

Refuse & Recycling

Goal

To progressively decrease the volumes of solid waste landfilled in the district, with a view to ultimately achieving zero waste to landfill.

Key Issues for 2007/2008

In its mission to achieving zero waste to landfill, Council ceased to provide any household rubbish collection service since 1998. In its place, to encourage recycling, there is a free kerbside recycling pickup service undertaken weekly within the urban area, and to the north and south via the State Highway system, and most commercial properties contract for a twice-weekly pickup of recyclable materials.

To enhance this service in 2007/2008, Council had proposed to implement ZORG (Zero ORGanics to landfill), by providing each residential household with two plastic bins. One bin was to be for the usual recyclable products – paper, plastic, glass, etc. The other bin was for food scraps, garden waste and compostable material. However, following consideration of submissions to the Draft Annual Plan, Council has resolved to withdraw the ZORG project from the 2007/2008 financial year. Nevertheless, Council remains committed to the principals of ZORG and will include it in the Draft Annual Plan 2008/2009.

Further, during 2007/2008 Council had intended to enhance the recycling service for several rural communities, by installing underground receptacles (Sulo bins) at discreet locations for recyclable material to be deposited, and this material would then be removed weekly. Over 30 submissions to the Draft Annual Plan were in opposition to this proposal, and Council has dispensed with the Sulo bin project for the 2007/2008 financial year. Instead it may consider conducting a trial of the bins in those communities that did express support for the service. If the trial is successful, Council may consider reintroducing the Sulo bin proposal for 2008/2009.

Council (through the Kaikoura Enhancement Trust) will be promoting a reduction in the use of plastic bags, by instead making material bags available. A reduction in the use of plastic bags is expected to reduce the community's impact on the environment, marine mammals, and litter throughout the district, as well as reduce the amount of plastic being sent to landfill.

What's changed since the 2006-2016 LTCCP?

Council had provided in the LTCCP for the introduction of ZORG in 2007/2008, but now has deferred its introduction to 2008/2009. The material bags and Sulo bins projects had not specifically been provided for.

Performance Measures to assess progress towards achievement of Community Outcomes

Community Outcome	How the Refuse & Recycling Activity Contributes	Performance Measure	2007/2008 Target	10 Year Target
Sustainable Development	By providing adequate infrastructure and services, appropriately funded, to meet future development needs	Percentage of residents surveyed who are satisfied with the Resource Recovery Centre	91%	Increasing by 1% p.a.
Environmental Protection and Enhancement	By preserving the scenic and amenity values that ensure a natural and tranquil Kaikoura	Percentage of residents surveyed who are satisfied with the (absence of) litter in public places	55%	Increasing by 5% p.a.
	By maximising the remaining life of the existing landfill through a programme of waste minimisation and recycling, with diversion from landfill as high as possible before any residual waste is landfilled in Kaikoura or transported to a regional facility outside the district	Percentage of waste material diverted from landfill, measured by volume	75%	Increasing by 5% p.a. thereafter
	Attain zero waste to landfill by 2015	Solid waste landfilled per annum (actual tonnage)	Decreasing by 12.5% p.a.	Zero waste to landfill achieved

Capital Works 2007/2008

As Council has resolved not to proceed with the ZORG and Sulo Bin projects in 2007/2008, no capital works are planned for this financial year.

How will the Cost of Refuse & Recycling affect my Rates?

The provision of material bags is to be funded by grant applications, and potentially bag sales, and will not commence unless external funding is secured.

Council recovers the annual cost of the maintenance and management of the Resource Recovery Centre, and the recycling pick up service, and any loan servicing costs, by including this cost in the Uniform Annual General Charge. This charge is a rate on every separately used or inhabited part of a rating unit within the district.

Forecast Cost of Service Statement – Refuse & Recycling

	LTCCP 2006/2007	LTCCP 2007/2008	Annual Plan 2007/2008		LTCCP 2006/2007	LTCCP 2007/2008	Annual Plan 2007/2008
Operating Expenses				Capital Expenditure			
<u>Refuse & Recycling</u>				New/Upgrade Assets (Sulo bins)	-	-	-
Operations	315,320	419,068	359,586	Renewals	7,500	7,500	7,500
Loan Interest	7,792	7,792	8,232	Increase Level of Service (ZORG)	-	-	-
Depreciation	3,078	3,628	3,487	Loan Principal	5,838	6,394	6,773
	<u>326,190</u>	<u>430,488</u>	<u>371,305</u>	Total Capital Expenditure	<u>13,338</u>	<u>13,894</u>	<u>14,273</u>
Funded by:				Funded by:			
User Fees & Charges	1,000	-	-	Uniform Annual General Charge	335,450	440,754	382,091
Development Contributions	21,870	22,548	22,548	Reserves	(21,870)	(22,548)	(22,548)
	<u>22,870</u>	<u>22,548</u>	<u>22,548</u>	Loans	-	-	-
Activity Surplus/(Deficit)	(303,320)	(407,940)	(348,757)	Depreciation	3,078	3,628	3,487
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