

Waste Management and Resource Recovery (Fees) Determination 2019 (No 1)

Disallowable Instrument DI2019-106

made under the

Waste Management and Resource Recovery Act 2016, section 126 (Determination of fees and rates of interest)

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

Section 126 of the *Waste Management and Resource Recovery Act 2016* (the Act) provides that the Minister may, amongst other things, determine fees for the Act. This instrument sets the 2019-20 financial year fees and takes effect on 1 July 2019.

Indexed Fees

This determination increases fees contained in DI2018-176 by forecast Wage Price index (WPI) 2.5% as per Budget Memo 2019/09, plus 7.5% interim increase prior to a Waste Levy introduction for commercial operators, rounded for cash handling and other purposes.

This determination provides that registered charities and ACT Government agencies may apply to the Minister to waive a fee listed in schedule 1. The Minister may waive the fee (completely or partly).

The WBRMC handling fee for Contaminated Remediation Material (CRM), Part 7, item 7.1, has been removed and per tonne cost amalgamated with the CRM acceptance fee, Part 7, item 7.2. This is due to the removal of the ability for customers to landfill their own CRM material using their own resources. This option was not used for many years due to the WHS requirements for handling asbestos and is no longer an option for the same reasons. The amalgamation of the two fees reflects the full cost of the service.

New Fees

New Fees have been established at part 8 of Schedule 2 for the acceptance of Beneficial Re-use, Asbestos Containing Material (non-friable) and Virgin Excavated Natural Materials at the former Mugga 2 Quarry (Mugga 2). These fees have been set due to the

anticipated closure of the West Belconnen facility in the financial year and the opening of Mugga 2 due to the closure of West Belconnen.

New fees have been established at part 9 for the acceptance of Mr Fluffy Material at Mugga Landfill.

A waiver has been in place since June 2014 for landfill disposal fees of all loose fill asbestos insulation affected (Mr Fluffy) properties (Cabinet Decision 14/010/CAB). The cost of landfilling all Mr Fluffy waste has been met by the Asbestos Response Taskforce (ART). A vast majority of affected properties have been demolished (93% of 1023 properties as at October 2018). Owners of undemolished properties were contacted by ART in July 2017 and again in December 2018 stating that the fee waiver would be ceasing in June 2019 and that ART would not be funding disposal costs for property owners not participating in the scheme after June 2019.

The Minister for City Services agreed to the removal of the waiver for property owners not participating in the scheme after June 2019.

Revocation

This instrument revokes the Waste Management and Resource Recovery (Fees) Determination 2018 (No 1) [D12018-176].

The determination commences on 1 July 2019.