

In the reporting period approximately 2,300 tonnes of waste was retrieved for recycling purposes. Since recycling has commenced approximately 8 years has been extended to the life of the waste depot. Therefore the more the community is encouraged to recycle the longer the life of the Inverell landfill.

	MATERIAL IN TONNES
Glass	339
Paper/Cardboard	1,702
Plastic	127
Ferrous Metal	1,200
Non Ferrous	10
Total	3,378

RECOVERED RECYCLABLE MATERIAL in TONNES 2006/2007

8.0 NOISE.

The Inverell Shire has no major problems, nor complaints related to noise. As communities become increasingly urbanised, noise can intrude and affect lifestyles. Constant control of environmental noise is difficult, because the definition of offensive noise is usually subjective. The effects on people can differ, and range from psychological to physical depending upon the type of noise, the level and duration.

8.1 Community Noise

Council received three (3) complaints regarding offensive noise during the reporting period, these comprised complaints in relation to construction noise, the operation of machinery and the general operation of commercial premises. The main source of community noise complaints were dogs barking, with Council receiving 48 complaints during the reporting period.

8.2 Industrial Noise

The EPA controls the licensing of most of the major industrial based companies in the shire, and has responsibility for noise based complaints. Council receives very few industry based complaints, however will deal with any situation as required.

9.0 HERITAGE

All heritage areas, structures and items can be threatened by development and resource use activities including agricultural, forestry, mining and extraction industries, roadworks and urban construction and development. New development in the Shire poses the largest threat to the non-Aboriginal heritage items located in the Shire. Council follows the Heritage Assessment Branch's best practice guidelines to reduce the impact of new development on any heritage items.