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## **MEDIA RELEASE**

### **UPDATE: Brockwaste Facility**

The Western Metropolitan Regional Council (WMRC) has been informed that the companies associated with the DiCOM AWT Plant known as Brockwaste, have been placed into voluntary administration.

The WMRC understands that there will be no further work undertaken on the Brockwaste Facility at Shenton Park at this stage while the administrators, PPB Advisory, consider the options available for a potential restructuring of the business.

Since the Waste Supply Agreement between the WMRC and DiCOM commenced in 2007, the WMRC has worked in good faith with DiCOM and its technology, design and construction contractors, to progress a waste processing facility set to divert greater than 70% of household waste from landfill. Despite significant commitment and patience on the WMRC's part throughout this process, the Brockwaste facility has not been able to successfully be brought into production by DiCOM.

Achieving good, sustainable environmental waste outcomes remains a priority for the WMRC and while this outcome is disappointing, the WMRC will continue to work towards proposing progressive alternative waste management options for the Member Councils.

The WMRC will continue to provide waste management services to its member councils of Subiaco, Peppermint Grove, Mosman Park, Cottesloe and Claremont. A part of the funds received by the WMRC from member council ratepayers over past years have been kept in reserve pending commissioning of the Brockwaste Facility. That reserve is still available to be applied to waste management in the region.

The WMRC will now work constructively with the administrator.

The WMRC is an integral part of the Western Suburbs community, not only by providing sustainable waste processing, but through community programs such as the Earth Carers, which is focused on making good waste practices normal among the residents in the Western Suburbs.

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