CLAIMS

1. A closure for a waste container, said closure comprising:

a base;

a support extending upwardly from said base, said support defining a front opening and having a rear wall;

a tray comprising a shelf and an inferiorly depending guard, wherein the tray is at least partially rotatable relative to the support about a first axis, and when the tray is in a rearward position the guard blocks the front opening;

a shield comprising a main body extending from one edge to a free edge and having an upper and a lower surface, said shield hingedly connected to said support with a flexible hinge formed in the main body of the shield at or adjacent said one edge of said shield, and pivotable between an open position in which the shield overlies said rear wall of the closure and a closed position in which the shield is secured to said closure to at least substantially cover said front opening;

and further wherein any relative rotatable movement of the tray is independent of movement of the shield between said open and closed positions.

2. The closure of claim 1 wherein the support extends upwardly from said base and comprises a pair of opposed parallel shoulders.

3. The closure of claim 2 wherein the shoulders each have respective front face portions that define part of the front opening of the closure.

4. The closure of claim 2 wherein said rear wall of the closure extends between rear face portions of the opposed shoulders and thereby defines the rear boundary of the front opening.

5. The closure of claim 1 wherein the rear wall comprises one or more connection members to connect said rear wall to said shield.

6. The closure of claim 1 wherein the one edge of the shield is connected to the rear wall and the rear wall comprises a plurality of openings formed adjacent to an upper edge of the rear wall, said openings being configured to receive and hold therein, shield tab members of the shield.

7. The closure of claim 2 wherein the rear wall is relatively concave.

8. The closure of claim 2 wherein said tray is connected at least one connection to said shoulders, said connection being recessed in said shoulders.