



Kaikōura District Council Statement of Proposal Review of Waste Management and Minimisation Plan

1. Introduction

- a) The Waste Minimisation Act 2008 ('the Act') requires local authorities to have a Waste Management and Minimisation Plan (WMMP) which contains a summary of the Council's objectives, policies and targets for waste management and minimisation and indicates how the Council will deliver on these objectives.
- b) The Act also requires that such WMMPs are periodically reviewed, and such a review is now being undertaken. As part of this review a detailed Waste Assessment has been prepared that meets the requirements of section 51 of the Act, and this assessment document contains much of the information that underpins this WMMP and should be read in conjunction with it.

2. Purpose of this Statement of Proposal

- a) The Council must follow the Special Consultative Procedure contained in the Local Government Act for community consultation and comment in making or reviewing a WMMP.
- b) As part of the Special Consultative Procedure the Council must produce a Statement of Proposal, which contains a summary of information that is a fair representation of the major matters in the proposal and make it available to the community. This document is the Statement of Proposal. The information contained in this Statement of Proposal has been approved by Council for notification and consultation.

3. WMMP Review Direction

- a) Some significant changes were made to waste services when the WMMP was last reviewed in 2020/21 including introduction of a kerbside refuse collection in Kaikōura.
- b) The closure of the Kaikōura landfill, which was signalled in the previous WMMP has now occurred and this has created some operational and financial challenges.
- c) In this environment it is proposed to focus on ensuring that existing services remain sustainable and affordable, rather than seeking to significantly raise levels of service.
- d) Some potential small service improvement options have however been identified, upon which community feedback would be useful.

4. Proposal

- a) A summary of the methods of managing and minimising waste proposed to be adopted in the WMMP is presented in the following Table 1.
- b) It is stressed that the WMMP only represents a plan and intent regarding the management of waste. It is not an absolute commitment, and delivery of the plan will be dependent upon factors such as the affordability of implementation.

System Component	Suggested Form	Potential Improvements
Refuse collection (Kaikōura Urban)	Fortnightly collection of pre-paid refuse bags (status quo)	Potential provision of dedicated food waste containers and increase collection frequency
Recycle collection (Kaikōura Urban)	Fortnightly rates funded, crate based collection (status quo)	
Food scrap collection (Kaik. Urban)	Food scrap collection with kerbside refuse collection (status quo)	
Resource Recovery Centre ('RRC')	Status quo.	Introduce service for expanded polystyrene
Transfer station	Refuse compacted and transported to Kate Valley regional landfill (status quo)	
Clean Fill	Currently no service available, treated as refuse	Explore potential to establish clean fill disposal site adjacent to RRC
Green Waste	Composting service at RRC (Status Quo)	Upgrades to site and process may be needed to meet ECan requirements
Street Litter Bins	Status quo, all bins for refuse litter, no recycling bins.	
Kerbside bulky waste collection	Do not conduct	
Rural Recycling Centres	Basic facilities at Lynton Downs, Clarence and Kekerengu (status quo)	
Re-use Services	Retain status quo, perhaps explore extending range of materials offered for re-use	Potential support of 'repair café'
Waste Education	Increased promotion of waste minimisation	Employment of a part-time waste educator, advertising budget

Table 1: Suggested Waste Management System Configuration

5. Consultation Schedule

- a) As part of the one-month consultation process, we will do the following:
 - Put the draft proposed WMMP and associated Waste Assessment on KDC website with a link to an online submission form from 1 August to 1 September 2025 asking for feedback on the document.
 - A newspaper article informing town residents that the consultation is live and where to find the document and give feedback.
 - Social media posts.
- b) A hearing scheduled for 10 September 2025 with Council. The hearing will provide the Council with the opportunity to hear submissions and make recommendations.
- c) After the one-month public consultation KDC staff will assess the feedback and revise the documents accordingly.
- d) A final copy of the document considering the recommendations of the hearings is intended to be presented at the 24 September 2025 Council meeting, where final approval of Council will be sought.

Attachment 1: Draft Waste Assessment

Attachment 2: Kaikōura District Draft Waste Management & Minimisation Plan