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## Subordinate Legislation Act 1994

### NOTICE OF PREPARATION OF REGULATORY IMPACT STATEMENT

Proposed Circular Economy (Waste Reduction and Recycling)  
(Mandatory Service Provision and Other Matters) Regulations 2024  
Proposed Household Waste and Recycling Service Standard 2024

In accordance with sections 11 and 12I of the **Subordinate Legislation Act 1994**, I, Steve Dimopoulos, Minister for Environment, and Minister responsible for administering the **Circular Economy (Waste Reduction and Recycling) Act 2021** (the Act), give notice that a Regulatory Impact Statement (RIS) has been prepared for the proposed Circular Economy (Waste Reduction and Recycling) (Mandatory Service Provision and Other Matters) Regulations 2024 (the proposed Regulations) and the proposed Household Waste and Recycling Service Standard 2024 (the proposed Service Standard).

The proposed Regulations and proposed Service Standard will give effect to the Victorian Government's circular economy policy, *Recycling Victoria: a new economy* (CE Policy) which commits to the standardisation of household waste and recycling services provided by councils and Alpine Resorts Victoria (ARV), through the roll out of a mandatory four-stream system, comprising residual waste (general rubbish), mixed recycling, glass recycling and food organics and garden organics (FOGO) services.

The reasons for, and objectives of, the proposed Regulations are to:

- (a) prescribe the dates by which councils and ARV must provide municipal waste and recycling services for the purpose of section 60 of the Act;
- (b) prescribe matters relating to the appointment and functions of auditors under sections 172 and 173 of the Act; and
- (c) prescribe infringement offences and infringement penalties for the purpose of section 148 of the Act.

The reasons for, and objectives of, the proposed Service Standard are to:

- (a) provide a simpler, consistent household waste and recycling service;
- (b) reduce emissions;
- (c) capture greater value of recyclables and result in less extraction of virgin materials; and
- (d) reduce the volume of household recyclables and organic material being sent to landfill.

The RIS examines two key policy settings: commencement date and kerbside service model. Commencement date refers to the commencement of the legislative obligation at section 60 of the Act and the proposed Service Standard. Kerbside service model refers to how councils and ARV are required to roll out the new glass and FOGO services alongside the general rubbish and mixed recycling services. In this RIS, two commencement dates and two kerbside service models were analysed:

- Commencement date:
  - 1 July 2025
  - 1 July 2027
- Kerbside service model:
  - Compulsory kerbside – provision of a kerbside FOGO service where a kerbside general rubbish service is provided and a kerbside glass service where a mixed recycling service is provided. Where kerbside FOGO and glass is provided, it is on a compulsory (rather than an opt-out) basis.

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- Kerbside where reasonably practicable – provision of a kerbside glass and FOGO service if deemed practicable and where a kerbside FOGO service is deemed practicable, it must be provided on an opt-out basis. Where a kerbside service is not practicable, a drop-off service must be provided.

Each commencement date option was coupled with a kerbside service model option and compared against the base case, producing four options which were analysed in this RIS:

- Option 1 – 2025 commencement with compulsory kerbside
- Option 2 – 2025 commencement with kerbside where reasonably practicable
- Option 3 – 2027 commencement with compulsory kerbside
- Option 4 – 2027 commencement with kerbside where reasonably practicable.

Option 4 is the preferred option. It balances the need for greater standardisation without overly burdening councils and ARV. Councils and ARV still maintain a level of discretion so the service arrangements can be tailored to suit the needs of the local community they service.

Copies of the RIS and the proposed Regulations and proposed Service Standard may be obtained from the Engage Victoria website [www.engage.vic.gov.au/setting-the-standard-for-better-recycling-at-home](http://www.engage.vic.gov.au/setting-the-standard-for-better-recycling-at-home) or by emailing [circulareconomy.legislation@delwp.vic.gov.au](mailto:circulareconomy.legislation@delwp.vic.gov.au)

Public comments or submissions are invited on the RIS and the proposed Regulations and proposed Service Standard. Comments and submissions must be received no later than 11.59 pm on 14 August 2024 and should be made by completing the survey on the Engage Victoria website [www.engage.vic.gov.au/setting-the-standard-for-better-recycling-at-home](http://www.engage.vic.gov.au/setting-the-standard-for-better-recycling-at-home)

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STEVE DIMOPOULOS  
Minister for Environment

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**Circular Economy (Waste Reduction and Recycling Act) 2021**  
NOTICE OF PROPOSAL TO MAKE THE HOUSEHOLD WASTE AND  
RECYCLING SERVICE STANDARD

Proposed Household Waste and Recycling Service Standard 2024

In accordance with section 65 of the **Circular Economy (Waste Reduction and Recycling Act) 2021**, I, Steve Dimopoulos, Minister for Environment, and Minister responsible for administering the **Circular Economy (Waste Reduction and Recycling) Act 2021** (the Circular Economy Act), give notice of a proposal to make the Household Waste and Recycling Service Standard (the proposed service standard).

The proposed service standard has been prepared by the Head, Recycling Victoria under the Circular Economy Act and relates to the delivery of waste and recycling services to households by councils and Alpine Resorts Victoria (ARV).

It outlines how the four-stream services (general rubbish, mixed recycling, glass recycling, and food organics and garden organics (FOGO)) are to be delivered, including service arrangements and the standard contents lists of accepted and not accepted materials for each service. The proposed service standard will provide state-wide consistency while balancing flexibility in how waste and recycling services are delivered at a local level.

The objectives of this service standard are to:

- provide a simpler, consistent household waste and recycling service;
- reduce emissions;
- capture greater value of recyclables and result in less extraction of virgin materials; and
- reduce the volume of household recyclables and organic material being sent to landfill.

A copy of the service standard may be obtained from the Engage Victoria website [www.engage.vic.gov.au/setting-the-standard-for-better-recycling-at-home](http://www.engage.vic.gov.au/setting-the-standard-for-better-recycling-at-home) or by emailing [circulareconomy.legislation@delwp.vic.gov.au](mailto:circulareconomy.legislation@delwp.vic.gov.au)

Public comments are invited on the service standard and must be received no later than 11.59 pm on 14 August 2024. Public comments can be submitted via completing the survey on the Engage Victoria website [www.engage.vic.gov.au/setting-the-standard-for-better-recycling-at-home](http://www.engage.vic.gov.au/setting-the-standard-for-better-recycling-at-home)

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