

RICHMOND VALLEY COUNCIL POLICY REGISTER

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POLICY:	LANDFILL FEE WAIVER - HARDSHIP RELATING TO DISPOSAL OF MEDICAL WASTE
FUNCTION:	Waste Management
OBJECTIVE:	To create a quantifiable and objective assessment criteria against which fees can be waived.
DIRECTORATE:	ENVIRONMENTAL DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

POLICY:

1. This Policy is to establish criteria for Council to determine applications from ratepayers, for free access to Council's landfill facilities for the disposal of medical waste due to hardship reasons.
2. Any application shall be determined at a meeting of Council with each individual application being assessed on its own merits.
3. This Policy is applicable for persons (individuals not groups/ organisations) wishing to dispose of medical waste used for life support procedures carried out at their home residence only.
4. The Policy allows for one (1) free access per fortnight for a station wagon, domestic van, car sedan etc., valued at \$3.50 per entry (2004/2005 financial year). Such access is to be for disposal of medical waste only.
5. The Policy is only available to people who cannot avail themselves of a regular Council garbage collection.
6. All applications for determination under this policy are to contain the following information:
 - (a) Letter of confirmation from North Coast Area Health Service of the following:
 - i) the medical condition;
 - ii) the condition is of a life threatening nature;
 - iii) the type of hardship imposed on the client; and
 - iv) the degree of hardship imposed on the client.
 - (b) A statement from the applicant indicating that due to their financial situation, hardship would be experienced if the subject fee was not waived.
7. Each individual application, including all of the above criteria, will be determined at a meeting of Council with consideration being given to the application being referred to Committee-of-the-Whole should such a request be made by the applicant.