**Draft Recycling Submission**

Moyne Shire Council has received Infrastructure Victoria’s Recycling and resource recovery infrastructure: Evidence Base October 2019.

It is noted that key potential actions outlined in the report include:

* Developing Victoria’s recycling processing industry and market identification
* Enabling the use of recycled products in Victorian industry
* Supporting a waste to energy sector
* Supporting FOGO

Some of the more detailed actions include:

* A target based approach for Council’s recycling efforts (with penalties and/or incentives)
* Efforts to get more regional processing facilities
* Further separation of co-mingled recyclable products at the collection point (e.g. glass only)
* A policy approach to cracking down on packaging
* More efforts in collective procurement for waste collection services

Moyne Shire notes that a container deposit scheme (CDS) has been considered as part of the report but the report indicates that any CDS should be in conjunction with household collection, not instead of.

Another important part of the report is a response is required from all levels of Government (Local, State and Federal) from a policy perspective and an action perspective.

Moyne Shire Council is well progressed in its recycling effort with a fortnightly FOGO collection in place and the introduction of a glass only bin to be introduced early in 2020.

In response to the Evidence Base, Moyne Shire Council forwards the following comments:

* The use of recycled products in industry should be encouraged rather than ‘enabled’
* Anti-competitive behaviour needs to be considered and controlled through any collaborative procurement arrangements.
* Planning issues (such as buffer zones) need to be considered as part of the planning for regional processing facilities.
* What incentives are proposed for processors to set up smaller regional facilities?
* While it is acknowledged that CDS schemes need to be in conjunction with household recycling collection, they should not be disregarded.
* Given Moyne Shire has already introduced FOGO and is soon to have a glass only collection, it is hoped that any future incentives for other Councils to introduce such programs are also provided to Councils such as Moyne. It would be unfair to disadvantage those Councils who have proven to be industry leaders.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment. Please contact Director of Infrastructure and Environment, Mr Trev Greenberger on 5558 7888 or by email tgreenberger@moyne.vic.gov.au for any further details or clarification.