Maroochydore City Centre's Automated Waste Collection System (AWCS) will transport waste and recycling from residential apartments, commercial buildings and public places through a system of underground pipes.

The Sunshine Coast aims to be Australia's most sustainable region – healthy, smart, creative. We're taking a nation-leading position by installing this high-tech, underground AWCS in the new Maroochydore City Centre. We are committed to ensuring 21st century technology and innovation are key characteristics of this greenfield site.

This innovative waste management system is the first of its kind in Australia with many benefits including:

- Workers and residents in the new CBD will never have to walk past rows of waste bins or be woken early by noisy garbage collection vehicles
- No front, rear or side lift waste collection vehicles
- No kerb side waste and recycling collection
- No overflowing public place bins
- Underground collection means no impact on street traffic
- Improved resident and visitor safety and amenity
- Improved local air quality by eliminating conventional waste collection services.

First city centre in Australia to have an Automated Waste Collection System

The city centre will feature no conventional waste collection operations
Waste will be transported at 70km/h through a 6.5km system of underground pipes.

This technology has a track record of increasing recycling rates. The natural environment will benefit too!

The system is also in place in new urban developments in Stockholm, Seoul, Barcelona, London, Singapore and Beijing.

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