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Mr Mark Ferguson
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Via email

Dear Mr Ferguson

Council's bulky goods clean up policies

As you are aware, Council currently has two different bulky goods clean up policies, one for the former Warringah LGA (two scheduled per year) and one for the former Manly & Pittwater LGAs (pre-booked individual collection).

In the past, the former Pittwater LGA had the same policy as Warringah, and it seemed to work well, when Council collected the waste punctually. Now however, there are problems with the current policy. For instance, often when a householder pre-books a bulk waste collection and places the waste outside the relevant property 24 hours ahead as advised, it does not take long for dumpers from outside the immediate locality to add greatly to the amount of waste deposited. The next step is often Council staff placing yellow adhesive labels on all this waste, whether dumped or pre-booked, stating that it has been illegally dumped. Then a few days later the entire load is collected. This frustrates the ratepayer who has done the right thing and rewards the dumper, who gets away with his dumping.

In the former Warringah LGA, dates of scheduled collections are not publicised in advance to stop dumping, and when a date is given out via letterbox drop, householders are advised not to put waste out more than 24 hours in advance. This method seems to be more effective in limiting dumping and inconveniencing Council waste staff, does not reward dumpers nor frustrate householders doing the right thing, and limits the time waste sits on nature strips.

We assume that these different policies will in future be “harmonised” and would like Councillors and staff to thoroughly consider the pros and cons of both schemes before deciding on the winner.

Yours sincerely

Peter Mayman
President