

## DRAFT WASTE MANAGEMENT AND MINIMISATION PLAN APRIL 2023

### STATEMENT OF PROPOSAL

*Prepared under Section 83 of The Local Government Act 2002*

#### **Introduction**

Hurunui District Council (the Council) is consulting on a new Waste Minimisation and Management Plan (WMMP). The WMMP is the Council's proposed strategy for the management of solid waste in Hurunui for the next six years. It identifies Council's vision, goals, objectives, targets, and methods for achieving effective and efficient waste management and minimisation. The WMMP covers all activities and facilities relating to solid waste in the District, including diverted material and hazardous waste.

The WMMP is prepared in accordance with Part 4, Sections 44 and 50 of the Waste Management Act 2008

#### **Why is the council proposing a new WMMP?**

The Council has a statutory responsibility under the Waste Minimisation Act 2008 (WMA) to "promote effective and efficient waste minimisation" and, for this purpose, to "adopt a waste management and minimisation plan". The WMA also requires the Council to carry out a waste assessment and a review of the current WMMP.

#### **The Waste Assessment**

The Waste Assessment establishes the planning foundations for the WMMP by describing the waste situation, setting the vision, goals, objectives and targets for the District, and developing options for meeting future demand. Much of the key information presented in the Waste Assessment is summarised in the draft WMMP.

The Waste Assessment completed in mid-2020 determined that:

- Higher than expected urban growth in Amberley has led to an increase in both household waste and construction waste generated during house building.
- A number of traditional options exist to manage the waste associated with this growth, for example increasing bin numbers and expanding services.
- There has been an increase in the number of recycling streams available (i.e. for different types of material), as well as an increase in consumer expectations for access to recycling.
- There are emerging non-traditional options (such as product stewardship schemes) which operate higher up the waste hierarchy and aim to introduce funding streams to deal with specific types of waste or limit the growth of waste generation.
- Satisfaction levels with waste and recycling services in Hurunui are generally high, with few complaints received.
- There continues to be public interest in wheelie bin options for kerbside collection and increased transfer station hours.

The 2014 WMMP was subsequently reviewed with regard to the following:

- The vision, goals, objectives, targets, and preferred options of the 2020 Waste Assessment.
- Ministry for the Environment's 2015 guide: Waste Assessments and Waste Management and Minimisation Planning – a guide for Territorial Authorities.
- Considering whether the plan is still fit for purpose.

As a result of the review, Council endorsed the writing of a new WMMP at the July 2020 Council meeting.

### **What is Council proposing in the new WMMP?**

This WMMP will provide the Council with a plan for achieving its waste management and minimisation goals in a structured way.

In summary, the key issues (and opportunities) identified in the Plan are:

- Growth in population, in particular increasing urban development, meaning higher demand for kerbside collection services and transfer stations.
- Affordability of waste and recycling services given the small population and large geographic area.
- Changes to the regulatory environment regarding waste, including enhanced reporting requirements and potential future recycling mandates.
- The need to maintain and improve the standard of recycling and waste deposited by the public (e.g. avoid contaminated or non-acceptable recycling, reduce illegal rubbish dumping).

Specific actions have been identified in the Action Plan (Section 8) to help address these issues and challenges.

In summary the key actions proposed in the WMMP are to:

- Continue to offer the current waste and recycling services.
- Investigate the affordability of a wheelie bin collection system for kerbside collections.
- Investigate the feasibility of kerbside food waste collections.
- Continue education around waste reduction, including increasing our capacity to work with businesses on their waste streams.
- Explore and embrace emerging recycling streams (where they are financially feasible for users/ratepayers).
- Improve access to existing services by reviewing transfer station operating hours.
- Assess closed landfills and work to ensure compliance with consent conditions.

### **Funding the Plan**

The WMMP provides information on how the Council intends to fund the activities over the next six years. The mechanisms available include:

- Targeted rates
- Fees and charges (including gate fees, user charges)
- Income from the sale of recyclables
- Subsidies and grants

- Private sector funding
- Debt (if required)
- Waste disposal levy money

### Distribution

The draft WMMP is available on the Council’s website at:

<https://www.hurunui.govt.nz/wastetowanted>

A printed copy may be requested from any Council Service Centre.

### Proposed timetable for consultation

Tuesday, 28 March 2023	Council adopts the draft WMMP
Monday, 17 April 2023	Draft WMMP is made available online
From 3 May 2023	Facebook posts, Council NCN newsletter, and Council’s consultation web page and posters with QR codes
Tuesday, 6 June 2023	Submissions close 5pm
Tuesday, 27 June 2023	Submissions heard by full Council
Tuesday, 25 July 2023	Council considers outcome of consultation process and adopts the WMMP including any revisions arising from consultation

### Right to make submissions and be heard

This Plan is a proposal. You have an opportunity to have your say before it is finalised. You can comment on any aspect of the proposed Plan.

Any person or organisation making a submission may request to be heard in support of their submission. The date tentatively set down for this is currently Tuesday 27 June 2023.

Submissions can be made in the following ways:

- Online (preferred) at <https://www.hurunui.govt.nz/wastetowanted>
- Alternatively, submissions can be emailed to [recycling@hurunui.govt.nz](mailto:recycling@hurunui.govt.nz)
- Or posted to:

Proposed Waste Management and Minimisation Plan  
Hurunui District Council  
PO Box 13  
Amberley 7441

All submissions must be received no later than 5pm on Tuesday 6 June 2023. All submissions received will be acknowledged and will become publicly available information.