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## **Fraser Coast waste collection services expand to Paterson**

Waste collection services on the Fraser Coast will soon be provided to residents in the rural suburb of Paterson, marking another milestone in the region's continued growth.

Fraser Coast Regional Councillor Phil Truscott said he had received many requests from residents to include Paterson in the waste collection area and was pleased the expansion had been given the green light at today's Council meeting (Wednesday 22 May).

"Paterson is a rural area about 40 minutes south of Maryborough, just past Bauple, and is home to around 200 residents," he said.

"Council is thrilled to extend our waste collection service to the residents of Paterson, further enhancing the quality of life for these residents and environmental sustainability across our region."

To assess demand for this new service, Council undertook an extensive community engagement process, including a survey showing 80 per cent of respondents favoured a standard waste collection service for Paterson.

"This new service will include a weekly waste collection service and a fortnightly recycling service," Cr Truscott said.

"The introduction of this new service will make it easier for Paterson residents to recycle and dispose of their waste without having to travel to a regional waste facility."

Council contractor Cleanaway will service the additional waste and recycling bins in Paterson using its existing fleet and resources without adversely impacting the current level of service throughout the region.

The collection service is set to commence by the end of June 2024 with all residents in the area to receive a letter from Council detailing the costs and collection dates.

The expansion of waste services to Paterson follows the expansion of waste services to Owanyilla near Tiaro in 2021.

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