

## 1. Introduction

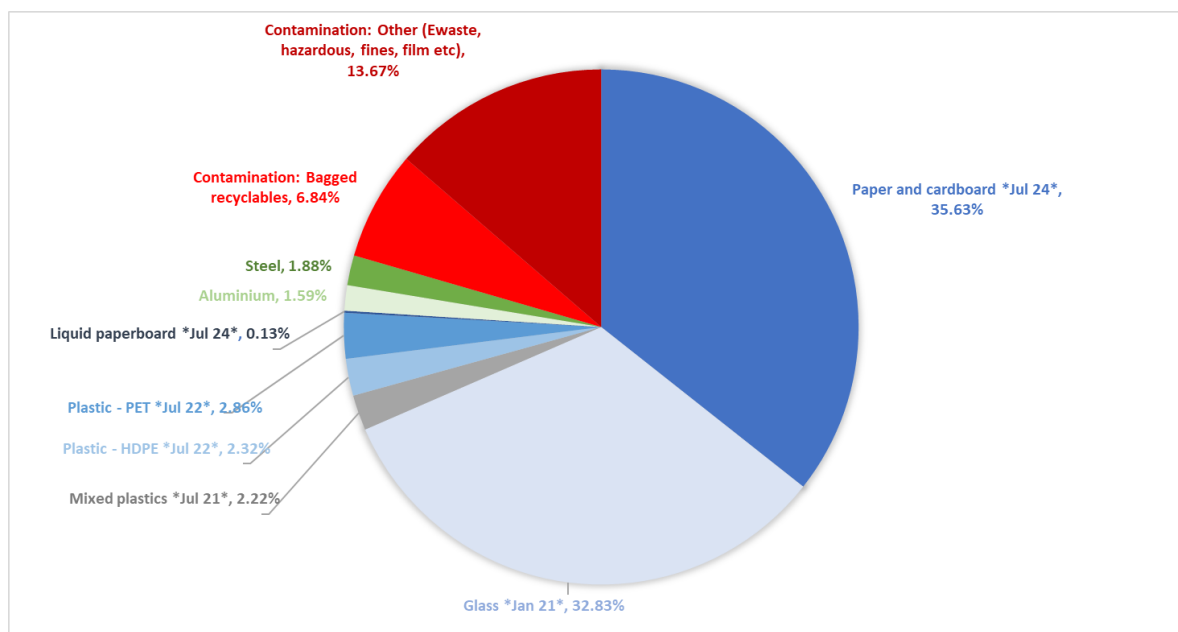
The WMRC Bulletin provides a fortnightly summary update on key issues and developments in the periods between WMRC Council meetings. It is issued fortnightly and circulated to WMRC Councillors and deputies, Member Council Elected Members, CEOs and other key people across the region. Past Bulletins are posted on our website [here](#).

## 2. COVID-19

It's business as usual at the West Metro Recycling Centre albeit with masks, increased hand hygiene and physical distancing. Verge Valet™ continues as normal. Office staff are working a mixture of office and at home. If a lockdown is called, the West Metro Recycling Centre will close to the public in accordance with WALGA guidelines and office staff will all work from home.

## 3. Key data

This graphic is thanks to WALGA with our additions. This is statistically significant data from audited recycling bins from across Perth. It shows the weight of the various types of materials found in the bins. Red sections show things that should not be in the bins anyway (20.51%). The dates in the labels of the blue segments signify when the item will be banned from export according to the Federal Waste export bans unless processed further – [more details here](#). Note: glass is not exported from WA but generally used locally. The bans will both stimulate the development of onshore processing and increase recycling costs.



## 4. FOGO Transition

The initial meeting of the FOGO Project Control Group is scheduled for 14 May. Receiving Vincent FOGO waste may have some positive knock-on effects for the transition to FOGO for our Member Councils.

## 5. Waste to Energy contract and briefings



Having now had feedback on the agreement from the proponent's financiers we are setting up Waste to Energy briefing sessions for Member Council Elected Members, CEOs and officers.

Key features of the contract to treat general (red lid bin) waste include no minimum quantity (no take or pay), no guarantee on the calorific content of waste, a competitive price, and arrangements to accept waste for transfer from beyond our Member Councils.

## 6. New waste silos



Expect to see the first two of our new silos for transporting residual (red lid bin) waste on the roads soon. This is the first replacement of the silos in almost 30 years. We have steadily been increasing the quantity of waste we transport in each load through improved operational practices. Currently we are transporting up to 27T of waste in each trip to landfill.

## 7. Bintagging findings



Our bintaggers have performed sterling service, with contamination rates mostly decreasing in bin-tagged areas in Mosman Park and Claremont.

Soft plastics turn out to be most common contaminant in our recycling bins, including plastic bags, chip packets and biscuit wrappers. Please make sure your residents know that these items belong either in the red top bin or in a REDcycle bin located outside Coles or Woolworths. We have copies of this graphic available for you to use. Please email [Hazel](mailto:Hazel@warc.wa.gov.au).

## 8. Recycling facility tour



This popular tour is scheduled for 12 May at 10am. Jointly with the SMRC, we are offering residents the chance to tour the Regional Resource Recovery Centre in Canning Vale and participate in a brief waste education workshop. Entering the code WASTEWISE will waive the \$5+BF charge. [Booking information here.](#)



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