

Question 2 – part a.

Suez is currently processing the material identified in the submission at Copper Street, Epping. This facility is on leased land which is currently under review. This is Council owned land and the lease arrangements are public knowledge.

There is a risk that this process will be used to move these Councils into the South East Organics Group without having to undertake a formal tender process. A cap on the length of time for these contingency arrangements should be in place to ensure that this does not occur.

Question 2 – part b & c.

If this is a contingency option, how there will be any savings to Council as MWRRG have outlined in their response. These Councils will still need to manage the existing Contract with Suez and therefore there is no benefit for having this arrangement in place.

Question 3 – part a

This table does not include the Overflow Contract. This Contract currently includes Manningham, Maroondah and Yarra Ranges. This is a substantial volume and should be included.

Question 3 – part c

Sub-contractors are essential to providing the services for all the existing contracts because:

- Veolia Bulla is only licensed to process 85,000 tonnes/ year. However, the North West Organics Group can have a total volume of 120,000 tonnes/ year. This is outlined on the MWRRG website. As a result, there will always be a need for sub-contractors to deliver this contract.
- Veolia Bulla also have a short fall between peak daily capacity versus annual capacity. During peak months, usually spring, there is a need to divert volumes to other facilities for processing as they do not have the processing capacity in their vessels.
- Biogro in Dandenong have no infrastructure to compost greenwaste. They need to either send their organic material to their facility in South Australia or to the SORF which is owned and operated by Gippsland Water.
- Cleanaway in Dandenong sorts and shreds the greenwaste at their sorting facility. Like Biogro, they do not have the capacity to compost the material and they rely on sub-contractors to undertake this process.

Thank you