

STATEMENT OF PROPOSAL

DRAFT WANGANUI DISTRICT COUNCIL WASTE MANAGEMENT AND MINIMISATION PLAN 2009

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1. SPECIAL CONSULTATIVE PROCEDURE

The Local Government Act 2002 (LGA) stipulates that decisions which are *significant* should be subject to a more rigorous consultation and decision-making process. The preparation of a Waste Management and Minimisation Plan under the Waste Minimisation Act 2008 (WMA) is considered to be an issue of significance and must undergo the *Special Consultative Procedure*.

In accordance with s83 of the LGA and Part 4 s44 and s50 of the WMA, Council provides the following notice and Statement of Proposal to consult on its Draft Waste Management and Minimisation Plan (draft plan).

The Special Consultative Procedure requires the Council to:

- A. Prepare a Statement of Proposal and a Summary of the Information contained in the Statement of Proposal; and
- B. Include the Statement of Proposal on the agenda for a meeting of the local authority.

A copy of this Statement of Proposal, the draft plan, the Summary of the Statement of Proposal and submission forms are available:

- From the Wanganui District Council Office at 101 Guyton Street, Wanganui;
- From the Wanganui District Library, Queens Park;
- Via the Council website, www.wanganui.govt.nz;
- By phoning the Council offices on 06 349 0001; or
- By e-mailing: stephanie.rose@wanganui.govt.nz

Submissions are invited between 27 July 2009 and 24 August 2009.

2. STATEMENT OF PROPOSAL

This Statement of Proposal is prepared pursuant to section 83 of the LGA.

The proposal is to adopt a suitable Waste Management and Minimisation Plan for Wanganui in line with the requirements of the WMA.

The purpose of this consultation is to:

Canvass public opinion and seek submissions on the Council's draft plan.

Background

The purpose of the WMA is to encourage a reduction in the amount of waste that is both generated and disposed of in an effort to lessen its environmental harm.

The WMA represents a key shift in urgency towards waste minimisation as the state enacts steps to ensure that these actions are both funded and sustainable. It retains emphasis on the role of territorial authorities to promote effective and efficient waste management and minimisation in a district-wide sense and extends 'waste thinking'. This means all territorial authorities are now required to produce a Waste Management and Minimisation Plan and to broaden district assessments of current and future waste services.

The WMA states that a Waste Management and Minimisation Plan must contain the following:

- a) Objectives and policies for achieving effective and efficient waste management and minimisation within the territorial authority's district;
- b) Methods for achieving effective and efficient waste management and minimisation within the territorial authority's district, including –
 - i) collection, recovery, recycling, treatment, and disposal services for the district to meet its current and future waste management and minimisation needs (whether provided by the territorial authority or otherwise); and
 - ii) any waste management and minimisation facilities provided, or to be provided, by the territorial authority; and
 - iii) any waste management and minimisation activities, including any educational or public awareness activities provided, or to be provided, by the territorial authority.
- c) How implementing the plan is to be funded;
- d) If the territorial authority wishes to make grants or advances of money in accordance with section 47, the framework for doing so.

Council has an outdated waste strategy that was developed in 1992 and subsequently updated in 1997 and 2005. It has now been superseded by the provisions of the WMA. In response to the need for amendment, a Waste Working Party comprising Councillors and Council officers was charged with preparing a new document that would herald the right measures to move Council and the community toward better waste management and minimisation practices. These recommendations are contained in the draft plan. Once adopted it will replace previous waste strategies and should be seen as constituting a new plan as opposed to revision of an existing strategy.

The draft plan also incorporates the district's waste assessment as required by s50 and s51 of the WMA. This is appended to the draft plan as Appendix B.

3. SUMMARY OF INFORMATION

The draft plan envisions:

'A family friendly district where people have access to services that encourage individual and community responsibility for sustainable waste minimisation.'

It sets a target of 60% reduction of waste to landfill by 2015.

The draft plan:

- Provides for the effective management and minimisation of solid waste in our district in line with the principles of reuse, reduction and recycling.
- Supports Council-driven initiatives which refocus waste services to better meet the needs of residents – with an ultimate end aim of delivering reduced costs to households. Regaining control of the waste stream is identified as a necessary step.
- Aligns with the aims of the WMA and the New Zealand Waste Strategy (2001).
- Intends to make environmentally sustainable practice easy, accessible, attractive, efficient and cost-effective. Essentially this means championing better services, seeking better costs and encouraging better uptake.
- Identifies the pros and cons behind Council's current position in the waste stream but recognises that relinquishing control of the waste stream has meant:
 - Council has not been able to influence service and price structures to encourage waste minimisation practices.
 - A duplication of services and resources.
 - Fewer opportunities to advance reduced costs to the community through economies of scale.
- Supports the following key goals:
 1. Council investigates enhanced opportunities for waste minimisation at the kerbside.
 2. Council supports and incentivises waste reduction, reuse and recycling.
 3. Individuals and businesses are supported and encouraged to take greater responsibility for waste minimisation.

Section 1

Outlines the current situation with respect to waste management and minimisation services and highlights Council's intent on going forward. Frames the scope and vision of the plan.

Section 2

Provides the necessary legislative context and details its far reaching impact. Clarifies the roles and responsibilities of all participants in the waste cycle.

Section 3

Positions the plan within its national and local policy context, considers the impact of proposed decisions on the district's wellbeing and details the draft plan's relationship to Community Outcomes.

Section 4

Reveals the diverse factors influencing waste management practice and provides the 'back story' needed to develop a responsive plan for the Wanganui district.

Section 5

Covers waste management and minimisation from a past, present and future perspective. Summarises the waste assessment provisions of the Waste Minimisation Act and forecasts future demand.

Section 6

Presents the strategic goals and actions underpinning the draft plan, indicates Council's intended allocation of the waste levy and charts measures to achieve progress towards New Zealand Waste Strategy targets and the specific provisions of this plan. Aligns progress to the Waste Minimisation Act's hierarchy of waste goals.

4. CONSULTATION AND SUBMISSIONS

Council wants to hear what you think about its proposed efforts to improve waste management and minimisation services. You can do this by making a submission on the framework and strategies of the draft plan. Council will take your views into account when finalising the plan. Copies of the draft plan, the summary and submission forms are available:

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- By phoning the Council offices on 06 349 0001; or
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Submissions may be made from Monday, 27 July and close at 4pm on Monday, 24 August 2009. Enquiries about the Draft Waste Management and Minimisation Plan can be directed to Stephanie Rose (06 349 0001). A submission form is attached to this document.

Submission Form
Draft Management & Minimisation Plan 2009

We welcome your comments on the Draft Waste Management and Minimisation Plan 2009. If you have any queries you can contact Stephanie Rose, Policy Advisor – e-mail: stephanie.rose@wanganui.govt.nz, phone: 349 0001, fax: 349 0000.

You can make a submission by completing this submission form or by downloading a submission form from the Council's website: www.wanganui.govt.nz

Please complete this form and post to:	or deliver to:	Fax to:
Draft Waste Management & Minimisation Plan	Customer Services	(06) 3490000
Wanganui District Council	Wanganui District Council	
PO Box 637	101 Guyton Street	
Wanganui 4050	Wanganui	E-mail:
		wdc@wanganui.govt.nz

Submission period closes 4.00pm Monday, 24 August 2009

Name:

(Please print your full name)

Organisation:

Address: *(Full postal address)*

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E-mail:.....

Phone:.....

Do you wish to speak to your submission? *(Please indicate)* Yes No

1. I/we wish to **support/oppose/comment** *(Please indicate)*
2. My/our submission is (you may attach additional information to this form):
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THE CONSULTATION PERIOD IS 27 JULY 2009 TO 24 AUGUST 2009
Submissions close at 4.00pm on Monday, 24 August 2009

Please note: Submissions will not be returned so please keep a copy. Making a submission to the Council is a public process. Your submission will be available for viewing by the Council and members of the public.