



**Item 7.3 Response to Request for the removal of rubbish bin and the installation of two recycle bins at either end of shopping strip on Tennyson Street Elwood**

A Petition containing 407 signatures, was previously received from local residents.

**The Petition stated the following: -**

*Clean-up the Tennyson Street Shopping Village*

*We the under-signed request the Port Phillip Council to remove the rubbish bin in the middle of the shopping strip and install two recycle bins at either end of the street.*

**OFFICER COMMENT**

Balancing the provision of litter and recycling bin infrastructure with the maintenance of amenity is an evolving process in high density and diverse areas like City of Port Phillip requiring constant refinement of priorities. Council recognises the importance of maintaining a high level of amenity in local shopping strip areas, and that waste infrastructure can both add (via reducing litter) and detract (through bin placement and servicing) from this amenity.

In addressing requests for alterations to bin infrastructure Council Officers conduct site inspections to assess usage, amenity impacts, service delivery practicalities and environmental sustainability outcomes.

Responding to this request by removing the rubbish bin in the middle of the shopping strip, Officers have inspected the site and immediate surrounding shopping strip, undertaken an assessment of the waste considerations along this shopping strip and provide the following;

- The litter bin located at the intersection of Tennyson Street/Scott Street, Council will add one (1) public place recycling bin. Council will replace the current public litter bin to a larger 240 litre bin which will double the capacity to deal with the current volume of waste.
- The litter bin at the intersection of Tennyson Street / Kendall Street, Council will move the location to the garden bed. This will provide space for two bins and would meet DDA requirements for footpath access, thus allowing for a larger litter bin and 1 public place recycling bin.
- Should this arrangement be successful, in time, with enable Council to remove the litter bin in the middle of the shopping strip.

The litter bin in the middle of the shopping strip will remain for the immediate future while the effect of the larger litter bin and the 2 public place recycling bins is monitored. This bin cannot be replaced with a single recycling bin as best practice dictates that recycling bins be placed with a co-located waste bin, allowing users to have an option to place litter in the rubbish bin and recycling in the recycling bin. This also helps reduce contamination.

Council officers have consulted one of the main organisers of the petition who is satisfied with the assessment and recommendation outlined above but continue to request for the existing public bin to be removed, after the completion of works. As promised, Council officers will monitor the waste along this shopping strip and if appropriate will remove the

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requested public bin when required. Council officers will continue to communicate with the petition organiser.

## **OFFICER RECOMMENDATION**

That Council:

1. Acknowledge the concerns raised in the Petition.
2. Notes that what the petitioners are requesting, removal of the public rubbish bin in the middle of the shopping strip will remain in the short term, until the new arrangements are in place appropriately.

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**ATTACHMENTS** Nil