
REPORT 7
(1215/12/IM)

**RATIFICATION OF TAWA COMMUNITY BOARD
SUBMISSION:**

- **WCC BYLAW PART 9 – WASTE MANAGEMENT**
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Officers recommend that the Tawa Community Board:

1. *Receives the information.*
2. *Ratifies the Board submission to the Wellington City Council Bylaw Part 9 – Waste Management.*

Attached is the Board submission to the:

- Wellington City Council Bylaw Part 9 – Waste Management (Appendix 1)

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Wellington City Consolidated Bylaw 2008: Part 9 – Waste Management

SUBMISSION ON BEHALF OF THE TAWA COMMUNITY BOARD

November 2008

- 1 The Tawa Community Board (TCB) welcomes the opportunity to make the following submission on the Wellington City Consolidated Bylaw 2008: Part 9 – Waste Management. Waste management is an important part of the role of Council as it impacts on the visual aspect and the health and safety of the community. Waste management also has a significant role in developing Tawa and Wellington as sustainable communities.
- 2 The TCB makes the following comments about “Statement of Proposal” Wellington City Consolidated Bylaw 2008: Part 9 – Waste Management

Statement of Proposal - Section 4.2

- 3 The TCB agrees to the principles of the Consolidated Bylaw 2008: Part 9 as it is proposed to address the following issues:
 - (i) Health and safety risks from incorrect disposal of waste
 - (ii) Unnecessary volume of waste disposed to landfills resulting from uncontrolled waste disposal
 - (iii) Use of public litter and recycle bins for non-pedestrian waste
 - (iv) Diminished amenity value through the uncontrolled accumulation of waste and fugitive waste resulting from wind and spillage during uplifting

Statement of Proposal - Section 4.2.3

- 4 Even though the proposed amendments don't specifically address recycling of material and we understand that the Wellington City Council (WCC) will be consulting on that separately over the coming year; the TCB would like to make the following comment on recycling:
 - (a) There needs to be a review of the type of containers supplied to residents for the collection of recycling material. The current containers are too small and they allow a significant amount of fugitive waste.
 - (b) The TCB recommends the introduction of a larger container that has compartments for holding different types of recycling and the recycling container should have a top. The compartments could be

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labelled so that the contractors that pick up the recycled material could easily separate the recycling in the truck.

- (c) By increasing the size of the container it would be easier to contain the recycling material and it would help to reduce fugitive waste. A top on the container would also help the fugitive waste problem.

Statement of Proposal - Section 4.3.1

- 5 TCB does not support Option1 – Status Quo. The TCB would also not support Option 2 – Education Programmes on its own. This option will not effectively address the problems that the consolidated changes are trying to address. The TCB supports Option 3 – Make a new bylaw/amend and amend an existing bylaw.

However we would also make the following comments about Option 3:

- (a) For the consolidated changes to work, there needs to be voluntary public support for the new bylaw, otherwise there could be significant costs associated with enforcement of the new bylaw. For the public to voluntarily support the new bylaw there needs to be a comprehensive education and information programme about the new bylaw and what residents need to do to comply with it. Without the education and information the new bylaw would not gain wide public support and in the end we will incur significant enforcement costs to meet the objectives of the proposed bylaw.
- (b) The TCB believes that prosecution of offenders may be required but it should be only used as a last resort, as the best way to get the consolidated bylaw working successfully is through the education of the public. The maximum fine of \$20,000 seems to be on the high side and its inclusion in the documentation may be seen as heavy handed. Public support of voluntary compliance is a better way to reach the objectives of the bylaw.

Consolidated Bylaw 2008 Part 9 – Waste Management - Section 4.2.1

- 6 Section 2.2 (a) outlines the effective and efficient waste management within the district. The TCB is concerned that the bylaw in its current form does not address the pickup and collection of waste by private companies from residents and only applies to Council's kerbside collection. While the amount of Council's collected kerbside collection is about 15% of the total landfill collected in the region the amount collected by private contractors could be exceeding the Council's collection.

If the private companies are only collecting the same as the Council's collection then the new bylaw will not be addressing the 15% of landfill collected by these companies. For the long term health and the building of

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sustainable communities, we must be do everything that we can to reduce the amount of waste entering into the landfill.

The TCB recommends that the new bylaw includes the waste collected by private companies from residents. If this cannot be implemented in this bylaw then the collection by private companies needs to be addressed as soon as possible.

- 7 Section 4.2.1 outlines terms and conditions for the services as determined by Council. The TCB is concerned that this section contains a significant list of operational matters with which the residents will need to comply. For community support and acceptance of the new consolidated bylaw to work effectively the terms and conditions need to be easy to understand and easy to comply with. If residents are confused about any of the terms and conditions, it will make compliance extremely difficult and overall, reduce the effectiveness of the bylaw.

The TCB recommends that only the key terms and conditions of operational matters are included in the bylaw, and that a significant education strategy be implemented to inform the residents of the new terms and conditions of the operational matters.

- 7.1 Section 4.2.1. (b) – As outlined in Submission 4 above; the TCB has outlined some concerns and recommendations on recycling.

Section 4.2.1 (d) – The TCB is concerned that current refuse collecting contractors are not complying with the set collection times. We have had numerous complaints from residents on the early start of collection contractors in Tawa, and we see the need for this bylaw to address this issue. Start times need to be published and the contractors need to ensure that they comply with these start time.

Residents are trying to work out the best time to put out the waste for the kerbside collection. If the contractors start too early, residents will have to put the waste out the night before. If the waste is put out the night before then there is a higher chance that the rubbish bags could be vandalised or damaged by dogs or other animals resulting in more fugitive waste. If residents know that the waste will not be collected before 7:00, then they can put the waste in the morning, reducing the chance of vandalism or damage by animals and the resulting issues that this creates.

Consolidated Bylaw 2008 Part 9 – Waste Management - Section 5

- 8 It must be recognised that the Tawa community has access to more than one landfill and that Spicer Landfill is more likely to be the landfill of choice

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for Tawa residents. The TCB recommends that the WCC and Porirua City Councils' should develop the landfill policy in conjunction with each other, so that the Tawa residents are not confused about the different compliance issues that may apply to them when using the regions landfills.

The TCB also recommends that there is WCC support for the recycling of material at Trash Palace at Spicer Landfill. Trash Palace has very positive outcomes for the community through the reuse of second hand household goods and also the decrease in the amount of material deposited into the landfill.

Tawa Community Board

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