

To the Competition Policy Review

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**I run a small Rubbish removal business from the Sydney North Shore Area
I am very concerned of the unfair advantage that the local Councils in the area
have over my business and similar businesses in the area.**

**With the Council now offering multiple rubbish pick ups for free and in the case
of Willoughby and Lane Cove Council (as an example) offering very cheap or free
additional rubbish removal in the area, I am finding it more and more difficult
to stay trading.**

**At the rubbish Tip (formally run by Waste Services and now owned by SITA)
We are charged on average \$300.00 per Tonne of rubbish tipped,. On top of this
charge items such as Mattresses are \$60.00 each ,Paint and other special waste is
\$4 to \$6 per unit.**

**Council will pick up these items free of charge or at a reduced rate.
Often just my tipping fee alone for a load of rubbish is 5 to 6 times higher than
the council charge for the same load.**

**This unfair advantage the Council has is getting harder to deal with every year
as more and more services are offered.**

**I'm sure if Local Government offered 3 free Dental or Legal appointments per
year or did 3 Tax returns free each year there would be a very loud out cry from
the local Business supplying this type of service.**

I feel we are being very unfairly targeted. And the playing field is very unfair

Regards

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