

Residual waste research

Note from the authors, Envirocentre Ltd:

This report contains revised estimates of the quantities of residual waste streams. Unfortunately there was an error in the formula that was used to calculate the residual waste estimates. This was picked up by the Friends of the Earth Waste Network and the report has been amended to reflect this.

The residual waste estimate under the practical scenario is now 32.9% of the household waste stream at 10,188,121 tonnes. The estimate under the hypothetical scenario is 17.3% of the household waste stream at 5,363,985 tonnes.

The waste streams identified as being the largest components of residual waste have changed slightly from those identified in the original report with non-packaging glass now ranking eleventh under the hypothetical scenario, and the order of the top waste streams in terms of tonnage has also changed under the practical scenario.

The second phase of the project is now underway examining the policy options available for getting these major waste streams out of residual waste. The final results will be published in the first half of 2008.