

Data Sheet 67 (DS 067)

Waste to Landfill

What are we monitoring?

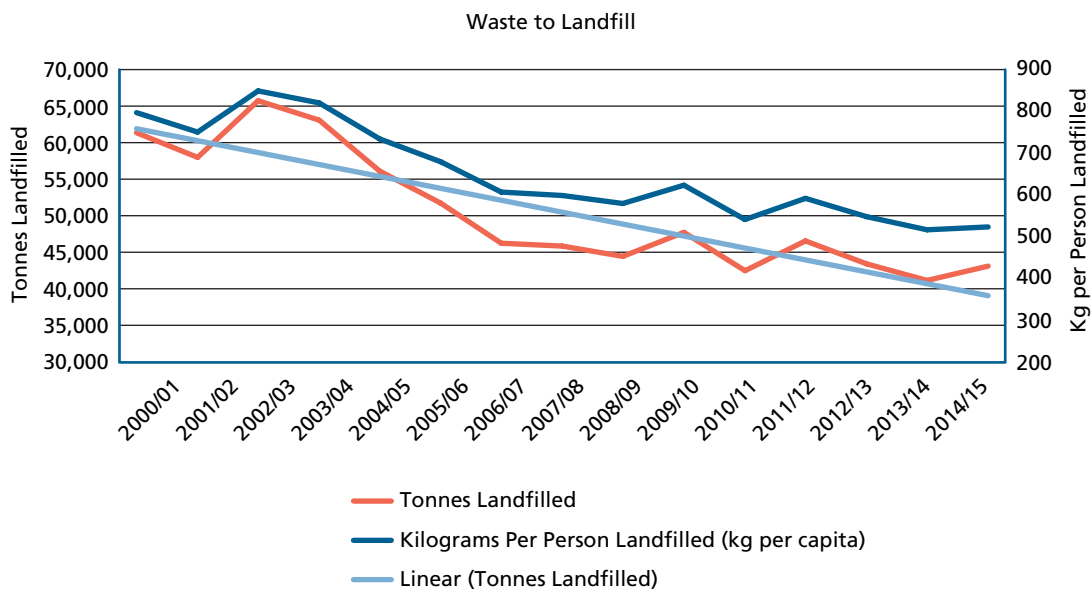
The amount of waste going to landfill within the Blue Mountains Local Government Area (LGA).

What is the trend?

The total amount of waste going to landfill in the Blue Mountains LGA has fallen significantly from 61,393 tonnes landfilled in 2000–2001 to a much lower amount of 43,190 tonnes being landfilled in 2014–2015. Supporting this trend, the total amount of waste per person being landfilled has also fallen dramatically over the last 15 years from 797 kilograms in 2000–2001 to 524 kilograms in 2014–2015.

Why is monitoring this trend important?

All household waste in the Blue Mountains is currently disposed of within a single landfill at Blaxland. Once this is full Council will need to find alternate disposal sites outside of the LGA, which will be costly to ratepayers. Monitoring the amount of waste going to landfill can help determine the remaining life span of the landfill and support action to extend its life further.



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Year	00/01	01/02	02/03	03/04	04/05	05/06	06/07	07/08	08/09	09/10	10/11	11/12	12/13	13/14	14/15
Tonnes Landfilled	61,393	58,029	65,749	63,115	56,123	51,761	46,291	45,950	44,493	47,765	42,577	46,619	43,470	41,198	43,190
Population	77,021	77,389	76,651	76,473	75,971	75,600	76,198	77,102	77,869	78,227	78,553	78,748	79,181	79,688	79,688
Kilograms Per Person Landfilled	797	750	849	820	734	680	607	599	580	624	542	592	549	517	524

Source: Blue Mountains City Council, Annual Reports 2000/01–2014/15