

Garden Organic Opt-Out Conditions – Other Qld Council Benchmarking

Recent benchmarking with five SEQ councils demonstrates a variety of opt-out approaches and are summarised below;

Option	Opt-Out Provision	Detail	SE QLD Councils Applying
1	Use a professional gardening service	A customer can apply to Opt-Out where a professional gardening service maintains the property and removes all green waste as part of the service.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Brisbane* • Moreton Bay • Sunshine Coast
2	Use a commercial garden organics collection contractor	A customer can apply to Opt-Out where they have a commercial garden organics collection service in place.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Brisbane* • Moreton Bay • Sunshine Coast
3	Compost garden organics on site	A customer can apply to Opt-Out where they actively compost at the property to manage garden organic waste	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Brisbane* • Moreton Bay • Sunshine Coast
4	Less than 25 square metres of greenspace at their property	A customer can apply to Opt-Out where their property contains minimal/no greenspace that results in either extremely limited or zero generation of garden organic waste	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Brisbane* • Moreton Bay • Gold Coast
5	Where properties are above or under specified land size	Where a Council has not allocated services based on land size criteria, a customer is able to Opt-Out based on a minimum or maximum property size set by the Council	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Brisbane* • Ipswich^

*Note: Brisbane City Council's model retains the full waste service charge for opt-out customers.

In consideration of the above opt-out provisions for Gladstone, options have been consolidated into the below for further analysis, with Options 1 and 2 combined and Option 5 not relevant for Gladstone, as we have established land size for our GO service conditions.

- Property has Minimal Green Space (size/area to be determined for Gladstone)
- Use of a Garden Organic Commercial Service
- At Home Composting

A review of the above opt-out provisions has been undertaken by Officers. Overall, the review of opt-out criteria and potential requirements highlight the following key considerations to:

- Resource Considerations and Costs – how would Council administer, the cost and how would this be reflected or recovered in full cost pricing
- Service Success – the impact to the purpose and objectives of the GO service
- Service Delivery – uncertainty of opt-out participants and impact to service efficiency and cost
- GROW FOGO Funding Application – uncertainty and risk to funding execution