

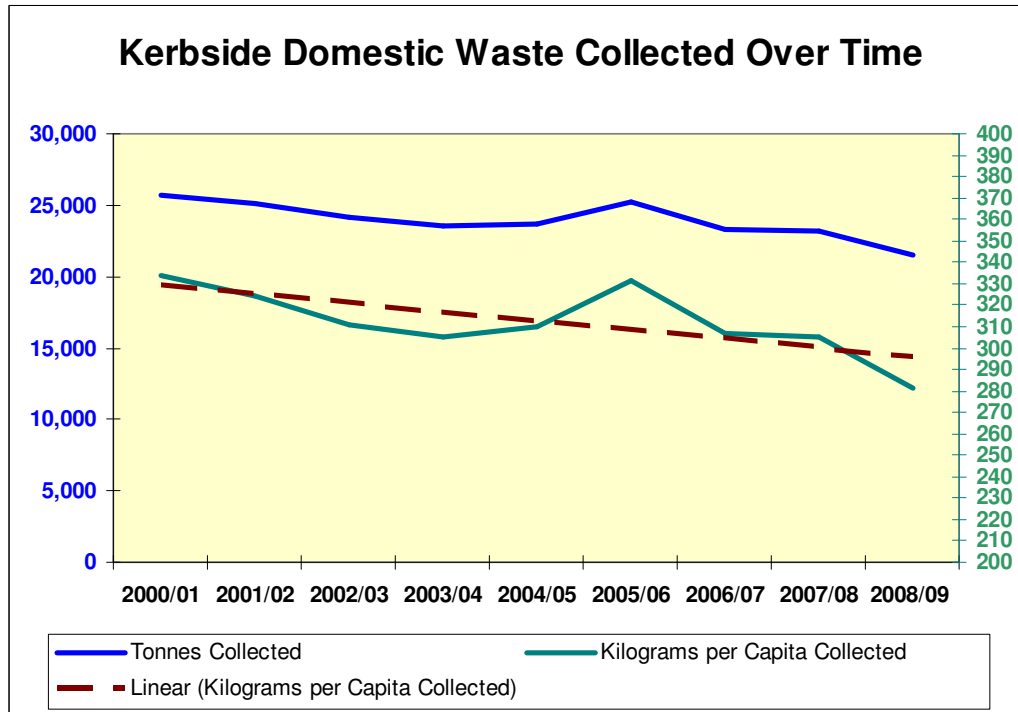
Waste

What are we monitoring?

Amount of domestic waste to landfill

What is the trend?

Between 2002-2003 and 2008-2009 the amount of domestic waste landfilled gradually decreased. There was a significant decrease between the 2007-2008 and 2008-2009 financial year. This increased diversion of waste from land fill is due to the substantial increase in recycling volumes experienced in the same period.



Year	2000/01	2001/02	2002/03	2003/04	2004/05	2005/06	2006/07	2007/08	2008/09
Tonnes Collected	25,714	25,078	24,090	23,495	23,702	25,219	23,327	23,224	21,477
Population	77,021	77,389	77,504	77,003	76,497	76,066	76,075	76,181	76,409
Kilograms per Capita Collected	334	324	311	305	310	332	307	305	281

Why is monitoring this trend important?

Reducing or avoiding waste is the most sustainable waste management method. Waste Management Facilities (WMF's) are costly to manage and maintain, they require significant amounts of land and they can have negative environmental impacts in the form of noise, land, air and water pollution. Council is responsible for two active Waste Management Facilities (WMF's) (Blaxland and Katoomba) and two dormant landfills (Blackheath and Lawson).

Source: Blue Mountains City Council