



# **Submissions Booklet**

**Draft Waste Management and**

**Minimisation Plan 2024**

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**I wish to speak to Council about my submission**

No

**Do you support our draft Waste Management and Minimisation Plan (WMMP) in general?**

Yes, I agree

**What are your reasons?**

Think much of this is long overdue.

**Do you agree with the options and timeframes we have set in the draft WMMP?**

No, I do not agree

**Please outline your reasons**

Note I am saying no because I have to choose between yes and no. Some yes, some no. 1. Hard to have any practical view on the timeframes outlined without understanding why they are as proposed. 2. Evaluating whether the landfill should be sold to a third party with a long term contract would seem to make sense given the increasingly specialised nature of waste minimisation, economies of secondary markets, etc. 3. Has any analysis been done on eliminating kerbside collection outside of Te Kuiti, particularly in settlements where there are transfer stations?

**What else could we do to help reduce waste in our district?**

1. Encourage more home composting and educate people on how it directly reduces their blue bag costs and how easy it is to do. 2. Talk to Menz Shed about knocking up some bins for people with surplus wooden pallets. 3. Negotiate with Mitre10 to offer WDC residents a discount on compost bins. Or Bokashi. 4. Ask New World to consider participating in the soft plastics recycling programme offered in many supermarkets around the country.

**Other comments or feedback**

1. Schools should be noted in 11.6 "Partnerships" 2. Think work should be done upfront to establish what has already been done in the schools in terms of waste minimisation and composting so you don't have a consultant reinventing the wheel on some of this. I believe both Piopio College and Piopio Primary are already composting to some extent. Piopio College has been introduced recently to Carbon Cycle Composting Company to discuss a more enhanced system for their horticulture programme and veggie garden. 3. On the issue of waste coming to TK landfill from outside of the district, there is no information as to whether this is being done to cover operating overhead costs and is in fact of benefit to ratepayers or not. Analysis should establish whether this should be continued, if future (declining) capacity should be reserved for residents, or if the landfill should be sold to a specialised contractor with a long term contract in place for district waste. 4. Wondering why Piopio's Solid Waste Collection-Service Charge at \$158 per property per annum is higher than Mokau at \$154. There is no detail on how these rates are set and why they are what they are. There's a reference to different service levels but both communities have both kerbside collection and transfer stations.

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No

**Do you support our draft Waste Management and Minimisation Plan (WMMP) in general?**

Yes, I agree

**What are your reasons?**

No reduction of services and moving to national standards

**Do you agree with the options and timeframes we have set in the draft WMMP?**

No, I do not agree

**Please outline your reasons**

I'm not sure if Mokau will get New Bins and how they will work with most properties being only occasionally used holiday homes

**What else could we do to help reduce waste in our district?**

Green waste drop off in Te Kuiti only does not work for Mokau residents now There is constant illegal dumping in our area which costs the council more to remove Maybe a monthly collection of special Hooker Bin from current Dump would be better option

**Other comments or feedback**

Also local Awakino Dump currently doesn't take Tyres If it did there would not be so many illegally dumped over beach and gullies locally

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**I wish to speak to Council about my submission**

No

**Do you support our draft Waste Management and Minimisation Plan (WMMP) in general?**

Yes, I agree

**What are your reasons?**

I wholeheartedly agree with waste minimisation, especially recycling and composting

**Do you agree with the options and timeframes we have set in the draft WMMP?**

Yes, I agree

**Please outline your reasons**

There's so much waste going to landfill that could be reused, recycled or composted.

**What else could we do to help reduce waste in our district?**

Open a reuse store like the one in Taumarunui

**Other comments or feedback**

Please consider options for rural residents

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**I wish to speak to Council about my submission**

Yes

**Do you support our draft Waste Management and Minimisation Plan (WMMP) in general?**

No, I do not agree

**What are your reasons?**

I have the following concerns: -Inadequate consultation process- look to Hamilton City Council WMMP for a better example of consultation. Or, to the council consultation process for the Centennial Park development project. We have the skills. -Inclusion of marae without consultation. Marae are autonomous and should be included at the beginning of the planning process in partnership. It is inappropriate for council to include marae as one of four targets in this WMMP as it infers to the community that marae are sites of waste creation and it publicly obligates marae to participate in this target for it to be fulfilled. Furthermore, some marae are already involved with Para Kore, and they could have instead been included in the creation of the WMMP and its targets. -Plan lacks ambition, defaulting to national strategy when we could make local changes, and become national leaders.

**Do you agree with the options and timeframes we have set in the draft WMMP?**

No, I do not agree

**Please outline your reasons**

In general, the timeframes are too long. For example: 11.1 Service-Action #5 A scoping project could be done in a short timeframe to determine these services, potentially 2024. It does not have to wait until 2030. 11.2 Infrastructure- Action # 11 The report previously mentioned that only a final assessment was required and that only one landfill was affected. Why does this have to take until 2028?

**What else could we do to help reduce waste in our district?**

We need brave, ambitious leaders that push for systems change and a reduction in waste creation (minimisation) vs diversion of waste created (management). We need to aim to be operating higher up the waste hierarchy. We should not be falling back on national approaches and strategies as an excuse to inaction. The WMMP does not adequately C&D waste, which could be addressed through council bylaws. Nor does it adequately address organic waste, which could be managed locally with the creation of a composting facility. A scoping project could be paid for through the Waste Minimisation Fund. This would seek to minimise a significant amount of our local waste. Further to this and in support of a circular economy, I believe it is important that a resource or environment centre be investigated/scoped before the end of the year, and its implementation be a priority of council. Although this is lower in the waste hierarchy, it is important to address current waste that could be more effectively diverted. If we truly care about waste minimisation and the "myth that we can recycle our way out of a mounting plastic pollution crisis" than let's look beyond the status quo and strive for innovation, change, and leadership.

**Other comments or feedback**

Were the goals of the previous WMMP met? Can you please provide information on the author of the report- L Kenny, including the following: - what firm they are from - their background in waste minimisation/management - the process taken to select them as the report writer, including the briefing they were given Can you please provide data on litter and illegal dumping, and how this has been included in waste totals? Where does green waste currently go? Where does diverted waste currently go? What is being done to address the danger of freshwater flooding to landfills in our district?

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Kia ora,

Please find the attached submission for Waitomo District Council’s WMMP consultation.

Ngā mihi,  
Valerie

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Dear Sir/Madam

**Waikato Regional Council submission to the Waitomo District Council draft Waste Management and Minimisation plan**

Thank you for the opportunity to make a submission on Waitomo District Council's draft Waste Management and Minimisation Plan. Please find attached the Waikato Regional Council's (the council's) submission regarding this document. This submission was formally endorsed by WRC's Strategy and Policy Committee under delegated authority on 3 April 2024. We look forward to being involved in further discussion on this subject.

Should you have any queries regarding the content of this document please contact Valerie Bianchi, Waste Prevention Advisor, Business and Education Services directly on (07) 859 0515 or by email [Valerie.Bianchi@waikatoregion.govt.nz](mailto:Valerie.Bianchi@waikatoregion.govt.nz).

Regards,

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Tracey May,  
Director, Science, Policy and Information

## Submission from Waikato Regional Council on Waitomo District Council's draft Waste Management and Minimisation Plan

3 April 2024

### Introduction

1. Waikato Regional Council (the council) appreciates the opportunity to make a submission to Waitomo District Council's draft Waste Management and Minimisation Plan (WMMP).
2. The council contributes to waste prevention through the *Waste Prevention Action Plan 2020-2025*.<sup>1</sup> This Action Plan outlines focus and action areas, including carrying out local coordination and research, to participate in the transition to a circular economy.

### The council's submission points

3. Generally, the council supports the targets, objectives and goals outlined in the draft WMMP. The council supports the focus on working with the community and offering the Para Kore programme and education in schools.
4. The council's key areas of interest relate to the target to divert 50% of the district's waste to landfill by 2030; opportunity to work with other councils; and the opportunity for organic material diversion through local loops.
5. The Waikato Wellbeing Project has been initiated to see the Waikato region grow inclusive prosperity and environmental sustainability by 2030. SGD 12 is focused on responsible consumption and production. The regional goal for SDG 12 is to increase the number of schools, businesses and farms who reduce their waste, leading to a 50% reduction of waste to landfill by 2030.<sup>2</sup> This aligns with the WMMP's target to divert 50% of the districts waste to landfill by 2030.
6. To see meaningful change in how we produce and consume goods that currently become waste, systemic change needs to occur. The council sees the potential in the goal to look for new opportunities to work with neighbouring councils on new or expanded facilities and services that will contribute to a circular economy. The council believes that collaboration and cross boundary work can strengthen our collective achievement and progress. The council supports collaborative work, education and networking through administration of the Central North Island Waste Liaison Group. This has resulted in numerous projects and support for local government staff working in waste and waste prevention. The council encourages Waitomo District Council to allocate staff time to engage with the Central North Island Waste Liaison Group and be an active part of the collaborative projects that are run, including on future infrastructure and service projects.
7. The council notes that half of the waste generated at kerbside is organic waste. It encourages Waitomo District Council to engage with council staff on the soon to be published Circularising Organics report. This relates to objective 2.2 to investigate and implement new services and facilities that will encourage the minimisation of waste through increased opportunity to divert waste, as well as objectives 3.1 and 3.2.

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<sup>1</sup> [Waikato-Waste-Prevention-Action-Plan-2020-2025.pdf \(waikatoregion.govt.nz\)](#)

<sup>2</sup> <https://www.waikatowellbeingproject.co.nz/>

8. Generated under the *Waste Prevention Action Plan*, the Circularising Organics (CO) project contributes to the development of robust and resilient organics material systems that improve soil health, reduces emissions, feeds families, creates jobs and increases mana. The research project set out to investigate the implications of different types and methods of collections and processing organic material, contamination and how this might be mitigated, and identify what end markets already exist for a high-quality product. This information provides a basis for decision making and a collective approach to organic material management in the Waikato Region. This research could help support decision making in the Waitomo District with regard to organic material management. Some of the research indicates that building local capability in organic material processing, including at the iwi and marae levels, can contribute to community resilience, economic growth and environmental sustainability. Community scale organics material processing as close as possible to source has the potential to connect people to place and boost local food production. Since Waitomo is largely a rural population, community scale solutions could present an opportunity.

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Ngā mihi

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## Enviro NZ Services Limited

### Submission to Waitomo Council WMMP 2024

**8 April 2024**

#### Introduction

Enviro NZ Services Limited ("Enviro NZ") is a national waste service provider. Enviro NZ has 75 operating sites throughout New Zealand. Sites include collections depots, materials recovery facilities, transfer stations, cleanfill, landfills and solid and liquid hazardous waste treatment facilities. Enviro NZ operates over 600 vehicles and has over 1100 staff.

Within the Waitomo District Council area, Enviro NZ operates the following waste management facilities:

- Te Kuiti Landfill;
- Kerbside rubbish and recycling services;
- Transfer of waste from the rural transfer stations to WDL;
- Collection of recyclables from all transfer stations and transport to Hamilton for processing.

Enviro NZ also owns and operates the Hampton Downs Landfill in the Waikato Region. Hampton Downs Landfill is New Zealand's largest landfill in terms of consented capacity (30,000,000 cubic metres). This site also has an aerated static pile composting facility consented to process up to 30,000 tonnes per year of organics.

Enviro NZ owns the Pokeno RRC also has a concrete recycling plant and a wood waste recovery facility that shreds wood waste for use as fuel.

Enviro NZ makes the following submission.

#### Goals and Objectives

Enviro NZ broadly supports the visions, goals, objectives and targets outlined in Section 4. Particularly, the following objectives are of note to Enviro NZ:

*Objective 2.2* "Investigate and implement new services and facilities that will encourage minimisation of waste through increased opportunity to divert waste materials."

*Objective 3.2* "Ensure our waste infrastructure encourages increased diversion through reduction, reuse, recycling and resale."

*Objective 4.2            "Ensure our waste services and infrastructure are safe, compliant, resilient and have flexibility to meet the changing needs of our community."*

In respect of the above objectives, Enviro NZ supports working collaboratively with the Council to provide waste services. In our experience the achievement of the Council's waste minimisation target will only be possible through partnership with the private sector in the provision of resource recovery and other waste services and facilities. We would be interested in exploring further our shared objectives and areas of mutual interest with Council, including recovery of value of waste diverted from landfill.

The review from the Medical Officer of Health at Section 4.5 is not included in the consultation documents. However, Enviro NZ internally audit sites for environmental compliance on a regular basis and require environmental parameters to be met.

In terms of data collection, there should be consistent variables for data collection between Councils in order for waste companies to collate the data in an efficient and reduced-cost way. It is suggested that it would be reasonable to require information on a quarterly basis.

#### Options for the Future

Enviro NZ welcomes investigations into increased diversion of materials from the transfer station however cautions Council on the likely quantities of commercial waste available for diversion. Ensuring materials are economically recoverable or recyclable is essential.

In terms of services, Enviro NZ would be happy to work with Council on ways to refine ideas for resource recovery that include using the existing network of private facilities.

Options for the landfill must include consideration of landfill capacity as it is nearing full capacity, based on the current fill plan.

Education: Engagement with private waste providers is welcomed when developing collaborative waste education programmes. The experience of Enviro NZ in waste collection and processing can be beneficial in designing useful education.

Data, Regulation and Partnerships: Enviro NZ supports updated regulation to support national waste legislation. However, additional bylaw controls should only be considered following engagement with all industry players, particularly commercial waste companies to ensure that unintended consequences do not result.

Plan implementation funding: Enviro NZ support collaborative partnerships with private waste providers where the goals of the WMMP can be attained.

#### Actions

*5. Consider kerbside organics collection for the main urban area if financially viable and environmentally sustainable to do so*

Enviro NZ operates successful composting operations around the country and has the capability to undertake the collection and processing of organics to reduce regional GHG emissions.

*10. Expand the range of domestic hazardous waste that can be safely received and stored at Te Kuiti transfer station for appropriate disposal. This could include domestic medical waste and medical sharps.*

Domestic hazardous waste can present significant safety and environmental hazards, and therefore robust infrastructure needs to be in place at the transfer stations to ensure any risks are minimised.

### **Summary**

In summary, Enviro NZ generally supports Council's proposals in the draft WMMP. We would be happy to make available the knowledge and experience of our staff to assist the Council in undertaking investigations and assessments and in developing new waste services and facilities in the future.

Yours Sincerely

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### **Laurence Dolan**

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