

A total of 13 formal submissions were received during the public exhibition period, which ran for 28 days from 22 April to 19 May 2024. Submissions made via Councils 'Your Say' page on the Byron Shire Council website are collated in the table below.

Name	Email	Comments
Bruno	brunolatable@gmail.com	<p>Hi, being able to dispose waste at the tip at a better rate/kg would certainly reduce illegal dumping. Thanks</p> <p>Allowing so many cafes and food outlets to only sell in takeaway containers e.g. Saltmill in Brunswick Heads, is crazy. And so much of what leaves these businesses is not disposed of properly - they dont always have bins marked for recycling and everything goes into landfill or is discarded in the streets/gutters. What about a stand-alone policy on takeaway coffee with mugs being returnable/exchangeable to any premises in shire-branded as "Byron friendly". Just getting on top of thousands of coffee cups would help. And provide more bins clearly marked for different things so people have bins nearby point of purchase.</p>
Amanda Balderstone	amandabalderstone@gmail.com	<p>Since Byron Shire Council had stopped their yearly Kerb side rubbish pick up, there has been a significant increase in rubbish and unwanted goods dumped on vacant land and crown land due to a number of factors.</p> <p>a. Fortnightly bin pickups will not get rid of rubbish quick enough, also creates a health problem with flies around the red bins especially during the summer heat with food rotting in these bins.</p> <p>b. Relying on getting larger items rid of, does not happen with these small bins as they are unpracticable.</p> <p>c. Not many people have tow bars and trailers, so difficult to get rid of unwanted items, so those coupons for the tip are useless and waste of time and money for council to implement. d. People on pensions cannot afford to get someone to remove items for the tip. e. We pay rates for council services, kerb side rubbish pick up was a useful and excellent service not to get rid of, everyone benefited in getting rid of unwanted items which the council can recuperate some costs with good times put for sale in their shop at the tip.</p>
Eugene Szandala	sunlion199@gmail.com	<p>f. Many NSW councils still actively have the kerb side rubbish pickup on going, giving an essential service to their rate payers. By taking these issues and giving back the residents this essential service, we would see a significant reduction in Litter and Illegal Dumping in our environment. Please bring back ANNUAL KERB SIDE PICKUP</p>
Leonie Davis	islandreaming@aapt.net.au	<p>Bring back the kerbside pick up, even once a year. I know it is a cost issue, but all the education in the world, and the raising of fines for perpetrators, is not going to solve the issue of transport for many people to get bulky waste items to the tip</p>

<p>Jenny Bannister Luen Christian Carole Gamble</p>	<p>jennybannister13@gmail.com mir4lue@gmail.com cazzabul@bigpond.net.au</p>	<p>Homeless camp rubbish in dunes , btw Wreck and Kendall st Carpark. Year after year, at least 10 years we have to put up with filthy camp rubbish including damaged tents ,bedding ,clothes, food containers , car parts etc . This is in a 365 day STHL precinct ,not that we want to be pushed into that idea either. The campers are on Ice or mentally ill , screaming 24/7. Viscious dog signs , burnt out cars , drug dealers , campers who are so badly behaved they are banned from Fletcher st cottage . This rubbish is an eyesore and health safety issue, also a fire issue , we had a bushfire a few years ago outside 3 Cavvanbah st , we called the fire brigade . Byron has sure become a place of squalor.</p> <p>I'm embarrassed and saddened to live in this mess. My elderly neighbours and husband have tried to clean up the rubbish , but we need a truck. We also need a place for homeless people to camp , with bins and toilets .</p> <p>I'm on the verge of going to a TV show to sensationalise this problem . PLEASE HELP NOW</p> <p>Why is the ECHO newspaper allowed to be thrown into houses where many are not retrieved and end up in the drains? More public use bins around the Shire please, both red and yellow!</p> <p>I have read the detailed report and wish to congratulate staff and councillors for a very thorough document with impressive objectives. I wish to aff that although I did see reference to Dog Poo bags I saw no reference to disposable nappies. I would like to suggest an education program targeting local families and visitors about the alternatives ie cloth nappies and napsan. I know that disposable nappies are convenient especially for travellers. However when one is out and about there is often the disposable nappy being placed in a bin which may not be collected daily. I live in rural Byron Shire and have twice had quantities of disposable nappies dumped once at the top of my driveway and once in the recycle bin. There is a business opportunity which can be linked to tourism as more and more visitors become educated in consequence.</p> <p>I also would like to congratulate the suggestion of a disposal store. I note that several op shops are now only accepting donations in store. Some are looking at the offerings and rejecting what is not saleable. this has created less op shop landfill. Again well done.</p>
<p>Elizabeth Gray</p>	<p>spiceyfarming@gmail.com</p>	<p>I've worked at belongil for about 15 years as a caretaker for the park and restaurant/accom . I think one of the biggest issues is people camping in vans as they seem to leave a lot of rubbish</p> <p>Fantastic compilation of good data & great strategies that addresses everything SO comprehensively! Everything I thought of was addressed. The accent on disposable food containers from all the Shire's businesses is the most troublesome area as I see it, and Council's proposal to engage businesses directly is critical. 'Naming & shaming' construction & green waste dumpers is also an effective deterrent in this Shire, because the community DOES care about these matters. Great job to the staff.</p> <p>This is about the disgusting graffiti by some jerk that sprays Gator all over Byron from the wall at Magitigans lane to the power box at Clark's. Clean it please.</p>
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Supportive of this strategy.

Very supportive of an increase in water refill stations/drinking fountains (though not sure if drinking fountains/bubblers are still an accepted thing from a health stand point). Many people carry water bottles and many more might too if there were readily available places to refill their bottles, places such as parks, beach car parks/toilet blocks, and in commercial centres etc. I know the business community might not be in favour of "free" water outside of shops that sell bottled water. Shops could be encouraged to promote the water refill station, sell water bottles to visitors and use "bring it back Bruns" type bottles for locals, and the shops promote their own "green credentials". You could run a campaign for stores to promote the idea that they support the phase out of bottled water/ that they don't sell bottled water and instead promote the water refill stations. We could aim to be the first shire (or pick one town to begin with) in Australia that does not sell bottled water. If you wanted to trial this in Brunswick Heads I would love to be involved as a community member/advocate. I am a member of the Brunswick Heads Process Association and I am sure the Progress Association would be very supportive and active. I know it would involve a cost to set up and maintain and as it is water as opposed to take away food it would be difficult to mandate contributions from shop owners. With some brain storming and research of how other places/states/countries have approached this type of initiative I think there could be a way to find a good funding model. - I was a big fan of "Bring it Back Bruns". I think there would be a good take-up of this type of initiative for coffee cups. I live in Brunswick Heads and there are SO many coffee shops and plenty of people who buy a coffee and then walk along the foreshore/to the beach and could easily drop their used cup in a dedicated bin along the way as they walk. - From this strategy I understand that it is illegal to put a piece of furniture on your nature strip with a sign saying "free". Three of the houses in my street regularly do this and they are all owner occupied, not renters (your strategy seems to focus education campaigns on renters). I have never seen anything on the nature strip for very long which would lead me to believe that the items are either quickly picked up by passers by or taken back into the house from which they originated. If this is illegal, and you intend to ramp up enforcement and fines then I think you need to do a letter box drop (letter to the resident, not the ratepayer) so that everyone is clear on this going forward.

*"Love where you Live"

* Keep the parks and green spaces looking well-loved. Stop public parking on grassy areas and under trees in parks - to encourage a sense of tidiness and beauty. (Particularly in Mullumbimby where some parks are not maintained as well as the parks in Byron Bay and where there can be an increase, at times, of vehicles being driven off-road through green spaces, causing damage to the parklands.)

* Encourage business owners to clean the footpaths and structures in front of their store. The footpaths in Mullumbimby look dirty.

* Discourage the sticking up of posters on walls of buildings, bins, lamp posts. Mullumbimby has a lot of street litter created from these posters becoming unstuck and then blowing into gutters.

* Businesses & tourism- peak periods lead to greater volumes of waste, therefore, implement additional waste removal strategies during these

periods. Also, educate & influence business to remove single-use items eg: disposable coffee cups, take-away food containers, from their businesses. Overall, the Litter and Illegal dumping Strategy reads as a thorough document; quite ambitious.

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