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## Development Review and Coordination

### ENGINEERING ADVISORY NOTE

**EAN 7**

### Revised Waste and Recycling Allocation

**Title: Changes to waste and recycling allocations for new multi unit developments (MUDs) and mixed use precincts**

#### **Background:**

TCCS is currently undertaking a review of 'Waste and Recycling Management Code for the ACT' (the Code).

This review is a unique opportunity to revise waste and recycling allocations and implement a better level of waste and recycling service for new MUDs and mixed use precincts.

This Advisory Note has been prepared as an interim measure to address two following issues prior to finalising of the new revision of the Code;

1. Larger MUDs are provided shared allocations for both waste and recycling for the residential units. The current Code specifies that MUDs with shared waste services receive 140 litres for waste and only 40 litres for recycling per unit per week. As a result, the current allocation provides insufficient recycling capacity, in many cases, resulting in recyclables being disposed of in the waste hoppers and going to landfill instead of the Materials Recovery Facility.
2. The current allocations for waste and recycling are based on the number of units in a development. The revised allocations are calculated based on number of bedrooms in a unit and mix of different types of units in a development. This is consistent with allocations in other jurisdictions.

The revised allocations will allow the industry to apply them in new developments in parallel with finalising the revised Code by the end of 2017.



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These changes do not impact on single unit dwellings (SUDs); smaller MUDs where individual bins are provided to each unit; and commercial, public and industrial developments.

### Advice:

Recommended revised allocations for new MUDs are shown below:

Dwelling size	Waste	Recyclables
<b>SUDs</b>	140L/week	120L/week
<b>4 bedroom unit or greater</b>	140L/week	120L/week
<b>3 bedroom unit</b>	120L/week	110L/week
<b>2 bedroom unit</b>	100L/week	90L/week
<b>1 bedroom with separate study room</b>	90L/week	80L/week
<b>1 bedroom or studio unit</b>	80L/week	70L/week

### Administrative Arrangement

This EAN is to be used as advice pending update of TCCS standards. It takes effect from date of endorsement by the Directors

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