

ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH SERVICES

Waste Disposal



Fact Sheet

Western Downs Regional Council Waste Facility Weighbridge Locations

Weighbridges are located at Chinchilla, Dalby, Jandowae (Winfield's Road) and Miles Waste & Recycling Centres. These facilities allow for the payment of applicable waste disposal fees by weight and are the four larger waste facilities within the Western Downs Regional Council area.

What is the purpose, accuracy and capacity of the weighbridges?

The weighbridges provide accurate measuring of waste quantities presented and disposed of at Council's waste facilities, and the appropriate disposal fee applied to that waste. Each weighbridge has a maximum capacity of 60 Tonne and measures to the closest 20kg.

Are Council's Weighbridges "Public" Weighbridges?

Council's weighbridges are not "Public" weighbridges. Council's Waste Facility Weighbridges are certified and maintained as "Trade" weighbridges meaning that their purpose is to measure the commodity being traded at the sites. In this case, the commodity is waste. "Public" weighbridges require an entirely different certification, operational and maintenance protocol.

Weighbridge Vehicle Restrictions

Council's weighbridges are restricted to six axle semi-trailers. This is due to manoeuvring limitations on site. Configurations of B-doubles, B-triples and Road trains will not be weighed.

What other weighing types can be performed on Council's Trade Weighbridges?

The National Measurement Institute (NMI), a division within the Department of Industry, Innovation and Science is Australia's peak measurement body responsible for biological, chemical, legal, physical and trade measurement.

As per NMI Requirements, determining the tare mass of a vehicle or trailer for Registration Purposes is not considered to be a "public weighing" and therefore this is the only other form of weighing permitted on Council's waste facility weighbridges. This weigh type is stated on the transaction docket and requires the payment of a fee at the weighbridge office.

Council takes no responsibility for the purpose a customer uses a "Registration Purposes Weighing" measurement.

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