



COVID-19 UPDATE #26 – Management of waste at prescribed WA premises

Acknowledging that the waste and recycling industry provides services that are essential to the community, the WA Department of Water and Environmental Regulation (DWER) has provided advice to the industry in preparation for a potential increase in waste volumes, particularly clinical waste, as well as impacts on waste transportation during the surge in cases of COVID-19.

To support the waste and resource recovery industry and wider regulated community, the department has developed a [‘One-Stop-Shop’ Regulatory Position Statement](#) setting out how it is changing the way it will work, and how the department will work together with industry to address these challenges. Specifically, the Position Statement sets out:

1. The department’s expectations of the regulatory community and clarification of regulatory responsibilities during this period.
2. What to do if COVID-19 impacts mean that you are unable to manage the risks to the environment and public health from your activities.
3. What to do if COVID-19 impacts your ability to meet compliance deadlines.
4. How to prepare for and deal with constraints on waste transport capacity.
5. How to seek approval for new or expanded prescribed premises required to support your COVID-19 response.