

# Media Statement

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## Coolaroo site fire causes issues for Geelong region waste collection

**SKM Recycling has confirmed it will not accept commercial recycling at its South Geelong site for the foreseeable future, following the fire at its Coolaroo facility.**

*<Direct quotes to be attributed to Corio Waste Management, CEO, Mat Dickens>*

“The Coolaroo fire has significant consequences for the waste services industry and businesses in Victoria. For example, SKM Recycling’s South Geelong facility is the only facility that can accept and process commingled (mixed) recyclable material from commercial collections in the region.

“SKM Recycling informed us yesterday afternoon, that it can’t accept recycling from commercial collections in the foreseeable future. This decision does not affect contracts with Councils in the region and kerbside recycling materials will continue to be accepted.

“Corio Waste Management will work with businesses in the Geelong region to review their current recycling practices. It will be necessary to make changes to the way businesses recycle by separating materials into individual streams: cardboard, paper, aluminium, plastics and glass. This will increase the need for additional collection services, which will be more costly to deliver. These program changes will also be complex to implement, but will result in more solid waste being recycled in Geelong, which benefits local industry,” Mr Dickens said.

### **About Corio Waste Management Pty. Ltd.**

Corio Waste Management was established in Geelong in 1996. Ken and his children Mathew, Nathan and Anthea are all employees of the company and work with a management team including some of the most consistent, experienced, knowledgeable and experts in the waste management industry.

Corio Waste Management is engaged in the collection, treatment and disposal of solid, liquid and other waste types (including hazardous waste). Primary activities and major products and services are container/receptacle/bin/skip hiring, solid and recyclable waste collection and short-distance hauling, sludge, liquid, oil, grease trap, septic tank and other liquid waste pumping and cleaning services, hazardous waste collection, medical, clinical, cytotoxic, anatomical, pharmaceutical and sharps waste collection and disposal, sanitary disposal services and washroom supplies wholesaling and servicing.

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Corio Waste Management employs more than 60 people, have a fleet of 50 vehicles and perform 10,000 waste and recycling collections each week. The company serves around 2,000 commercial and industrial and local government customers across the Surf Coast, Corio Bay area, and Melbourne's west and south-eastern suburbs from depots in Geelong, Altona and Dandenong.

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