



7.1 Petition – Communal Food Organics Hub, Bay Street, Port Melbourne

A Petition containing 22 signatures, was received from local residents.

The Petition states the following: -

We are writing to advise the outcome of discussions held by Residents in Bay Street, between Boundary and Ingles Sts, Port Melbourne.

The residents in the section of Bay Street, cut off at Ingles Street are living in small mainly single fronted, joined heritage residences. There are only one or two residents in each dwelling and as we have no lawns or gardens, there is very little FOGO waste generated in each household, each week.

The residents who have signed the attached petition, would like to forgo their individual FOGO bins, delivered last week and recommend the provision of community shared FOGO bins be located next to the existing waste bin in the community garden area on the corner of Bay and Ingles Street.

We wish to collect our FOGO waste in the small kitchen bins to be provided by council and empty them every few days into our shared community FOGO bin.

Currently FOGO bins need to be mainly held on narrow, front verandas which are unsightly and smelly in front of our bedroom windows.

This solution for the homes in our cul-de-sac would reduce the cost of provision and collection of FOGO bins and substantially reduce the excessive plastic use in our FOGO waste collection.

We look forward to your kind consideration of our proposal.

OFFICER COMMENT

The location of the proposed communal hub is situated on the corner of Bay Street and Ingles Street. A majority of the properties located on Bay Street between Ingles Street and Boundary Street have limited front and back yard space and are miners cottage designs. An independent consultant was used to identify properties eligible to receive the new kerbside FOGO service. Properties sufficient front and back garden space, approximately 20% or more the total size of the block, were allocated a FOGO bin. Upon review of the properties included in the participation, Council Officers believe their request to remove the bins due to limited garden space is acceptable.

Communal food organics hubs

- The request from the residents is to install a communal food organics hub, a public drop off point for residential food waste in the proposed area.
- Council's Don't Waste It! Waste Management Strategy 2022-25 has committed to installing approximately 70 communal food organics recycling hubs throughout the municipality from mid-2023.

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- Communal food organics hubs are targeted at residential properties that do not have space to house an additional kerbside bin for food organics and garden organics (FOGO) materials.

Proposed location

- Council officers have inspected the area to confirm it is suitable for a communal food organics hub.
- There are no accessibility limitations for Council's FOGO collection contractor.
- The proposed location currently contains a public garbage bin.
- Council's existing and future contracts for FOGO collection permits the expansion of communal food organics hubs.

Resident impact

- All properties included in the petition have now opted out of the FOGO service due to lack of space, and their FOGO bins have been removed.
- The installation of a communal food organics hub will not impact the FOGO service for residents still wanting to use their kerbside bin. Only residents wanting to opt out will have their FOGO bins removed.

Financial impact

- All petitioners have opted out of the FOGO service. Following a review in accordance with Council Policy, the opt outs have been deemed reasonable and accordingly their FOGO bins have been removed and the FOGO Charge has been credited back onto their rates notice.
- The net result of the change from kerbside bins to a single shared communal option is a minor cost-saving of approximately \$450.00 (Inc.GST) p/a.

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

1. Receives and notes the Petition.
2. Thanks the petitioners for their Petition.
3. Notes that the proposed area has been inspected by Council officers and is a suitable location for a communal food organics hub.
4. Notes that support the introduction of the communal food organics hub and that the inclusion of such a hub in this location is unlikely to have any detrimental impact on the use of this space
5. Proceeds with the installation of the new communal food organics bins for surrounding properties, including 3x120L FOGO bins at the earliest opportunity ahead of the wider roll-out from the middle of 2023.

ATTACHMENTS

Nil