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## New Contract Revolutionising Palmerston's Waste Management

City of Palmerston's new residential waste contract is expected to deliver significant benefits to the community.

Following community consultation and an open tender process earlier this year, Council has awarded Cleanaway with an eight-year contract to provide domestic kerbside waste and recycling services for Palmerston.

City of Palmerston Mayor Athina Pascoe-Bell said the new contract looks to the future and provides the community with a range of benefits, including achieving more sustainable waste management practices.

"Council's commitment is to ensure we aim for best practice and take every opportunity to improve our service delivery, which is why the residential waste consultation was so valuable.

As part of the new contract, the new fleet of Australian made trucks will feature innovative on-board tracking technology which allows real-time tracking of vehicles; up-to-date information on the collection services in the process of delivery," she said.

In 2017/18, City Palmerston collected over 9,500 tonnes of waste with approximately 15 per cent diverted from landfill.

"Reducing contamination of recycle bins will become a focus, with a view to use education to reduce the amount of waste that goes to landfill and improve our recycling. We know our residents care about the environment and their impact on it; we look forward to continuing to provide Palmerston residents with reliable and efficient waste collections into the future," added Mayor Pascoe-Bell.

The new contract will commence from 4 July 2019, with no changes to current collection services and schedules.

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