

# **Waste to energy plant establishment notice of motion - response**

**Meeting:** Kaipara District Council  
**Date of meeting:** 27 June 2024  
**Reporting officer:** Jason Marris, Chief Executive

## **Purpose | Ngā whāinga**

To report back on the notice of motion regarding the establishment of a Waste to Energy (WtE) plant, agreed at the 26 April 2023 Council meeting.

## **Executive summary | Whakarāpopototanga**

In April 2023, Council agreed a Notice of Motion (NoM) to investigate the establishment of a WtE plant. Various meetings and presentations were held and council were updated on progress.

It is important to note that any application for a plant to be established in the Kaipara or elsewhere would be subject to the legislative consenting regimes in place at the time, and that councils would have a regulatory role to perform.

This report recognises that any future application for the establishment of a plant is the responsibility of the private sector, not council, and this report closes out the action required by the NoM.

## **Recommendation | Ngā tūtohunga**

That Kaipara District Council:

- a) Notes that any establishment of a future waste to energy plant is the responsibility of the private sector and not Council.
- b) Notes that any private application would be subject to the legislative consenting processes administered by the Kaipara District Council and Northland Regional Council.
- c) Notes that there has been wide public interest in the topic since the notice of motion was agreed by Council.

## **Context | Horopaki**

At the April 2023 council meeting, after a NoM was proposed, it was resolved as follows;

#### 4. Notice of motion

##### 4.1 Deputy Mayor Larsen - Establishment of a waste to energy plant

[Secretarial note: Deputy Mayor Larsen proposed an amendment to the Notice of motion. The amendment was unopposed.]

**Moved: Deputy Mayor Larsen**

**Seconded: Cr Nayyar**

That Kaipara District Council directs the Chief Executive to:

- a) Investigate options for the establishment of a waste to energy plant in conjunction with Auckland Council (via Mayor Brown's office), and Whangarei District Council (via Mayor Cocurullo's office), Far North District Council (via Mayor Tepania's office), Northland Inc., Te Uri o Hau and industry operators including but not limited to South Island Resource Recovery Ltd (SIRRL); and
- b) Provide a preliminary viability report to a Council workshop in June 2023.

**Carried**

**Cr Wilson-Collins voted against the motion**

## Discussion | Ngā kōrerorero

Since the April council meeting, various meetings and presentations have been held highlighting the potential for a future WtE plant. The purpose of the meetings were to socialise the concept and educate stakeholders, such as elected members, in the region.

Progress has been reported via the resolutions register item on council's monthly agenda.

For clarity, Council will not be constructing a WtE plant. If one was proposed to be built, this would be the responsibility of the private sector. The normal regulatory and legislative regime would apply if an application is received in the future.

The NoM has attracted much interest across the country and has been widely reported in the media. It has elevated the WtE conversation across Kaipara, Northland and the country.

This report closes out the action required from the NoM.

### Options

#### Option 1

Note the report, which is the recommended approach. This will close out the action required from the April 2023 NoM.

#### Option 2

Council advise staff on any further action required.

## Significance and engagement | Hirahira me ngā whakapāpā

The decisions or matters of this report are considered to have a low degree of significance in accordance with Council's Significance and Engagement Policy. No feedback is required, and the public will be informed of Council's decision via the agenda and minutes publication of this meeting, on the website and through other channels if appropriate.

## Next steps | E whaiake nei

The resolutions register will be updated as completed.