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Feedback

MRCC is happy to support a ban on e-waste as we understand the environmental benefits from getting e-waste out from the landfill and the benefits of recycling what we can . This is a positive move and will achieve wonderful environmental outcomes .

Mildura is situated in north-west Victoria with a population of approximately 60,000 people in our municipality. Melbourne is a six hour drive away with Adelaide a four hour drive . There are no local processors of e-waste which means recycling e-waste requires not only processing and skip hire costs but significant transportation costs . TechCollect pulled out on us in regards to free recycling of e-waste once targets had been met under the National TV & Computer Product Stewardship Scheme . Currently our ratepayers are paying full costs to recycle e-waste that other areas in Victoria get for free . This needs to be taken into consideration while making a decision on banning e-waste from going to landfill. We also currently don't have the infrastructure to store e-waste undercover and are therefore once again not eligible for a rebate . Council would also have to pay costs to build an undercover area to store e-waste to obtain the rebate .

At this stage there are no local recyclers and as such our community will be paying a premium to transport these products to other parts of Victoria and /or South Australia. Quite often the cost of transport outweighs the cost of processing for items such as e-waste. Please ensure that regional Councils are supported if this ban is introduced .

Regards

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