our communities



5. Strategic Focus Areas

5.1 Harness Economic Opportunity

Objective: Grow local industry, jobs and circular economy opportunities by treating waste as a resource.

- Introduce a **Buy Recycled and Buy Local Procurement Policy** to prioritise products made from recovered materials in Council projects.
- Identify **priority materials** for circular economy development (organics, glass, metals, timber, cardboard, plastics).
- Support local **reuse, repair and remanufacturing businesses** through partnerships, grants, and promotional campaigns.
- Facilitate land-use planning and zoning that supports **circular economy precincts** and light-industrial innovation hubs.
- Advance agricultural partnerships, including using **organics, mulches, biosolids and compost** to support soil health, regenerative farming, cleanup of agricultural waste and land rehabilitation.
- Partner with **TAFE, schools, and training providers** to develop local skills in recycling operations, machinery maintenance and circular manufacturing technologies.
- Promote circular businesses through **Council-led campaigns, events and recognition programs** showcasing local innovation.
- Investigate opportunities for **small-scale reuse shops** at selected transfer stations to support local jobs, reduce landfill and retain materials in the community.
- Identify local waste streams suitable for transformation into **marketable products**, such as mulch, aggregates, soil conditioners, biochar, and recycled construction materials.
- Support feasibility studies for new industries including **glass-to-sand, mattress recycling, scrap metal consolidation, ewaste processing**, and construction & demolition recycling.
- Explore opportunities to co-locate resource recovery activities within **industrial estates**, enabling local manufacturing to access consistent recycled material feedstock.

5.2 Improve Access to Recycling and Encourage Behaviour Change

Objective: Make it simple and convenient for households, businesses and visitors to recycle right.

- Standardise **bin lid colours, signage and communications** across the region to make kerbside recycling consistent and easy to understand.
- Improve **on-the-go recycling** in tourism hotspots, foreshore precincts, town centres and public places.

- Support existing **community reuse hubs** and support regular repair cafés, swap events and upcycling workshops.
- Deliver **school recycling education** and behaviour-change programs, through engagement of dedicated Waste Education Officer position.
- Provide regular **“how it’s recycled” updates** showing where materials go, how they are processed, and what products they become, building public trust in the recycling system.
- Use **targeted communications** to improve recycling quality and reduce contamination.
- Improve **accessibility and user experience** at transfer stations through clear signage, consistent layout, and better separation of recyclables.
- Engage dedicated **Waste education officer** to focus upon establishing sound recycling actions and addressing problem areas within the community.

5.3 Unleash Innovation

Objective: Trial, adopt and scale new technologies and practices that increase recovery and reduce residual waste.

- Pilot **modular and mobile processing solutions** for green waste, scrap metals, e-waste and bulky materials - particularly at smaller or remote transfer stations where permanent infrastructure is not viable.
- Assess **advanced treatment options** for residual waste (e.g. anaerobic digestion, refuse-derived fuel (RDF), mechanical pretreatment) in collaboration with FNQROC and industry partners.
- Support a controlled **pyrolysis trial** to evaluate whether emerging thermal technologies can safely convert suitable waste streams (e.g. tyres, timber, green waste, agricultural residues, biosolids) into useful outputs such as biochar, syngas or recovered oils, and determine environmental, operational and financial feasibility.
- Digitise waste operations by implementing investigating **smart weighing, automated reporting and digital contamination tracking** at transfer stations and key facilities.
- Explore opportunities for **remote monitoring, AI-supported sorting** and smart-bin technology to improve service efficiency and reduce contamination.
- Remain flexible for the adoption of **new technologies or techniques** which may tangibly improve the outcome of recycling or waste management practices given the geographic and population constraints within the Council footprint and reduce contamination.

5.4 Reduce the Cost of Living

Objective: Manage waste system costs responsibly to reduce long-term pressure on ratepayers.

- Implement **least-cost, highest-diversion service improvements** based on robust business cases and full life-cycle cost analysis.
- Maximise **State and Commonwealth funding** for new infrastructure, innovation trials and community behaviour-change programs to minimise the financial burden on the community.
- Improve operational efficiency at transfer stations through ongoing review of **better layout, traffic flow, resourcing models and optimised opening hours**.
- Consolidate **under-utilised or high-cost small transfer stations**, where appropriate, ensuring service accessibility is maintained while reducing duplicated operating costs.
- **Bulk-up waste** at strategic facilities (e.g., Stoters Hill) to reduce long-haul transport costs, improve vehicle utilisation and lower emissions.
- Investigate **shared-service models** with neighbouring councils to reduce procurement, transport and processing costs.
- Provide clear, transparent communication on **Council's waste charges**, how they are set, and how efficiency improvements help contain future increases.
- Review opportunities to **reduce operational overheads** through fleet optimisation, fuel-efficiency initiatives and long-term contracts for high-volume waste streams.
- Ensure that waste and dumping charges (fees) are **consistent with actual costs** and maintain flexibility to adjust charges as costs associated with the specific process or action vary.
- Ongoing review of existing contracts to **optimise** ratepayer benefits.

- **Strengthen environmental controls** at all waste sites through improved odour, noise, dust and leachate management, and stormwater upgrades suitable for high-rainfall tropical areas.
- Encourage diversion of organics from landfill through home **composting, community compost hubs and agricultural partnerships** that reduce methane emissions and support soil health.
- **Reduce green-waste stockpiling** risks by improving mulching, processing efficiency, site layout and fire-prevention measures.
- Implement routine environmental **monitoring and public reporting** to maintain transparency on emissions, leachate, groundwater, and other environmental indicators.
- Collaborate with FNQROC councils to share best practice in environmental compliance, tropical-rainfall land management and resilient waste-infrastructure design.

5.5 Reduce the Impact of Waste on the Environment

Objective: Reduce litter, illegal dumping, emissions and environmental harm to land, waterways and the marine environment.

- Deliver a **targeted litter and illegal dumping program** supported by hotspot surveillance, enforcement and community reporting tools.
- Expand **marine and foreshore litter-prevention initiatives** across Mission Beach, Kurrimine, Cardwell and regional islands, in partnership with Coastcare groups, Traditional Owners and local volunteers.
- Incorporating free dumping of collected rubbish.
- Consider **Gross Pollutant Traps (GPTs)** and stormwater capture systems in priority catchments to stop litter and debris entering waterways and the Great Barrier Reef.





CASSOWARY COAST
REGIONAL COUNCIL



NO PLASTIC BAGS
NO FOOD SCRAPS
NO GREEN WASTE
CONTAMINATED BINS MAY NOT BE COLLECTED



6. Short 10-Year Infrastructure Plan (Summary)

This Strategy identifies practical infrastructure priorities to support a modern, efficient and sustainable waste system.

Key infrastructure priorities:

- Modernise, consolidate and standardise transfer stations with clear recovery zones and safe traffic flow.
- Holistic view of Waste Transfer station locations and practicalities of consolidation of the current number of facilities.
- Improve green waste handling and contamination control.
- Assess long-term landfill capacity and transition options.
- Determine the most cost-effective approach for materials recovery (local upgrades versus regional partnerships).

Sequencing principles:

- Safety and compliance first.
- High diversion per dollar invested.
- Leverage external funding wherever possible.
- Collaborate regionally to share costs and benefits.
- Design infrastructure to be scalable and adaptable.

7. Implementation Framework

Governance arrangements include:

- Integration of actions into annual operational plans, budgets and asset management plans.
- Annual public reporting of progress and a mid-term Strategy review around 2028.

Funding sources include State and Federal grants, landfill levy revenue and regional collaboration mechanisms.



8. Cassowary Coast Waste Snapshot

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS

15,500+

Weekly domestic bin lifts.



ANNUAL WASTE STREAMS



3,500+

Tonnes of dry waste
buried to landfill



8,500+

Tonnes of wet waste to
Springmount facility

SPECIALIST ITEM RECOVERY (PER YEAR)



950+

Fridges &
airconditioners



300+

Tyres



750+

Mattresses

FREE COMMUNITY SERVICES



Domestic green waste accepted

FREE



Steel accepted at transfer stations

FREE



E waste 'free' disposal commences in
the 26/27 financial year

FREE

TOTAL VISITS BY THE CASSOWARY COAST COMMUNITY



70,000+

Visits to waste transfer stations each year

9. Appendix – Action plan

5.1 Harness Economic Opportunity	2026/27	2027/28	2028/29	2029/30
Introduce a Buy Recycled and Buy Local Procurement Policy to prioritise products made from recovered materials in Council projects.			X	
Identify priority materials for circular economy development (organics, glass, metals, timber, cardboard, plastics).	X			
Support local reuse, recycling, repair and remanufacturing businesses through engagement, partnerships, grants, and promotional campaigns.	X	X	X	X
Support land-use planning and zoning for circular economy precincts and light-industrial innovation hubs.	X	X	X	X
Advance agricultural partnerships, including using organics, mulches, biosolids and compost to support soil health, regenerative farming, cleanup of agricultural waste and land rehabilitation.		X	X	
Partner with TAFE, schools, and training providers to develop local skills in recycling operations, machinery maintenance and circular manufacturing technologies.			X	
Promote circular businesses through Council-led campaigns, events and recognition programs showcasing local innovation.		X		
Investigate opportunities for small-scale reuse shops at selected transfer stations to support local jobs, reduce landfill and retain materials in the community.				X
Identify local waste streams suitable for transformation into marketable products, such as mulch, aggregates, soil conditioners, biochar, and recycled construction materials.	X	X		
Support feasibility studies for new industries including glass-to-sand, mattress recycling, scrap metal consolidation, e-waste processing, and construction & demolition recycling.			X	
Explore opportunities to co-locate resource recovery activities within industrial estates, enabling local manufacturing to access consistent recycled material feedstock.			X	

5.2 Improve Access to Recycling and Encourage Behaviour Change	2026/27	2027/28	2028/29	2029/30
Standardise bin lid colours, signage and communications across the region to make kerbside recycling consistent and easy to understand.	X			
Improved provision of public recycling bins for areas with high tourist and/or visitor numbers.		X		
Support existing community reuse hubs and support regular repair cafés, swap events and upcycling workshops.				X
Deliver school recycling education and behaviour-change programs, through engagement of dedicated Waste Education Officer position.	X	X	X	X
Provide regular “how it’s recycled” updates showing where materials go, how they are processed, and what products they become - building public trust in the recycling system.	X	X	X	X
Use targeted communications to improve recycling quality and reduce contamination.		X		
Improve accessibility and user experience at transfer stations through clear signage, consistent layout, and better separation of recyclables.	X			
Engage dedicated Waste education officer to focus upon establishing sound recycling actions and addressing problem areas within the community.	X			

5.3 Unleash Innovation	2026/27	2027/28	2028/29	2029/30
Pilot modular and mobile processing solutions for green waste, scrap metals, e-waste and bulky materials - particularly at smaller or remote transfer stations where permanent infrastructure is not viable.		X		
Assess advanced treatment options for residual waste (e.g. anaerobic digestion, refusederived fuel (RDF), mechanical pre-treatment) in collaboration with FNQROC and industry partners.			X	
Support a controlled pyrolysis trial to evaluate whether emerging thermal technologies can safely convert suitable waste streams (e.g. tyres, timber, green waste, agricultural residues, biosolids) into useful outputs such as biochar, syngas or recovered oils, and determine environmental, operational and financial feasibility.			X	
Digitise waste operations by implementing investigating smart weighing, automated reporting and digital contamination tracking at transfer stations and key facilities.				X
Explore opportunities for remote monitoring, AI-supported sorting and smart-bin technology to improve service efficiency and reduce contamination.				X
Remain flexible for the adoption of new technologies or techniques which may tangibly improve the outcome of recycling or waste management practices given the geographic and population constraints within the Council footprint.	X	X	X	X

5.4 Reduce the Cost of Living	2026/27	2027/28	2028/29	2029/30
Implement least-cost, highest-diversion service improvements based on robust business cases and full life-cycle cost analysis.		X		
Maximise State and Commonwealth funding for new infrastructure, innovation trials and community behaviour-change programs to minimise the financial burden on the community.	X	X	X	X
Improve operational efficiency at transfer stations through ongoing review of better layout, traffic flow, resourcing models and optimised opening hours.	X			
Close under-utilised or high-cost small transfer stations, where appropriate, ensuring service accessibility is maintained while reducing duplicated operating costs.	X			
Bulk-up waste at strategic facilities (e.g., Stoters Hill) to reduce long-haul transport costs, improve vehicle utilisation and lower emissions.	X	X		
Investigate shared-service models with neighbouring councils to reduce procurement, transport and processing costs.			X	
Provide clear, transparent communication on Council's waste charges, how they are set, and how efficiency improvements help contain future increases.			X	
Review opportunities to reduce operational overheads through fleet optimisation, fuel-efficiency initiatives and long-term contracts for high-volume waste streams.		X		
Ensure that waste and dumping charges (fees) are consistent with actual costs and maintain flexibility to adjust charges as costs associated with the specific process.	X	X		
Ongoing review of existing contracts to optimise ratepayer benefits.	X	X	X	X

5.5 Reduce the Impact of Waste on the Environment	2026/27	2027/28	2028/29	2029/30
Deliver a targeted litter and illegal dumping program supported by hotspot surveillance, enforcement and community reporting tools.			X	
Expand marine and foreshore litter-prevention initiatives across Mission Beach, Kurrimine, Cardwell and regional islands, in partnership with Coastcare groups, Traditional Owners and local volunteers. Incorporating free dumping of collected rubbish.				X
Consider Gross Pollutant Traps (GPTs) and stormwater capture systems in priority catchments to stop litter and debris entering waterways and the Great Barrier Reef.			X	
Strengthen environmental controls at all waste sites through improved odour, noise, dust and leachate management, and stormwater upgrades suitable for high-rainfall tropical areas.	X			
Encourage diversion of organics from landfill through home composting, community compost hubs and agricultural partnerships that reduce methane emissions and support soil health.		X		
Reduce green-waste stockpiling risks by improving mulching, processing efficiency, site layout and fire-prevention measures.	X			
Implement routine environmental monitoring and public reporting to maintain transparency on emissions, leachate, groundwater, and other environmental indicators.			X	
Collaborate with FNQROC councils to share best practice in environmental compliance, tropical rainfall and management and resilient waste-infrastructure design.				X







 1300 763 903

 enquiries@cassowarycoast.qld.gov.au

 cassowarycoast.qld.gov.au

 70 Rankin Street, Innisfail
38-40 Bryant Street, Tully
4 Balliol Street, Cardwell

