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Brighton and Glenorchy sign historic deal on waste management

A landmark waste management agreement between Brighton Council and Glenorchy City Council will deliver long-term environmental, operational and financial benefits for the communities of both municipalities.

The two councils are signing a formal Council Resource Sharing Agreement that will see Brighton Council dispose of its municipal waste at the Glenorchy Waste Management Centre under a long-term agreement, as well as collaborate on waste reduction and environmental improvements.

The partnership represents a significant milestone in regional cooperation and demonstrates how neighbouring councils can work together to deliver better outcomes for their communities through the efficient sharing of resources and infrastructure.

Glenorchy Mayor Sue Hickey said the agreement was a practical example of local government working collaboratively to provide cost-effective and sustainable services for ratepayers.

"This is a historic arrangement between our two councils and one that will create long-term benefits for both communities," Mayor Hickey said.

"This is local government working together. For the benefit of our municipal areas and our ratepayers, as well as meeting the ongoing challenges of waste management in a cost-effective way."

Under the agreement, waste collected within Brighton Municipality would be transported to the Glenorchy Waste Management Centre for disposal. As well as generating financial benefits across both councils over the next decade, the agreement will reduce the need for longer haulage arrangements and help to minimise heavy-vehicle movements and associated transport emissions.

For Brighton alone, the agreement will reduce current transport-related emissions by about 35 per cent, which is more than the council's annual electricity-related emissions. It will also eliminate more than 45,000 km of heavy vehicle travel on our roads each year.

Brighton Mayor Leigh Gray said the collaboration would extend beyond waste disposal, creating opportunities for the councils to work together on community education initiatives, data sharing, procurement opportunities and the continued improvement of waste management practices.

"By making the most of existing regional infrastructure and our proximity to one another, we can deliver better value for ratepayers while achieving outstanding environmental outcomes," Mayor Gray said.

"This agreement provides certainty for both councils and reflects a shared commitment to practical solutions that strengthen local government services.

"It provides Brighton with a reliable and sustainable waste disposal solution while delivering improved financial outcomes for ratepayers."

Mayor Hickey said the agreement ensured Glenorchy residents would continue to receive high-quality waste management services, maximising landfill capacity and continuing services to both Glenorchy and Brighton residents.

"Both councils view this agreement as a model for future cooperation and a positive example of local government delivering practical, efficient and sustainable solutions for the communities they serve.

"This partnership highlights the benefits of regional collaboration and demonstrates how councils can achieve stronger economic and environmental outcomes by working together rather than duplicating infrastructure and services," she said.

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