

BUILDING A CIRCULAR ECONOMY IN GREATER BENDIGO

The City of Greater Bendigo is seeking Expressions of Interest from relevant businesses and consortia with the ability to deliver circular economy solutions for Greater Bendigo and the wider region in a post-landfill environment.

Due to the imminent closure in 2022/2023 of Greater Bendigo's Eaglehawk Landfill, the City of Greater Bendigo ('the City') has commenced a process of identifying, developing and implementing high-value circular economy solutions to handle, reprocess and recirculate end-of-life material resources moving throughout the wider region.

The City is focused on circular economy solutions for end-of-life material resources that are currently the responsibility of the City, e.g. general waste, recycling and organics, in addition to end-of-life materials that are relevant to industrial producers in the wider

region and also potentially end-of-life materials handled by neighbouring regional councils.

The City is commencing this project with an Expression of Interest (EOI) process to develop a more sustainable, value-added solutions approach to the future of Greater Bendigo's resource management, with a desire to leverage this opportunity to find circular solutions for the wider region.

[Click here to link to the online EOI documentation](#)

The EOI process is looking for businesses or consortia that can provide a mixture of circular economy solutions (both reprocessing and/or remanufacturing/ reusing recovered materials) for the various waste resource streams that are created in the region from domestic and commercial activities. It is envisaged that the EOI process will result in a "suite" of circular economy solutions, likely from an array of different businesses/ consortia, that will work in parallel to "close the loop" on the region's waste streams.

The procurement process is not just about improving material diversion and collection rates, but is focused on developing viable long-term solutions to also reuse these materials within the region to:

- Retain material and economic value regionally
- Build the resilience of our regional resource management and manufacturing sectors
- To start "closing the loop" with regards to the materials and products we use, consume and ultimately discard in the region

The aim of the EOI process is to understand the capacity and capability of interested businesses or consortia to provide circular economy solutions to reprocess and/or reuse specific waste material streams.

Successful EOI applicants will be invited to join a closed competitive dialogue to co-design and co-develop suitable circular solutions to deliver the desired outcomes for the region in partnership with the City and other relevant regional partners. The aim of this process is to develop your initial EOI into a circular economy solution/s that would be submitted to tender as part of a closed tender process.

EOIs will be accepted through our online procurement portal until 3pm (AEST) September 22, 2020.

An online information session for prospective EOI respondents is scheduled for 11am (AEST) August 5, 2020.

[Please register your attendance here.](#)

