

## GECA Certified Waste Collection Service Standard

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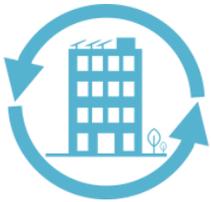
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### Aim

To recognise waste collection companies for implementing best practice waste collection.

### Rating Tool Eligibility



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**Green Star  
Performance**

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Note: This Innovation Challenge is applicable to *Green Star - Performance*

### Why is this Innovation Challenge Important?

The 'GECA Waste Collection Services' standard seeks to set an environmental benchmark for waste collection services collecting waste from the point of collation and collection to a lawful processing or disposal facility.

Waste generation in Australia has increased significantly during recent years, and some waste is still poorly managed leading to significant impacts on health, local and global environments, and the economy. The environmental consequences of waste production can be significant and major environmental loads, such as the production and release of methane (CH<sub>4</sub>) into the atmosphere and landfill leachate that can pollute waterways or stem from waste sent to landfill that could have been reused or recycled. Increasingly, waste generators and waste collection services acknowledge the risk of poor waste management and are shifting toward best practice waste collection. Improved waste collection data will assist waste generators and collection services to better manage waste and improve their environmental performance.<sup>1</sup>

GECA aims to reward waste collection companies for implementing best practice waste collection. Recent sustainability initiatives are aiming at improving waste management and reducing its environmental impact.

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<sup>1</sup> Good Environmental Choice Australia – Environmental Performance Standard: Waste Collection Standards

## Compliance Requirements

To claim this Innovation Challenge, project teams must

### Initial Certification

- Achieve the 'Operational Waste Management Plan' credit; and
- Achieve at least 2 points for the 'Waste to Landfill Reduction' credit; and
- Demonstrate that the building targeting this innovation challenge is listed as a serviced site within the scope of the 'GECA – Waste Collection Services' certification achieved by the Waste contractor responsible for collection and disposal of waste during the performance period. For Initial Certification, compliance must be demonstrated as having been achieved for at least the final 3 months of the performance period.

### Recertification

- The compliance requirements are considered to be met where:
  - The innovation challenge has been awarded in the previous Certification;
  - The 'Operational Waste Management Plan' credit and 'Waste to Landfill Reduction' credit are awarded at Recertification; and
  - The building's 'GECA – Waste Collection Services' certification has been maintained for the entire performance period
- A submission is required against the Compliance Requirements outlined where:
  - This Innovation Challenge was not awarded or targeted in the previous Certification; or
  - The building's 'GECA – Waste Collection Services' certification has not been implemented or maintained for the entire performance period
- Compliance cannot be demonstrated for this Innovation Challenge where the 'Operational Waste Management Plan' credit and 'Waste to Landfill Reduction' credit are not awarded at Recertification.

### Alternative Compliance Methods

A technical question may be submitted to the Green Building Council of Australia (GBCA) when an applicant wishes to advocate for an alternative yet equivalent method of meeting the compliance or Documentation Requirements. Any technical questions submitted for this Innovation Challenge will be processed as free-of-charge.

## Documentation Requirements

Provide the following required documentation:

- **Submission Template** outlining how the project team has addressed the Innovation Challenge. The Submission Template also enables project teams to provide feedback on the Innovation Challenge to inform future developments.
- **GECA Certificate** demonstrating that the building targeting this innovation challenge is listed as a serviced site within the scope of the 'GECA – Waste Collection Services' certification achieved by the Waste contractor responsible for collection and disposal of waste during the performance period.
- Any other documentation to support the claims made within the Submission Template.

## Guidance

### Referenced Documents

- *Waste Collection Services (WCSv1.0i-2018)* : <http://www.geca.eco/standards/waste-collection-services-standard/>