



Help us reduce waste by a third

The councils of the Wellington region are working together to reduce waste and encourage people to recycle more following an average report card on our performance to date.

You can help by providing feedback on the new draft Wellington Region Waste Management and Minimisation Plan, which aims to slash the amount ending up in local landfills by a third over the next 10 years.

We want your thoughts on a range of possible regional and local action options including the following:

- Having more comprehensive kerbside collections in Wellington City, such as food and green waste. This would decrease the amount of waste that ends up in our city's landfill, reduce carbon emissions, and is something that is likely to be further explored as part of our Long-term Plan 2018–2028.
- Developing a resource recovery network so more materials are diverted from the landfill and reused. This could include facilities for processing food and/or green waste, and finding alternatives for construction materials. All these things are big landfill contributors.
- Exploring the beneficial reuse of biosolids (sewage sludge) that currently go into the landfill producing methane, a potent greenhouse gas.
- Increased communications and education - we already do some great work in this space and there is opportunity to do better.

- Increased lobbying on waste management and minimisation issues such as legislation covering plastic bags, container deposit schemes (mandatory refunds for beverage containers) e-waste, tyres, etc.
- Increased collaboration with the potential for improved shared governance across the region that would better enable regional-scale solutions to the issues identified in the plan.

There's much more in the draft plan and we're keen to hear your views on the proposed target, the regional and local actions, and any other aspect of the plan.

You can make a submission and find more information including our latest waste assessment, the statement of proposal and the draft plan at wgtregionwasteplan.govt.nz. Reference copies of the documents and FreePost submission forms are also available from libraries.

Submissions are open from 18 April to 19 May 2017.

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