

At the presentation by the Shire of Yarra Ranges to the Senate Environment Committee Hearing - Inquiry into Management of Australia's Waste Streams on Wednesday 2 July 2008 the Shire agreed to provide additional information on the following:

**The disposal of E-waste collected at the Shire's transfer stations**

The Shire's Waste Management Department has signed up with "Sims E-Waste" and are currently separating E-waste that residents bring into Shire of Yarra Ranges Recovery & Waste Transfer Centres. This includes computers, monitors, television and other electronic products such as videos, DVD's etc... Standard disposal fees still apply to these items to go towards the cost of processing the material.

The electronic items separated are collected by "Sims E-Waste" where hazardous materials such as lead, mercury and cadmium will be prevented from going to landfill and useful materials such as steel, aluminium, microchips, gold and silver will be recovered.

This program has prevented 24 tonnes of material going to landfill in the last 4 months.

**Was the information in the waste audits measured by volume or weight**

The figures represent material by weight.

**The full audit report from the Metropolitan Waste Management Group**

Contact has been made with the Metropolitan Waste Management Group and the Shire has been advised, that to date the report has not been considered by the Board of the MWMG and as such a copy cannot be released to the Shire or the Senate Committee. The MWMG has recommended that the Senate Committee contact them directly for further information. Contact details are as follows:

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