SWAMMP Submission No. 012

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Proposed Solid Waste (Asset) Minimisation Management Plan 2018

Submission Form

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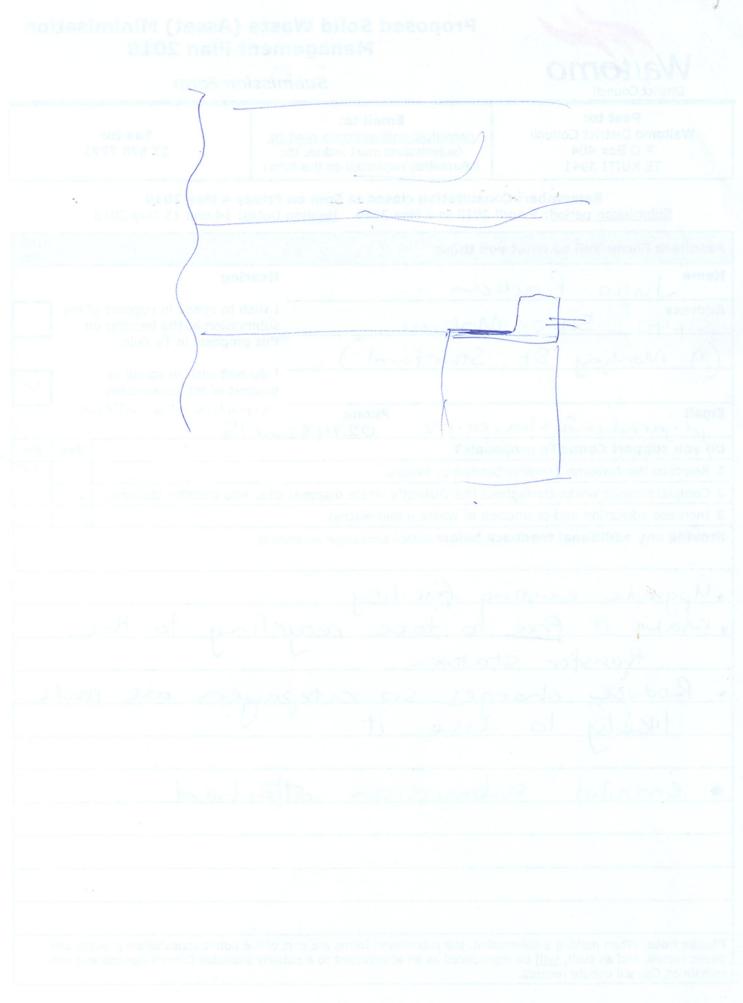
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Remember: Consultation closes at 5pm on Friday 4 May 2018
Submission period: 5 April 2018 to 4 May 2018
Hearing Dates: 14 and 15 May 2018

Name Hearing		Tick box
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support of my	submission	V
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Do you support Council's proposals?	Yes	No
1 Relocate the Awakino Transfer Station to Mokau.		1
2 Complete minor works throughout the District's waste disposal sites and transf	er stations.	
3 Increase education and promotion of waste minimisation.		
· Make it free to take recycling transfer station Reduce charges so ratepayers likely to use it	to the	Q.
emailed submission attached	_	







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I would like to speak to my submission but unfortunately am unable to do so as I work in Stratford and cannot take a full day off work.

Having read #1 WDC "Proposed SWaMMP 2018-2028" and #2 WDC "Statement of proposal: SWaMMP 2018" and #2 WDC "Shape Waitomo to your liking...consultation document for our ten year plan 2018-2028" (which incidentally includes nothing about the relocation of the Awakino/Mokau Transfer Station – not even in the "Other matters of interest section" pg 17), I submit the following in opposition to the relocation of the Awakino/Mokau transfer station.

I am a ratepayer and our property shares a boundary with the proposed transfer station in the Inframax yard. Have we personally been contacted about the impact this relocation will have on us and our property? No we have not. Has there been any consultation with us about the impact this relocation will have on the value of our property? No there has not. Our property is not a holiday batch – it is our primary residence and the only property we own. Clearly we don't matter. I hate to think how the poor Batley whanau (including Dame June Jackson and MP Willie Jackson), who own the property sharing the entire southern boundary with the proposed site, are feeling. Their home is within just a few metres of the proposed green waste dump.

In document #2, under "key matters", the first bullet point is Protecting public health and safety. The document goes on to say...the transfer station is only ever staffed by one person. For the number of hours it is actually open (I have never been there when it IS open despite going during advertised opening hours – have since given up), add another staff member! If it was reliably open as advertised, this could help with usage. If cell phone coverage is an issue, try a satellite phone. How is it, these issues were not considered at the time of establishing the Transfer Station on Manganui Rd in the first place? Seems to me you are throwing the baby out with the bath water. #2 document proposes relocating the transfer station will solve the problem of "overflow of waste at the public recycling station and community waste bins" – really? Do you seriously think the public are going to drive down the road to Oha St, find the transfer station closed (or open even) and pay to leave recycling and rubbish there? I find this difficult to comprehend. The best they will do is leave it outside the transfer station.

#2 under "Proposal" states "...measures will be taken and put in place to mitigate, reduce or remove adverse effects associated with transfer stations." Surely there are no adverse effects or we, as immediate neighbours, would have been consulted. This is of course tongue in cheek. There clearly are adverse effects or you would not have included this statement. So what are these adverse effects? Are we not to be privy to these? Are these adverse effects secret? You state with such confidence that you will mitigate, remove, reduce blah blah. Well how about you list the adverse effects and for each adverse effect how you propose to mitigate, reduce or remove each of them. Mitigate is such a wonderfully political word to use as it could mean many things, some of which are decidedly wishywashy.

Wishy-washiness continues in #2 "Proposal....Health and Safety....all practicable steps will be taken..." What does practicable mean? Is secure fencing practicable? Is rat control practicable? Is adequate drainage practicable? We know how much water flows under this site because it flows through our property immediately beforehand. Is containing green waste and leachate practicable? All you need to say in response to questions down the track is ... "Sorry that was just not practicable"!

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As weekend and school holiday occupants of our property, we rarely use the recycling service as our bin would likely disappear from SH3 between Tuesday and Friday night. We tend to take our recycling and general rubbish back to Stratford with us and it goes in the Stratford District Council rubbish collection. There will be many other ratepayers in a similar situation for sure.

Document #1 pg 115 "A1.6 Local Govt. Act 2002...consultation...accountability between local authorities and their communities..." Where is the real consultation? Where is the accountability of the WDC? Surely you don't consider a "Meet your councillor" meeting as consultation. I have attended these. This is an informal meeting where nothing is minuted. They should not be called meetings as they are not. It is merely a tick the box exercise, is unprofessional, insulting and time wasting for all those who attend. All the councillor needs to say is "I don't recall". As for accountability, the only accountability is with the ratepayers who get hefty penalties if rates are not paid on time. Seems all the meaningful accountability is with ratepayers.

I conclusion, it seems quite clear to me that matters are decided by WDC, "consultation" with the affected communities is done after the fact. It is a foregone conclusion and the locals are too stupid and ill-informed to have any valid opinions or knowledge. This is dishonest and I have no confidence, certainly in the matter of the relocation of the Awakino/Mokau Transfer Station that any real community consultation has taken place.

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