Waste Management By-Law No. 1 of 2023

Malampa Provincial Government Council

The Malampa Provincial Government Council has established the **Waste Management By-Law No. 1 of 2023** under the Decentralization Act [CAP 230]. The By-Law provides a framework for the **proper collection, handling and disposal of solid waste** within Malampa Province.

Its purpose is to ensure that solid waste is managed in an **efficient, cost-effective, fair and environmentally responsible manner**, while protecting public health and the community.

Council Waste Collection Points

The Malampa Provincial Government Council and the Province are responsible for agreeing on the locations of **Council Waste Collection Points**.

These collection points provide designated facilities where communities, particularly those without kerbside collection services in peri-urban areas, can dispose of solid waste.

Anyone using a Council Waste Collection Point must comply with the conditions established for its use.

Waste Collection Requirements

The Council and Province may establish requirements relating to:

- Areas covered by different waste collection services;
- Types, sizes and approved containers for household waste;
- Proper separation of **organic waste, recyclable materials and residual waste**;
- Correct placement of waste containers for collection;
- Waste collection schedules and times;
- Weight restrictions for filled waste containers; and
- Other operational requirements necessary for an effective waste collection system.

Non-Compliance

Where a person fails to comply with the conditions for using Council Waste Collection Points, the Council or Province may take appropriate action, including:

- Refusing to collect waste from a container that does not meet the required conditions;
- Issuing a **trespass notice** preventing the person from using a collection point; or
- Taking other enforcement measures, including fines where applicable.

Burning of Waste

The By-Law prohibits the accumulation or burning of solid waste in a manner that creates a nuisance or is likely to be harmful to public health.

A person who:

- Allows solid waste to accumulate on property they own, occupy or manage in a way that causes a nuisance or may be harmful to health; or
- Burns or allows solid waste to be burned on property they own, occupy or manage,

may be liable to a **fine of up to VT 20,000**.

Where a body corporate is identified as responsible for burning solid waste through its directors or officers, the Council may impose a **fine of up to VT 50,000**.

Illegal Dumping

The illegal disposal of solid waste is prohibited.

A person who deposits solid waste in a **non-designated area**, including roadsides, outside Council waste disposal sites or in other public places, commits an offence and may be liable to a **fine of up to VT 20,000**.

Where a body corporate is identified as responsible for illegal dumping through its directors or officers, the Council may impose a **fine of up to VT 50,000**.

Review of the By-Law

The Council's Legislative Committee is required to **review the Waste Management By-Law every two years**.

Recommendations arising from the review are to be considered and acted upon as appropriate.

Commencement

The **Waste Management By-Law No. 1 of 2023** commences on the day it is published in the **Vanuatu Gazette**.

For further information on waste collection points, waste disposal requirements or waste management within Malampa Province, please contact the Malampa Provincial Government Council.