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Environment and ratepayers to benefit from Melton waste-to-energy

A new waste processing method that will convert household waste into electricity and help manage waste costs for ratepayers will be introduced by Melton City Council.

Each year, it will divert about 50,000 tonnes of waste from landfill and reduce Co2 emissions equivalent to planting one million trees.

To implement the advanced waste processing method, Council will enter into a contract with Recovered Energy Australia and Solo Resource Recovery.

In means Council will transition away from landfill and instead have waste processed into a steam that will be converted into electricity.

A new facility will be built in Laverton to undertake this process for several organisations, including Melton City Council. This is expected to operate from mid-2024.

City of Melton Mayor Cr Goran Kesic said it was an innovative process Council looked forward to implementing.

"We're proud to transition away from landfill and lead the way as one of the first councils in Victoria to process kerbside waste at a waste-to-energy facility," Cr Kesic said.

"This alternative method will help manage waste costs and meet emissions reduction targets.

"It's an excellent outcome to be able to divert about 50,000 tonnes of waste from landfill and reduce Co2 emissions that equate to planting one million trees each year.

"We look forward to seeing this facility fully operational in the coming years. This is about creating a greener future and providing greater cost certainty around waste processing."

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