



Gate Fee Increases

Gate fees for Mildura Landfill and our rural sites have increased due to an increase in the Environmental Protection Authority (EPA) levy.



Mildura Rural City Council

What is the EPA Levy?

The EPA levy is applied to every tonne of waste that goes to landfill and this money is held by the State Government.

The key purpose of the EPA levy is to help reduce waste and encourage recycling.

EPA Levy Increases

EPA levies have increased significantly in recent years, with the latest years increasing by 30%

- **Domestic waste:** From \$33 per tonne in 2020/21 to \$84 per tonne in 2025/26
- **Industrial waste:** From \$57 per tonne in 2020/21 to \$149 per tonne in 2025/26

Where does your gate fee go?

When you pay to dispose waste at our landfill, the fee is broken up into the following:

- **EPA levy fee**
- **GST**
- **Council operations**

Council uses their part to pay for staff costs to operate the landfill, compliance and regulatory costs, contractor costs, and landfill plant and equipment among other expenses.

The total gate fee income we receive doesn't cover the total levy cost we pay each year.

Why this matters

We need to do what we can to reduce the amount of waste going to landfill, and for the community to recycle where possible.

This reduces the financial burden on our community now and in the future.

Less waste to landfill not only reduces the levies we pay but also reduces future costs in terms of rehabilitation and aftercare, which will cost tens of millions of dollars.

The less waste going to landfill now the less these costs.

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