

SUMMARY OF THE STATEMENT OF PROPOSAL

DRAFT WANGANUI DISTRICT COUNCIL WASTE MANAGEMENT AND MINIMISATION PLAN 2009

1. THE PROPOSAL

The Wanganui District Council is proposing to adopt a Waste Management and Minimisation Plan for this district in line with the requirements of the Waste Minimisation Act 2008.

The purpose of this consultation is to:

Canvass public opinion and seek submissions on the Council's Draft Waste Management and Minimisation Plan.

2. DRAFT WASTE MANAGEMENT AND MINIMISATION PLAN

The Draft Waste Management and Minimisation Plan (draft plan) has been developed to meet the requirements of the Waste Minimisation Act (WMA) and 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. It is concerned with the protection and enhancement of our environment in sustainable ways and the preservation of community wellbeing. The plan also details forward thinking approaches to solid waste issues that take account of new legislative requirements and shifting community expectations around environmental practice.

At the heart of the draft plan is a commitment to making environmentally sustainable practice easy, accessible, attractive, efficient and cost-effective. This will encourage the uptake of individual and community measures that actively safeguard our natural resources for future generations. Council-driven initiatives, which refocus waste services to better meet the needs of residents, have an ultimate end aim of delivering reduced costs to households. Regaining control of the waste stream is one such step that will achieve this goal.

As a result of this shift, the draft plan signals a review and rethink of Council's waste management activities in line with long-term refuse

minimisation principles. This process is shaped by the need to align our practice with the aims of the WMA and the New Zealand Waste Strategy. It replaces Council's Solid Waste Management Strategy (2001).

The draft plan 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.

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

3. CONSULTATION AND SUBMISSIONS

The full Statement of Proposal, the full Draft Waste Management and Minimisation Plan and submission forms may be obtained from:

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

Submissions are welcomed on the draft plan. These should be addressed to:

Draft Waste Management and Minimisation Plan
Wanganui District Council
PO Box 637
Wanganui 4050

The submission period runs from 27 July 2009 to 24 August 2009.

Submissions close at 4.00pm on Monday, 24 August 2009.

Enquiries about the Draft Waste Management and Minimisation Plan can be directed to Stephanie Rose (06 349 0001).