



REGIONAL LITTER AND ILLEGAL DUMPING PLAN- FAQs

What is a Regional Litter and Illegal Dumping Plan?

Barwon South West Waste and Resource Recovery Group (BSWWRRG) has received funding from Sustainability Victoria to develop a **Regional Litter and Illegal Dumping Plan** (the Litter Plan). The purpose of the Litter Plan is to identify the top five litter and illegal dumping issues for the region and outline key regional actions that will address these issues. These actions might relate to education, awareness, enforcement, infrastructure and prevention to reduce litter and illegal dumping in the region.

The Litter Plan will be used to seek external funding as it becomes available.

What is litter?

Litter is defined as small or single items that are not disposed of properly.

What is illegal dumping?

Illegal dumping is made up of larger items or a collection of items that are inappropriately disposed of.

How will the Litter Plan be developed?

The Litter Plan will be developed by BSWWRRG in partnership with councils, state government agencies, community groups, land managers, not-for-profit organisations, and the wider community.

The plan will be developed using existing data, such as litter and illegal dumping data, as well as written and verbal information received through an online survey and workshops.

As a condition of the funding, BSWWRRG must use the Sustainability Victoria Litter Scorecard to identify the top five litter and illegal dumping issues for the region.

The Litter Scorecard is a multi-criteria analysis tool that categorises issues into:

- **Inadequate infrastructure** – the need for more bins, improved bin design, placement, and collection and other prevention infrastructure.
- **Problem litter** – the types and amounts of litter.
- **Geography and concentration** – the areas identified where litter is either concentrated as hot spots or is a more widespread problem.
- **Sources of litter** – the human behaviour, business practices or other activities that result in litter.



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All data and information collected will be put into the scorecard spreadsheet, where it will be themed according to these categories. Each issue is rated for environmental, social, economic and health and safety impacts. Through this rating scoring, issues are ranked and the top five litter and illegal dumping issues for the region are identified.

A five-year action plan will be included in the Litter Plan which will set out the actions or interventions needed to address the top five litter and illegal dumping issues. These actions will be identified through consultation with stakeholders and the community.

How will the community and stakeholders be consulted?

To help develop the Litter Plan, we want to hear your views, ideas and priorities for reducing litter and illegal dumping in the region

We have two surveys for community members and groups or organisations who are involved in litter and illegal dumping clean-up and prevention activities.

- [Community members survey](#)
- [Community groups and organisations survey](#)

The surveys close **midnight Sunday 8 September**. By completing the survey, you can go in the running to win one of four \$50 gift cards.

Following the survey, BSWWRRG will hold two workshops to confirm the top five litter and illegal dumping issues for the region and identify key actions to address these issues:

- [Warrnambool](#), Tuesday 17 September, 10am-1pm
- [Geelong](#), Wednesday 18 September, 10am-1pm

If you cannot make it to one of the workshops and would still like to provide further input, please let us know.

What are the important dates?

Due to funding requirements, the Litter Plan must be developed by mid-October.

Online Survey Open	28 Aug – 8 Sep
Data collection and analysis	Aug - mid Sep
Community and stakeholder workshops	17 Sep (Warrnambool) 18 Sep (Geelong)
Litter Plan submitted to Sustainability Victoria	No later than 17 Oct.

How will the Litter Plan be implemented?

The Litter Plan will include a five-year action plan that sets out the actions and interventions needed to address the top five litter and illegal dumping issues. It will include some simple low-cost actions that can be implemented sooner, as well as other activities that will be reliant on securing external grant funding. BSWWRRG, councils, state government departments and agencies, land managers, community groups, not-for-profit organisations and the broader community will all have a role to play in implementing the Plan.

Where do I get further information or updates?

For updates on the progress of the Litter Plan visit www.reduce-recycle.com.au.

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