

## Infrastructure – Solid Waste

### Recommendation | Ngā tūhunga

That the Kaipara District Council:

- a) Notes the feedback from the community.
- b) Agrees that there are no changes proposed to the financial provision for the Solid Waste Activity, included in the LTP.
- c) Agrees to maintain status quo for recycling and refuse bins, and that the proposed new items set out in table 4, page 17 (**Attachment A**) in the Waste Minimisation Management Plan (WMMP), proposed to be implemented during 2024-2034, are now considered in year 2 of the 2027–2037 LTP.

### Introduction:

Submitters were invited to provide feedback on all the Long-Term Plan (LTP) source documents. Waste sustainability has initiated 27 submissions towards recycling, bins, cost and quality of collections, community composting, and continuous improvement. Some rural areas do not receive a collection at their entrance driveway hence questioning a non-service that is rated.

Moving the Dargaville Transfer Station has also been suggested by two respondents to a more commercial/industrial zone.

With a strong desire for more focus on waste management, including better reward systems for recycling and reducing or eliminating charges for recyclables, some respondents also expressed opposition to the idea of a waste incineration plant.

KDC is being challenged to stick to a waste minimisation plan, adapt our waste to be a circular model for community health, social wellbeing, job creation, reduction of emissions and care for our environment.

Budget proposed in this LTP for waste management:

- \$1.5m in 2027 for Eastern Kaipara Transfer Station development.
- \$1.5m across LTP 2025-2027 years to Dargaville Transfer Station upgrades.
- \$1.2m across LTP 2025-2027 years to closed landfill upgrades
- \$300k in 2027 for Glinks Gully renewal

**TOPIC**

**Submissions are summarised in Attachment B**

- Most of the submissions received would like to see KDC enhance the recycling programme with no charge at the Transfer Station, bins for recycling (not plastic bags), audit the recycling contract and deliverables to meet the Waste Management and Minimisation Plan, and invest in recycling and composting infrastructure.
- Within the recycling comments there was also support for waste bins (not plastic bags), review the waste collection contract, two respondents say the cost of rubbish bags is too high, and one sought expansion of the collection routes.
- Three respondents want the number of public bins increased and the frequency of emptying increased.
- A waste incinerator was opposed by six respondents, others wanted clarity on the waste to energy plan and another supported this initiative. There is concern with how we will manage waste in the future.
- Moving the Dargaville Transfer Station, suggested by two respondents, to a more suitable industrial zone.

**Options and Assessments**

Currently KDC is meeting the targets required of the National Waste Strategy. While little progress can be made in this LTP due to the focus on recovery, we will continue to collaborate with our neighbouring Councils and plan for future activities around waste.

The vision in the approved Waste Management and Minimisation Plan:

“By 2050, Kaipara District is a low-emissions, low-waste society built upon a circular economy”.

Audits already exist for rubbish and recycling content with all our operators. We continue to work with the Contractors to keep any rise in costs of the bags to no more than the CPI increase for the previous year. There is no plan to reduce public rubbish bins, and moving the Dargaville Transfer Station will be considered with future growth and identifying locations that aren't flood prone, away from waterways.

As funding in this LTP is prioritised to recovery, it is proposed funding to modernise waste services in Kaipara District (refer Attachment A), is allocated to year 2 of the 2027-2037 LTP.

**Impact of recommendation on the LTP (financial and non-financial)**

There is no financial or non-financial impact on the LTP.

**Fit with Long Term Plan**

The recommendation is consistent with the Long -Term Plan 2024-2027.

**Policy Implications**

There are no policy implications.

**Conclusion drawn:**

While many submitters wanted refuse and recycling bin services provided, it is recommended that Council maintains status quo to its services and that the proposed new items set out in the table 4, page 17 (Attachment A) of the WMMP to be implemented during the LTP 2024-2034, are now assessed in year 2 of the 2027 – 2037 LTP.

**Attachments | Ngā tapiritanga**

	<b>Title</b>
A	WMMP Table4 - Modernise Waste Services
B	Summary of submissions
C	NZ Waste Strategy - what we will deliver