



# COUNCIL PROGRESS REPORT

Woorabinda Aboriginal Shire Council (Internal)

TOPIC TITLE:

Garbage Truck Mechanical Issues and  
Operational Changes

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**Topic Overview:** *Due to the aging of our current garbage truck and the resulting mechanical issues, we are experiencing disruptions in our waste collection operations. To address these issues, we propose reducing the truck's operation days from 5 days a week to 3 days a week.*

## Progress:

- *Assessment of mechanical issues: Frequent breakdowns and repairs have been documented, confirming that the truck's age is significantly impacting its performance.*
- *Consultation with the mechanic: Based on expert advice, reducing the operation days will help manage wear and tear.*
- *Initial planning: Determined that garbage collection will occur on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday.*

## Plans:

- *Reduce daily truck runs to 3 days a week (Monday, Wednesday, and Friday) to mitigate wear and tear.*
- *Projected savings: Anticipate reductions in fuel costs and less frequent mechanical repairs.*
- *Reallocate resources: Free up operators to perform other essential duties within the council.*
- *Monitor and evaluate: Regularly review the impact of reduced runs on service efficiency and community satisfaction.*

## Problems:

- **Mechanical reliability:** Ongoing issues with the truck may still arise, requiring attention.
- **Community adjustment:** Residents may need time to adapt to the new collection schedule, potentially leading to initial dissatisfaction.
- **Long-term solution:** Planning for the purchase of a new garbage truck through DESI.

**Key Information:**

- *Maintenance records: Detailed logs of the truck's repairs and mechanical issues.*
- *Fuel consumption data: Analysis of current fuel usage and projected savings with the new schedule.*
- *Community feedback: Collection of resident feedback on the adjusted schedule.*

**Conclusion:**

*Reducing the garbage truck's operation days from 5 to 3 is a strategic decision aimed at extending the vehicle's lifespan and managing costs associated with fuel and maintenance. This adjustment will also free up operators for other tasks, improving overall operational efficiency. We will closely monitor the impact of this change and gather community feedback to ensure that service levels remain satisfactory.*

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