

OBJECTIVE 4 – LOBBYING FOR POLICY REFORM

Byron's waste activities operate within the context of regional, state and national policy. Broader reform is required to support more ambitious improvements in waste outcomes, such as opportunities around the circular economy and AWT infrastructure. Council will be an active supporter of these reforms, both directly and through the regional forums of the Northern Rivers Joint Organisation (NJRO) and NEWaste.

KEY GOALS
✓ Adopt and advocate aspirational principles, targets and solutions on waste at the NSW Government and regional level
✓ Actively participate in all relevant NJRO and NEWaste actions and consultations
✓ Lobby for clearly defined policy, sufficient funding and other support to develop an Australian-based recyclables processing industry

SUPPORT AND LOBBY OTHER TIERS OF GOVERNMENT TO HELP REDUCE WASTE GENERATION AND DISPOSAL		Timeframe (Years)		
		Short (1-3)	Medium (4-7)	Long (8-10)
1. Engage the NSW and Federal governments to advocate bigger picture policy review and reform, aligned with BSC strategic objectives				
1.1	Key areas for attention include, but are not limited to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • On-going funding and grant support, particularly for recycling infrastructure and education and awareness programs • Policies and programs to reduce waste generation • Robust packaging covenants and programs to reduce the volume of packaging and increase its recyclability • Clear policy and guidelines on Energy-from-Waste developments • Long-term planning and streamlined approvals for strategic waste infrastructure projects • Any general waste regulation, policy and standards that have implications for Byron Shire strategic objectives. 			