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FOOD AND GREEN WASTE PILOT FOR SOUTH WARD

Lord Mayoral Candidate, Sandy Verschoor, has today announced that if re-elected she plans to deliver a Food Organics & Green Organics (FOGO) pilot in the South Ward of the City of Adelaide.

Aligning with the City of Adelaide's Resource Recovery Strategy & Action Plan 2020-28, the pilot will see residents' green FOGO bins collected weekly and red landfill bins collected fortnightly.

The yellow recycling bin will continue to be collected fortnightly.

"During my first term, my council endorsed an ambitious plan for Adelaide to become the first city in Australia to achieve 'zero avoidable waste to landfill,'" Ms Verschoor said.

"This includes a goal to divert 75% of residential kerbside collected waste from landfill and reduce food waste in the kerbside collected waste bin by 50%.

"By piloting weekly FOGO collections in the South Ward, we will be able to assess the uptake and effectiveness of the trial, with the view to rolling it out across the whole City of Adelaide area.

"Our city deserves genuine solutions to serious problems and I'm determined to build on the opportunities and address the challenges we now have in a post-pandemic world."

Currently, an estimated one-third of all the food produced in the world goes to waste. That's equal to about 1.3 billion tons of fruits, vegetables, meat, dairy, seafood and grains that are thrown away. When organic matter breaks down in landfill it creates methane, a greenhouse gas that is 25 times more potent than carbon dioxide.

By introducing weekly FOGO collections, residents will be actively encouraged to place food waste in their green FOGO bin for composting rather than sending it to landfill.

A more frequent pick-up will also help reduce associated smells from FOGO bins and reduce associated landfill greenhouse gas emissions.

"The City of Adelaide has a long and proud history of environmental leadership and is committed to helping our community live sustainability," Ms Verschoor said.

"The trial will support residents and the community to play an active role in improving the city's resource recovery rates and is one way that residents will be able to achieve zero-waste at home."

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