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Due to the changes to China's Recycling Policy Loddon Shire Council negotiated a contract variation with Council's kerbside contractor this resulted in a greater cost to Council. The variation took advantage of the State Government Funding available from March 2018 to the end of June 2018 to assist the transition to a new pricing mechanism. However the new cost sharing model negotiated took effect from 1 July 2018 to the end of June 2020 and revert back to the standard conditions in the contract as per the exemptions to tender requirements.

Issues with negotiations:

- Time frames, agreements need to be signed and submitted prior to finalising new draft clauses for future contracts
- Temporary Relief funding didn't allow enough time to source data from contractors

Due to the location and the size of Loddon Shire the volumes collected are low and the transport cost out way the delivery of the service. Regional waste groups need to do more to support Councils by combining services.

Various stewardship and schemes are great but they need to consider the cost of transport for regional Councils and the volumes collected especially when residents are eligible to disposed of material free of charge.

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