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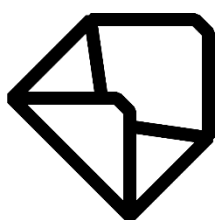
Statement of Proposal to Adopt the Chatham Islands Waste Management and Minimisation Plan 2023

Have your say

The Council invites your views on the draft Chatham Islands Waste Management and Minimisation Plan 2023 (WMMP). To have your say on the draft WMMP you can:



Email your completed submission form or feedback to **secretary@cic.govt.nz** – please ensure you use ‘WMMP’ as your email subject and that your name and address are included.



Record your views and return by post, or in person, to an address below. Please ensure your letter includes your name and address.

If you wish to attend a hearing, please indicate this in your email or letter.



Following the close of consultation, if you have indicated in your submission that you would like to speak to Council about your views, you will be contacted to arrange a time to attend the hearing.

Addresses for hard copy submissions:

Chatham Islands Council
PO Box 24
Waitangi
Chatham Islands 8942

Or

Chatham Islands Council
13 Waitangi Tuku Road
Waitangi

What happens to your feedback?

Your submission, and those of other submitters, will help inform Councillors and finalise the Waste Management and Minimisation Plan 2023.

Key dates	Activity
19 June 2023	Submissions open
21 July 2023	Submissions close
3 August 2023	Oral hearing
18 August 2023	The Council considers submissions
31 August 2023	The Council decide whether to adopt the Bylaw
1 September 2023	If adopted, the new Bylaw becomes effective

Publishing of submissions

We are not able to accept your submission without a name and address. You are, however, able to indicate in your submission if you do not wish your name to be made public. All submissions are public documents and copies and/or a summary will be published on our website and are subject to requests under the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987.

Introduction

Chatham Islands 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 the Chatham Islands 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.

This Statement of Proposal has been prepared in accordance with section 83 of the Local Government Act 2002 (LGA) and part 4, sections 44 and 50 of the Waste Minimisation Act 2008 (WMA).

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 Island, and developing options for meeting future demand. Much of the key information presented in the waste assessment is summarised in the final WMMP.

The waste assessment completed in July 2022 determined that:

- Since Council prepared its previous WMMP in 2014, good progress was made with the closure of three dump sites, and development of a waste transfer station at Kaingaroa, a materials recovery facility at Te One, and a landfill at Owenga.
- Council has contracted its solid waste management activities to Fulton Hogan which has resulted in operational improvements.
- Whilst diverted material is being collected, it needs to be processed properly so that it can be accepted by Timaru District Council's contractor. Council also needs to arrange with Chatham Island Shipping for the recyclables to be transported back to New Zealand.
- There is very limited information on waste quantities and composition, though measuring of household waste in black bags has recently started. Funding was secured and a weighbridge was installed in late 2022.
- In the absence of waste measurements, either by weighing or volume conversion, waste quantities have been estimated using a population waste generation factor and population statistics. For the past year the annual waste quantities were estimated to be 534.7 tonnes.

- A waste levy of \$30 per tonne of waste disposed is paid by Council. This is set to increase to \$50 per tonne by 1 July 2023 and will increase by a further \$10 per tonne to \$60/tonne on 1 July 2024.
- In 2022 it was estimated that about 26.5 tonnes of recyclables were diverted from landfill representing an overall diversion rate of just under 5%.
- There are many issues identified at the solid waste management facilities, with the most pressing relating to health and safety with managing wastes and diverted materials; storing of diverted materials to maintain their quality; aging equipment; and disposal of waste whilst Owenga Landfill remained uncommissioned. With the appointment of Fulton Hogan, many of the issues have been resolved and securing of funding through the Waste Management Fund will deal with some of the other significant issues.
- Future demand will be influenced by several factors, the most significant for the Chatham Islands being possible land development stemming from a future Treaty settlement and increased tourism and growth in the hospitality sector.
- Council has a variety of options available to it to address issues and meet future demands, which are listed in the waste assessment. New initiatives will be for Council to work with its waste contractor to continue improvements in the operations and at sites; seek funding for opportunities to increase diversion of materials, such as scrap metal; and expand the “Mitre 12” facility through funding secured from the WMF.
- There is limited scope for waste management and minimisation services required within the Chatham Islands and so Council will undertake practically all the roles to provide those services. However, private initiatives, such as composting, which is being investigated by Hokotehi Moriori Trust, will be supported by Council.

Feedback on the waste assessment was provided by the Canterbury Medical Officer of Health. The feedback has been included in the WMMP, where possible.

The 2014 WMMP was subsequently reviewed regarding the following:

- the vision, goals, objectives, targets and preferred options of the recently completed 2022 waste assessment
- Ministry for the Environment’s 2015 guide: “Waste Assessments and Waste Management and Minimisation Planning – a guide for Territorial Authorities”
- Is the plan still fit for purpose?
 - should it be retained as is, or
 - does it require amendment, or
 - does it require revoking and replacement with a newly written WMMP.

As a result of the review, Council endorsed the writing of a new WMMP at a Special Meeting convened in July 2022.

What is Council proposing in the new WMMP?

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

The key issues identified in the plan are those identified in the waste assessment, as summarised above.

Key opportunities include the following:

- Installing a weighbridge with funding secured through the COVID-19 Response and Recovery Fund.
- Upgrading waste minimisation infrastructure, including building a new “Mitre 12” reuse facility with funding from the Waste Minimisation Fund.
- Working with Council’s waste management contractor to improve and expand our existing waste services.
- Seeking funding for additional waste minimisation projects, such as removing scrap metal from Chatham Island.
- Making improvements to the way in which problem wastes, such as oil, are handled and dealt with.
- Working with other local authorities, such as Timaru District Council, to receive and process our recycled materials.
- Implementing a Solid Waste Bylaw to promote and deliver effective and efficient waste management and minimisation for the Chatham Islands as required under the WMA.
- Considering implementing solid waste charges to encourage residents to divert waste from disposal to landfill.

Specific actions have been identified in the Action Plan (Part B of the WMMP) to help address these issues and challenges.

In summary the key actions proposed in the WMMP cover the following areas:

- Waste reduction and increasing recovery of recyclable and reusable materials
- Improvement of Council’s facilities
- Monitoring and reporting and tracking progress towards achievement of targets
- Communication and education
- Adopt environmentally acceptable waste and diverted material management options
- Collaboration, new initiatives, and continuous improvement
- Clean up of illegal dumping sites on the Chatham Islands and ensure Closed Landfills are monitored appropriately.

Funding the plan

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

- Crown appropriation funding
- Applying for funding through specific funds, such as the Waste Minimisation Fund
- Grants and advances of monies
- Waste disposal levy money
- Targeted rates

Council is also considering issues and options for implementing user charges (e.g., disposal fees) for the disposal of waste. The process will follow the necessary legislative and regulatory process.

Distribution

This draft WMMP and the waste assessment are available at Council's offices as well as on the Council's website at www.cic.govt.nz/. You will find the waste assessment on page 82 of the WMMP document.

What happens next?

Council will acknowledge in writing or by email (if provided) the receipt of your feedback. If you wish to speak to your submission please ensure you state that on your submission form. An oral hearing will be held in Council Chambers at 10am on 3 August 2023.