

Submission on the draft Waste Management & Minimisation Plan

Your contact details	
First name	Rob
Last name	Wilde
Organisation you represent	
Hearing	
Do you want to speak to Council in support of your submission?	No
Question 1: Food scraps and green waste	
Do you support our plan to introduce a food scraps kerbside collection service?	Yes
Are there any comments you'd like to make?	
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Are there any comments you'd like to make?	
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Your contact details	
First name	Wendy and William
Last name	Dawid
Organisation you represent	
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Do you want to speak to Council in support of your submission?	No
Question 1: Food scraps and green waste	
Do you support our plan to introduce a food scraps kerbside collection service?	Yes
Are there any comments you'd like to make?	We have experienced a food scraps collection in Tauranga for one year before leaving there. It seemed to work very well as everyone in our street used the little bins and kept the food scraps out of the kitchen, but most importantly, out of the Insinkerater, which wastes so much water. When retired you don't have very much of food scraps, so we think they could readily be included with green waste, which some of our neighbours are already doing.
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First name	Nicolas
Last name	LENEVEU
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Your contact details	
First name	Debra
Last name	Wynn
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Do you want to speak to Council in support of your submission?	No
Question 1: Food scraps and green waste	
Do you support our plan to introduce a food scraps kerbside collection service?	Yes
Are there any comments you'd like to make?	It should be green waste. I think it's a waste of time and money just doing food scraps.
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Please tell us your thoughts	
Question 2: Review of services	
Do you support our plan to investigate different ways of delivering kerbside collection services?	No
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First name	Patricia
Last name	Reddiex
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Question 1: Food scraps and green waste	
Do you support our plan to introduce a food scraps kerbside collection service?	Yes
Are there any comments you'd like to make?	Think needs to be before 28
What should be included in the kerbside collection service?	Food scraps and green waste
Please tell us your thoughts	Think food scraps and green waste would be fantastic
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First name	Kim
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Your contact details	
First name	Bruce
Last name	Thomson
Organisation you represent	
Hearing	
Do you want to speak to Council in support of your submission?	No
Question 1: Food scraps and green waste	
Do you support our plan to introduce a food scraps kerbside collection service?	I don't know / not sure
Are there any comments you'd like to make?	<p>- I'd like to hear how the odour and insect control is dealt with - presumably well-sealed bins. Especially in hot weather, and when meat waste etc. is involved.</p> <p>- Also I mistrust the public regarding what is put into the bins - and where the waste goes after whatever treatment it gets. (The landfill is at least 'contained'.)</p>
What should be included in the kerbside collection service?	Food scraps and green waste
Please tell us your thoughts	<p>I love the idea, but mistrust safety of the collected material and what happens to it.</p> <p>I compost all my food waste by simply burying it. 'Works fine in my garden. Green waste...</p> <p>- I mower-mulch as much as possible, else ask neighbour to trailer to tip</p> <p>- I'm curious what PNCC will accept, and what happens at the kerbside</p>
Question 2: Review of services	
Do you support our plan to investigate different ways of delivering kerbside collection services?	Yes
Are there any comments you'd like to make?	<p>For budget - keep it 'agile' (fast, cheap, efficient) to balance the cost of the inquiry (and the probability and size of outcomes) against competing use of funds. Strictly limit the amount for resource, and quit if it looks unwise. 'Sincere, diligent' research can be an endless waste of taxpayer money.</p>
Question 3: Waste minimisation target	
Do you support our plan to include these performance standards as our waste minimisation target?	Yes
Are there any comments you'd like to make?	Use ChatGPT and other AI to produce excellent propaganda that motivates the public by contrasting the good and bad futures, and showing credibly easy, effective options.
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	Good luck attempting this worthy change.

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First name	Rebecca
Last name	Hughes
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Do you support our plan to introduce a food scraps kerbside collection service?	Yes
Are there any comments you'd like to make?	
What should be included in the kerbside collection service?	Food scraps and green waste
Please tell us your thoughts	We are big culprits of using our waste wheelie bin for lawn clippings and garden waste. We don't have any other way of getting rid of it! We don't have any use for a compost bin so having the ability for a waste truck to collect would be fantastic.
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First name	Pamela
Last name	Perkins
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Are there any comments you'd like to make?	
What should be included in the kerbside collection service?	Food scraps and green waste
Please tell us your thoughts	I think this is an awesome idea as a lot of people, especially those living in rentals or apartments, aren't allowed to have composts. Providing this service will save a lot going to waste and instead be used in a more environmental way. I'm definitely all for this.
Question 2: Review of services	
Do you support our plan to investigate different ways of delivering kerbside collection services?	I don't know / not sure
Are there any comments you'd like to make?	I understand there are different companies who provide a service of collecting rubbish so I don't want them losing out
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	Would love to see soft plastic recycling introduced in Palmy. I used to save mine for when we went to Hamilton but it's taking up too much space in between trips.

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First name	Joanne
Last name	Wilson
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Do you want to speak to Council in support of your submission?	No
Question 1: Food scraps and green waste	
Do you support our plan to introduce a food scraps kerbside collection service?	Yes
Are there any comments you'd like to make?	Think this is an excellent idea. Reducing the amount of food scraps going to landfill - is a no brainer. My only query would be - if you are already composting - would you be able to "opt" out of this service?
What should be included in the kerbside collection service?	Food scraps and green waste
Please tell us your thoughts	By developing a new processing facility which hopefully could be used by other local authorities in the area I think being able to do both food scraps & green waste would be good. Leaves in the winter!
Question 2: Review of services	
Do you support our plan to investigate different ways of delivering kerbside collection services?	Yes
Are there any comments you'd like to make?	Always good to review. However by Council currently delivering this service - we have the trucks/equipment & wheelie bins. It also provides jobs. Would you also be looking at the frequency of the collection services?
Question 3: Waste minimisation target	
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Are there any comments you'd like to make?	Good to have a target to aim for and in terms of the environment it needs to happen.
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	Would love to see more education happening at our primary schools - so that hopefully the message of recycling, reusing and reducing becomes part of everyday life. Not sure what is happening in this area already. We need to keep educating people.

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	<p>We could look at introducing a Tip and Recycle Centre - similar to Wellington. Would be awesome to have a textile recycler and also introduce soft plastic recycling. We currently save all our soft plastics and take it with us when heading near a drop off place e.g. Otaki. Also being to recycle blister packs from medication. Any recycling is important.</p> <p>Hazardous materials collection - would be good if it was an annual event.</p> <p>Dumping of rubbish - review infringement notices and fines.</p> <p>Thank you - the draft document was easy to read and presented well.</p>
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First name	Sophie
Last name	Frewin
Organisation you represent	
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Do you support our plan to introduce a food scraps kerbside collection service?	Yes
Are there any comments you'd like to make?	
What should be included in the kerbside collection service?	Food scraps and green waste
Please tell us your thoughts	Food scraps and green waste are both compostable (minus sticks?) so why not collect it together
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First name	Tracey
Last name	Jenkins
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Do you support our plan to introduce a food scraps kerbside collection service?	Yes
Are there any comments you'd like to make?	
What should be included in the kerbside collection service?	Food scraps and green waste
Please tell us your thoughts	A green waste bin would be beneficial. I have a compost bin for food scraps which are minimal, but it cannot accommodate all the green waste. 240L bin emptied weekly.
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Do you support our plan to investigate different ways of delivering kerbside collection services?	No
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First name	Rachael
Last name	Fraser
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Do you want to speak to Council in support of your submission?	No
Question 1: Food scraps and green waste	
Do you support our plan to introduce a food scraps kerbside collection service?	Yes
Are there any comments you'd like to make?	We should introduce it sooner if possible
What should be included in the kerbside collection service?	Food scraps and green waste
Please tell us your thoughts	
Question 2: Review of services	
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Are there any comments you'd like to make?	
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First name	Mari
Last name	Sharp
Organisation you represent	
Hearing	
Do you want to speak to Council in support of your submission?	No
Question 1: Food scraps and green waste	
Do you support our plan to introduce a food scraps kerbside collection service?	Yes
Are there any comments you'd like to make?	2028 is a long way away, sooner would be better
What should be included in the kerbside collection service?	Food scraps and green waste
Please tell us your thoughts	Foodscraps for sure. Green waste would be very useful, instead of people burning their green waste. We don't tend to the garden because we have nowhere to keep the waste!
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Do you support our plan to investigate different ways of delivering kerbside collection services?	Yes
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First name	Jong
Last name	Shin
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First name	Tamsin
Last name	Drake
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Your contact details	
First name	Janene
Last name	Davidson
Organisation you represent	
Hearing	
Do you want to speak to Council in support of your submission?	No
Question 1: Food scraps and green waste	
Do you support our plan to introduce a food scraps kerbside collection service?	Yes
Are there any comments you'd like to make?	I would love this to include garden waste. We used to have a garden bin but due to the price rises we now have a combined household rubbish/garden bin.
What should be included in the kerbside collection service?	Food scraps and green waste
Please tell us your thoughts	Great initiative!
Question 2: Review of services	
Do you support our plan to investigate different ways of delivering kerbside collection services?	Yes
Are there any comments you'd like to make?	
Question 3: Waste minimisation target	
Do you support our plan to include these performance standards as our waste minimisation target?	I don't know / not sure
Are there any comments you'd like to make?	How necessary is this? Will it cost the council much more? Being careful with ratepayers money is vital.
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Your contact details	
First name	Julie
Last name	Knighton
Organisation you represent	
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First name	Sandra
Last name	Cleland
Organisation you represent	
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Do you support our plan to introduce a food scraps kerbside collection service?	Yes
Are there any comments you'd like to make?	
What should be included in the kerbside collection service?	Food scraps and green waste
Please tell us your thoughts	this would divert a lot more compostable waste from landfill as only those with cars can take green waste to drop off at Mt Cleese
Question 2: Review of services	
Do you support our plan to investigate different ways of delivering kerbside collection services?	Yes
Are there any comments you'd like to make?	there needs to be a low cost option for small amounts of waste or fly tipping, filling of street bins will be the only option for low income small households
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Your contact details	
First name	Tania
Last name	Barnett
Organisation you represent	
Hearing	
Do you want to speak to Council in support of your submission?	No
Question 1: Food scraps and green waste	
Do you support our plan to introduce a food scraps kerbside collection service?	Yes
Are there any comments you'd like to make?	Need to keep our rates down and not increase because of this thou. While there will be a cost to do this, the savings in not filling landfill will match thr costs
What should be included in the kerbside collection service?	Food scraps and green waste
Please tell us your thoughts	Only if they can be recycled together and beneficial otherwise keep it to food only. I've always been told green waste can't be composted
Question 2: Review of services	
Do you support our plan to investigate different ways of delivering kerbside collection services?	I don't know / not sure
Are there any comments you'd like to make?	Dependable on how much money you plan to put in this review.
Question 3: Waste minimisation target	
Do you support our plan to include these performance standards as our waste minimisation target?	Yes
Are there any comments you'd like to make?	But you need to make it easy foe homes to do this. Simply reducing collections pick ups or size of bins and bags just forces more waste left lying around. Create initiatives and benefits e.g schools collecting cans to raise funds etc
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First name	Jillian
Last name	Cole
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First name	Michelle
Last name	Stratton
Organisation you represent	
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Do you want to speak to Council in support of your submission?	No
Question 1: Food scraps and green waste	
Do you support our plan to introduce a food scraps kerbside collection service?	Yes
Are there any comments you'd like to make?	Only if it's for green waste too. My food scraps get composted, but I need somewhere to put grass and weeds.
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	As a last resort action I have to take larger items to the dump. As a disabled beneficiary, the fees are beyond my reach. I already have to pay someone to take my things there so paying fees as well is not doable. How about waiving the tip fee for one trip/year for disabled ratepayers.

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First name	Sue
Last name	OH
Organisation you represent	
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Do you want to speak to Council in support of your submission?	No
Question 1: Food scraps and green waste	
Do you support our plan to introduce a food scraps kerbside collection service?	Yes
Are there any comments you'd like to make?	References to 'food' scraps should be avoided as there is a high risk of contamination from non-vegetable matter being included in kerbside collections.
What should be included in the kerbside collection service?	Food scraps and green waste
Please tell us your thoughts	One bin should cater for both, & should clearly state on bin that only vegetable & plant matter is allowed (i.e. don't refer to "food" scraps, which may lead to meat, dairy, other unacceptable items contaminating collections).
Question 2: Review of services	
Do you support our plan to investigate different ways of delivering kerbside collection services?	No
Are there any comments you'd like to make?	Outsourcing waste collection will increase ratepayer costs, including administration/oversight of providers. It will also expose ratepayers to the commercial sector's inflated charges over time.
Question 3: Waste minimisation target	
Do you support our plan to include these performance standards as our waste minimisation target?	Yes
Are there any comments you'd like to make?	Council will need to be pro-active in ensuring that all possible recycling options are provided to maximise diversion of waste. For example, P.North does not cater for soft plastics (those that can afford it buy NZ Post to recycle these), and the new Govt has introduced a 'no lids' policy for recycling, resulting in hundreds of thousands of plastic lids ending up in landfill every week! Alternatives are needed urgently.
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Last name	Kane
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Are there any comments you'd like to make?	
Question 3: Waste minimisation target	
Do you support our plan to include these performance standards as our waste minimisation target?	Yes
Are there any comments you'd like to make?	
What target should we set instead?	
Question 4: Other comments	

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Your contact details	
First name	Amelia
Last name	Doherty
Organisation you represent	
Hearing	
Do you want to speak to Council in support of your submission?	No
Question 1: Food scraps and green waste	
Do you support our plan to introduce a food scraps kerbside collection service?	Yes
Are there any comments you'd like to make?	
What should be included in the kerbside collection service?	Food scraps and green waste
Please tell us your thoughts	This is a great initiative for the city.
Question 2: Review of services	
Do you support our plan to investigate different ways of delivering kerbside collection services?	Yes
Are there any comments you'd like to make?	
Question 3: Waste minimisation target	
Do you support our plan to include these performance standards as our waste minimisation target?	Yes
Are there any comments you'd like to make?	
What target should we set instead?	
Question 4: Other comments	
	Keep up the good work. Hopefully we'll get more people doing the right thing instead of not bothering to learn and remember what goes where.

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Your contact details	
First name	Kerrianne
Last name	Dyantton
Organisation you represent	
Hearing	
Do you want to speak to Council in support of your submission?	No
Question 1: Food scraps and green waste	
Do you support our plan to introduce a food scraps kerbside collection service?	Yes
Are there any comments you'd like to make?	
What should be included in the kerbside collection service?	Food scraps and green waste
Please tell us your thoughts	Would absolutely love to see green waste included in this. As a renter when we do our yard work we are not allowed to have grass clippings left on the property and if we weed the garden ECT that can take up alot of space in our general waste rubbish bin that we have for the week. And with everything rising in prices we know how much of a luxury it is to be able to have a wheelie bin to begin with.
Question 2: Review of services	
Do you support our plan to investigate different ways of delivering kerbside collection services?	I don't know / not sure
Are there any comments you'd like to make?	
Question 3: Waste minimisation target	
Do you support our plan to include these performance standards as our waste minimisation target?	No
Are there any comments you'd like to make?	
What target should we set instead?	
Question 4: Other comments	

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Your contact details	
First name	Andrew
Last name	Stern
Organisation you represent	
Hearing	
Do you want to speak to Council in support of your submission?	No
Question 1: Food scraps and green waste	
Do you support our plan to introduce a food scraps kerbside collection service?	No
Are there any comments you'd like to make?	As I have a compost bin the only food I throw away in the bin is meat waste. Making everyone pay for a food scraps collection service is just another cost to my household that we do not need, not to mention another truck on the road.
What should be included in the kerbside collection service?	Food scraps and green waste
Please tell us your thoughts	Being able to dispose of green waste would be a benefit as I compost my food waste at home.
Question 2: Review of services	
Do you support our plan to investigate different ways of delivering kerbside collection services?	I don't know / not sure
Are there any comments you'd like to make?	If it creates a cost saving to the rate payer then it is a good idea
Question 3: Waste minimisation target	
Do you support our plan to include these performance standards as our waste minimisation target?	I don't know / not sure
Are there any comments you'd like to make?	
What target should we set instead?	
Question 4: Other comments	

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Your contact details	
First name	Mandy
Last name	Bartosh
Organisation you represent	
Hearing	
Do you want to speak to Council in support of your submission?	Yes
Question 1: Food scraps and green waste	
Do you support our plan to introduce a food scraps kerbside collection service?	Yes
Are there any comments you'd like to make?	
What should be included in the kerbside collection service?	Food scraps and green waste
Please tell us your thoughts	
Question 2: Review of services	
Do you support our plan to investigate different ways of delivering kerbside collection services?	Yes
Are there any comments you'd like to make?	
Question 3: Waste minimisation target	
Do you support our plan to include these performance standards as our waste minimisation target?	Yes
Are there any comments you'd like to make?	
What target should we set instead?	
Question 4: Other comments	

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Your contact details	
First name	Sue
Last name	Dutch
Organisation you represent	
Hearing	
Do you want to speak to Council in support of your submission?	No
Question 1: Food scraps and green waste	
Do you support our plan to introduce a food scraps kerbside collection service?	Yes
Are there any comments you'd like to make?	
What should be included in the kerbside collection service?	Food scraps and green waste
Please tell us your thoughts	
Question 2: Review of services	
Do you support our plan to investigate different ways of delivering kerbside collection services?	Yes
Are there any comments you'd like to make?	
Question 3: Waste minimisation target	
Do you support our plan to include these performance standards as our waste minimisation target?	Yes
Are there any comments you'd like to make?	
What target should we set instead?	
Question 4: Other comments	

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Your contact details	
First name	Elizabeth
Last name	Dunne
Organisation you represent	
Hearing	
Do you want to speak to Council in support of your submission?	No
Question 1: Food scraps and green waste	
Do you support our plan to introduce a food scraps kerbside collection service?	Yes
Are there any comments you'd like to make?	We compost and have dramatically reduced our waste. If food waste was separated others waste would be reduced as well
What should be included in the kerbside collection service?	Food scraps and green waste
Please tell us your thoughts	Collecting garden green waste will make it more accessible to everyone to be able to keep our city and homes tidier
Question 2: Review of services	
Do you support our plan to investigate different ways of delivering kerbside collection services?	Yes
Are there any comments you'd like to make?	WE NEED SOFT PLASTIC RECYCLING IN PALMY!!!! The closest soft plastic recycling bin is in Wellington region https://www.recycling.kiwi.nz/store-locator
Question 3: Waste minimisation target	
Do you support our plan to include these performance standards as our waste minimisation target?	Yes
Are there any comments you'd like to make?	
What target should we set instead?	
Question 4: Other comments	
	https://www.recycling.kiwi.nz/store-locator We need this!!

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Your contact details	
First name	Michael
Last name	Hardman
Organisation you represent	
Hearing	
Do you want to speak to Council in support of your submission?	No
Question 1: Food scraps and green waste	
Do you support our plan to introduce a food scraps kerbside collection service?	Yes
Are there any comments you'd like to make?	This is way overdue. Christchurch has had it over at least 10 years and Tauranga has recently introduced (albeit at a small cost). PNCC should look at introducing before 2028. Ignore suggestions from the more conservative (including members of previous City Councils) that residents can compost their own. Owners of small sections don't have the room for this and PNCC is encouraging infill development so the proportion of properties unable to compost has been increasing for a while.
What should be included in the kerbside collection service?	Food scraps and green waste
Please tell us your thoughts	Making it more flexible to include both will make it more efficient to collect.
Question 2: Review of services	
Do you support our plan to investigate different ways of delivering kerbside collection services?	Yes
Are there any comments you'd like to make?	You could make kerbside rubbish collection less frequent, say every two weeks. I believe this is what Christchurch did when it introduced green waste collection as part of its service. Contracting out is not necessarily less expensive than PNCC doing collection itself. More admin costs and need for collecting company to make what it considers reasonable profit.
Question 3: Waste minimisation target	
Do you support our plan to include these performance standards as our waste minimisation target?	Yes
Are there any comments you'd like to make?	
What target should we set instead?	
Question 4: Other comments	

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Your contact details	
First name	Riane
Last name	Barton
Organisation you represent	
Hearing	
Do you want to speak to Council in support of your submission?	No
Question 1: Food scraps and green waste	
Do you support our plan to introduce a food scraps kerbside collection service?	Yes
Are there any comments you'd like to make?	
What should be included in the kerbside collection service?	Food scraps and green waste
Please tell us your thoughts	
Question 2: Review of services	
Do you support our plan to investigate different ways of delivering kerbside collection services?	Yes
Are there any comments you'd like to make?	
Question 3: Waste minimisation target	
Do you support our plan to include these performance standards as our waste minimisation target?	Yes
Are there any comments you'd like to make?	
What target should we set instead?	
Question 4: Other comments	

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Your contact details	
First name	Margaret
Last name	Wood
Organisation you represent	
Hearing	
Do you want to speak to Council in support of your submission?	No
Question 1: Food scraps and green waste	
Do you support our plan to introduce a food scraps kerbside collection service?	Yes
Are there any comments you'd like to make?	Think this should be user pays. Give rate payers the choice to opt in or out. Some residents do composting already and wouldn't need this service.
What should be included in the kerbside collection service?	Food scraps and green waste
Please tell us your thoughts	Once again should be able to opt in or out. People who use the service would be charged accordingly.
Question 2: Review of services	
Do you support our plan to investigate different ways of delivering kerbside collection services?	I don't know / not sure
Are there any comments you'd like to make?	How much is this Review going to cost? Will it be done in-house or by consultants? Maybe when our fleet of rubbish and recycling trucks are needing to be replaced.
Question 3: Waste minimisation target	
Do you support our plan to include these performance standards as our waste minimisation target?	Yes
Are there any comments you'd like to make?	Need for education/information to get the message out.
What target should we set instead?	
Question 4: Other comments	
	Continue with education. Could include how to create nutritious meals from leftover food which would decrease food wastage. With smaller sections and larger hard surfaces in some areas there is no room to have gardens and compost bins. That is why sections should be of a size so this can happen.

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Your contact details	
First name	John
Last name	Wood
Organisation you represent	
Hearing	
Do you want to speak to Council in support of your submission?	No
Question 1: Food scraps and green waste	
Do you support our plan to introduce a food scraps kerbside collection service?	Yes
Are there any comments you'd like to make?	Should be able to opt in or opt out. I already compost and would not need a kerbside service.
What should be included in the kerbside collection service?	Food scraps and green waste
Please tell us your thoughts	Probably both as some people don't have the means to go to the landfill.
Question 2: Review of services	
Do you support our plan to investigate different ways of delivering kerbside collection services?	I don't know / not sure
Are there any comments you'd like to make?	Depends on the cost. Is this included in the LTP?
Question 3: Waste minimisation target	
Do you support our plan to include these performance standards as our waste minimisation target?	Yes
Are there any comments you'd like to make?	Needs lots of education to get people on board with recycling/composting/using food wisely.
What target should we set instead?	
Question 4: Other comments	
	Review frequency of rubbish collection - fortnightly instead of weekly? Communal recycling stations in suburbs.

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Your contact details	
First name	Jacob
Last name	Smith
Organisation you represent	
Hearing	
Do you want to speak to Council in support of your submission?	No
Question 1: Food scraps and green waste	
Do you support our plan to introduce a food scraps kerbside collection service?	Yes
Are there any comments you'd like to make?	
What should be included in the kerbside collection service?	Food scraps and green waste
Please tell us your thoughts	
Question 2: Review of services	
Do you support our plan to investigate different ways of delivering kerbside collection services?	Yes
Are there any comments you'd like to make?	
Question 3: Waste minimisation target	
Do you support our plan to include these performance standards as our waste minimisation target?	Yes
Are there any comments you'd like to make?	
What target should we set instead?	
Question 4: Other comments	

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Your contact details	
First name	Sarah
Last name	Crosse
Organisation you represent	
Hearing	
Do you want to speak to Council in support of your submission?	No
Question 1: Food scraps and green waste	
Do you support our plan to introduce a food scraps kerbside collection service?	Yes
Are there any comments you'd like to make?	
What should be included in the kerbside collection service?	Food scraps and green waste
Please tell us your thoughts	
Question 2: Review of services	
Do you support our plan to investigate different ways of delivering kerbside collection services?	I don't know / not sure
Are there any comments you'd like to make?	
Question 3: Waste minimisation target	
Do you support our plan to include these performance standards as our waste minimisation target?	Yes
Are there any comments you'd like to make?	
What target should we set instead?	
Question 4: Other comments	

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Your contact details	
First name	ruth
Last name	morrison
Organisation you represent	
Hearing	
Do you want to speak to Council in support of your submission?	No
Question 1: Food scraps and green waste	
Do you support our plan to introduce a food scraps kerbside collection service?	Yes
Are there any comments you'd like to make?	not just food scraps
What should be included in the kerbside collection service?	Food scraps and green waste
Please tell us your thoughts	years ago you were going to give us a green waste bin and didn't do it so its about time.
Question 2: Review of services	
Do you support our plan to investigate different ways of delivering kerbside collection services?	No
Are there any comments you'd like to make?	
Question 3: Waste minimisation target	
Do you support our plan to include these performance standards as our waste minimisation target?	No
Are there any comments you'd like to make?	
What target should we set instead?	
Question 4: Other comments	
	there is not enough investigation of outlets for our rubbish. Other councils find homes for all sorts of things but our waste people just moan. There is far too much stuff we are not allowed to recycle so its too confusing for most people so they fly tip.

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From: Lucy Montgomery < >
Sent: Monday, 6 May 2024 11:07 am
To: Peter Ridge <peter.ridge@pncc.govt.nz>
Subject: Re: Consultation - draft Waste Management and Minimisation Plan

Kia ora Peter

Notes from meeting dated 11/04/24

As a business owner in the waste industry, I need to find solutions that improve how we collect and dispose of our waste. As someone who does not run a transfer station, I am likely paying three times as much to dump my rubbish as my competitors.

Introducing a food scrap service is a positive step towards reducing landfill waste. However, a combined green waste/food scrap bin would be a more effective solution. If a wheelie bin were used, it would offer convenience for both customers and collectors. While this doesn't ensure that all customers will use the service, it gives them a choice. If customers no longer require a larger bin for their general waste, adjustments should be made to the service rather than rejecting the idea due to potential loss of revenue. This change would have minimal impact on my business. It may not necessarily alter the bin size they hire, but it could change the collection frequency, and we would be prepared to adapt accordingly.

It was noted that one of the key issues in the waste industry is staffing. This is an issue in all industries. It is unrealistic to assume people are not interested in driving rubbish trucks. There will always be individuals who are passionate about this work. I currently have three staff that love driving and collecting wheelie bins. I don't love doing that these days, but I have not found another career I enjoy as much as this one. It is a job like any other and part of a job is to ensure staff are trained to be able to operate safely and get the job done.

I am interested in how you came up with the data on the makeup of bin content. My initial data indicates that the average weight of a 240L bin is 25kg, while a 120L bin is 21kg. There wasn't much of a difference and that is why my pricing is similar for both bin sizes. Some customers will try to go for cheaper options but try to stuff more into their bins. I can get more accurate weights and do a separate collection for 120L and 240L bins if required.

Our waste processing is far behind that of other countries. There has to be a better alternative. But for now, reducing waste by providing recycling and potentially a green waste/ food scrap service is great!

Thanks
Lucy



Lucy Montgomery

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Submission from:
Rosemary Watson

Food scraps and green waste

Do you support our plan to introduce a food scraps kerbside collection service?

Both yes and no.

Why do you say that?

- 1) I support absolutely minimisation of true 'waste' and the principles of the waste hierarchy.
- 2) I support the scoping assessment to fully identify practicalities, opportunities and constraints of this 'service'.
- 3) I support this in general in situations like high-rise apartment living where there may currently be limited other options for disposal of food scraps. However most of this city is not like that...yet...
- 4) Statement from PNCC - "All Councils are ... required to introduce a kerbside food scraps collection by 2030" - so what is the point in not supporting 'your' 'plan'? 'You' will do it anyway... unless our city develops the balls to stand up to central government and comes up with a different individualised approach/solution to food waste management.
But:
 - 5) The 'plan' is as yet not fully defined so difficult to properly assess.
 - 6) For example as per 5, there is as yet no food scraps processing facility near Palmerston North - if built would this be ratepayer funded new infrastructure, or will central government (or another agency) fund it, since the need for it has been 'imposed' from 'above'?
 - 7) Many people already garden, and, like me, compost food scraps as part of that activity. Those people will likely not use the proposed new service as they value keeping their 'resource' on their property. However I assume that kerbside food scraps collection is presently intended to be charged generally to all rateable units, rather than as a user-pays system. So those people already 'doing the right thing' would be effectively penalised for doing just that.
 - 8) More people are learning to garden through school activities, community gardens, various ENM and other activities like Growing Gardens and Communities, and local food resilience is becoming more important in the city. Composting is an important part of all that activity, so in future there will hopefully be more people 'doing the right thing' as above and thus less food waste being put out to landfill (in spite of shrinking section sizes...).
 - 9) Users of 'insinkerators' would likely also not use the food scraps collection service. What options may exist or be possible for environmentally friendly and sustainable central processing of 'insinkered' food waste at our wastewater treatment plant, as an alternative to kerbside collection and separate processing in an as yet non-existent facility, for those who cannot/choose not to compost? Maybe install more 'insinkerators' in new builds and promote this food waste disposal method if energy/fertilizer etc. could be produced this way? The wastewater plant is up for a considerable upgrade anyway - could two birds with one stone be possible here?
 - 10) Focus on continuing/augmenting education re food waste and composting etc. should not be forgotten in the overall waste minimisation 'plan'. How about more promotion/facilitation of Love Food Hate Waste to minimise food waste (and help people stretch their budgets at the same time) in the first place (e.g. via SuperGrans and community/cultural groups), as well as ShareWaste/Composting Collective community compost collection activities?
 - 11) I know of people who (despite my best efforts to help them) do not use their current glass or recycling bins as it is just too complicated to work out what goes in what and which collection day is when... they prefer to use one (or more) smelly rubbish bag(s) on the back step to take everything. Such people will never use yet another service...
 - 12) Remember one size does not often fit all? Well I don't believe a universal 'service' system for food scrap collection properly fits our city. Please consider a (possibly incentivized) 'opt-in' service alternative for food scraps collection as part of the wider investigation of models for kerbside waste collection service delivery. Also

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please recognise the possibility of negative consequences for existing valid food scraps disposal systems as mentioned above.

Should the kerbside collection service include food scraps only, or food scraps and green waste?

If a single container food scraps kerbside collection were to be introduced, then, without further specific details of what is proposed, I think it should be just that, food scraps only.

Why do you say that?

- 1) Where food scraps collection would be most useful, such as apartment buildings, is likely where least green waste would be generated. Any extra size for the collection container to be useful for green waste would likely prevent the container being able to be used/stored in kitchens where the food scraps are generated. If it isn't handy to the kitchen, then the food scraps will go into the general rubbish anyway.
- 2) I assume food scraps kerbside collection would be a weekly service for hygiene reasons, and the amount generated per individual household probably wouldn't vary that much from week to week. 'Green waste', depending on what that definition includes, is not likely to be that constant - and it can come in large quantities when it is generated. Hedges don't get trimmed weekly, shrubs get pruned generally seasonally, trees only occasionally get trimmed/felled, even lawns don't get mown weekly for much of the year. So appropriate container capacity might be difficult to correctly determine - a 'small' container for food scraps might not be appropriate for green waste other than a few dead-headed flowers on a weekly basis, a 'large' container would maybe be underused most weeks.
- 3) Many people already garden and value their green 'waste' as a commodity to be processed and kept on their property as compost/mulch etc. See all points re gardening/composting as per above section. The larger amounts they might not be able to process themselves are likely too large for a weekly collection service container and already go to other green waste handling options like resource recovery drop-off locations, mulching by arborist companies, or firewood etc.
- 4) Those who do garden but don't compost often have a green waste collection already, collected fortnightly, monthly or as required.
- 5) Many households use commercial lawnmowing /gardening services which remove the lawn clippings/prunings etc. as part of their service, a kerbside collection would be largely superfluous for these households.
- 6) I believe there are currently no options for greenwaste processing for flax, cabbage tree leaves, bamboo, palm fronds etc. Neither are there current options available for other compostable waste like doggie-dos, cat litter tray contents and dead animals. I suspect that any green waste kerbside collection being considered here would not include these items either. I'm sure these items contribute to some of the organic 'waste' that goes into the general rubbish, so maybe some consideration needs to be given to this part of the current situation too.
- 7) What if any differences in processing facility capacity/cost/operation/resource recovery for the collection service would there be if 'green waste' were included as well as food scraps? We already have composting facilities suitable for green waste at Awapuni, I believe - would there be unnecessary duplication?
- 8) Or, would there be 2 separate containers for the kerbside food scraps and green waste, possibly with different collection schedules? In which case, would ratepayers end up paying 2 more fixed charges instead of just one? And would commercial green waste bin companies be disadvantaged by this? All this and more needs to be covered in the scoping assessment...

Review of services

Do you support our plan to investigate different ways of delivering kerbside collection services?

Yes, in general terms, a review of services and service delivery, with considerations of efficiency and cost is a good thing, and part of good business practice. And it appears to almost be another central government requirement... but "investigate different ways of delivering kerbside collection services" almost implies that changes are already afoot, regardless of the outcome of the review of current services. Do the review by all means, but don't please assume that by doing the review you can just change the services without further consultation...

Why do you say that?

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Take time to consider all the factors involved, and what is truly best for our city and all the people in it. Plan and predict for the future as much as possible, be innovative and don't just follow the herd for the sake of it, but also don't just impose those plans on the citizenry as a *fait accompli*. Please!

Waste minimisation target

Do you support our plan to include stated performance standards as our waste minimisation target?

Unsure.

Why do you say that?

- 1) Central government says you will likely have to have these in future.
- 2) S.M.A.R.T. mnemonic says if you are going to have goals/targets then they need to be specific etc.
- 3) You state the standards could be amended if necessary.
but
- 4) I don't have the knowledge to decide if these are the right standards or whether they are actually achievable, or what the % units are - weight or volume?
- 5) The standards definitely need to be amendable in view of central government changing goalposts such as the recent 'no lids in recycling bins' ultimatum. It would be interesting to see how much the stated %s of divertable material in the kerbside rubbish collection from your previous research have decreased as a result of this, and subsequently how this might influence targets!
- 6) Do the standards account for the proposed 'growth' in the city and the increased number of households contributing to the kerbside waste in 2030 compared to now? The rounded nature of the 30, 40 and 50% numbers almost seems like they have been picked a bit out of 'somewhere in the ballpark' rather than carefully calculated.

If you don't support these stated performance standards as our waste minimisation target, what target should we set instead?

No way am I able to set specific numbers /targets for this.

What I can say is surely it would be better/more appropriate/more environmentally significant to consider waste to landfill from all waste streams and not just households? Or might there be a 'too-hard basket' reason for conveniently omitting other waste streams such as that from construction waste during all the proposed 'growth' mooted for the city? True accountability and sustainability here please, people.

General or other comments

A) Review of services

It sounds like Council is wanting to 'opt out' of doing the kerbside waste collection itself...

- 1) With larger volumes/weights/proportions of 'divertable' waste going to landfill in the big 240L bins supplied by commercial services compared to the smaller PNCC bags, it is difficult to understand why Council seemingly feel that "Council acting as direct provider of waste collection services is negatively impacting on the operation of the waste sector". From that respect it appears to be a good thing... I must be missing something here?? Or... does it mean you would put stricter standards in place if you as Council did not also have to follow the waste collection standards you set? Because by crikey that does seem to be the implication, and surely that is just not acceptable!
- 2) If 'small is good', then would all commercial 'rubbish' collections after potential Council 'opt out' be limited to similar bags or to the smaller 80L bins? How would this smaller bin size influence the extent of rubbish fly-tipping?
- 3) If Council does 'opt out' for the remaining 22% of kerbside waste, I hope there would be some arrangements with the 'new' collector(s) for those still using Council rubbish bags to use up their supply and still have their rubbish picked up in them without being penalised, since they have already paid for those bags either via direct purchase or, previously, through their rates. These people are the ones that are minimising their waste already, some for many years, and as such should not be adversely affected because they have been 'doing the right thing' all along. I myself only put out one bag every couple of months or so (though this will go up since the

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new central government directive re no more lids in recycling...), and likely still have a lifetime supply of the old brown paper sacks, as well as some annual bundles of the green plastic ones! What message would it send if these bags were no longer allowed to be used, or their equivalent value in future rubbish services not adequately recognised?

B) Resource recovery

1) I note that the upgrade of the Materials Recovery Facility proposed 2025/26 is to be rates funded (but can't find any costs for this mentioned in the draft waste plan or the LTP). Since central government is standardising kerbside recycling nationwide, does that not also include standardisation of the processing of any such collection? And as a consequence of that, what central or external funding might be available to upgrade recycling processing plants as alternative or supplement to rates? If none is currently available shouldn't there be? Maybe there should be some push-back from local to central government on this?

2) 'Investigation of opportunities for ... "hard -to-recycle" materials' is also rates funded. Again central government have 'pulled the plug' on accepting certain plastics (2021) and more recently all sorts of plastic caps/lids and aerosols etc. (2024), so shouldn't some of the funding for this be available from central government, since central government have effectively now 'condemned' these items to landfill? What opportunities for external government grants etc.? Again if none, then lobby for such - it's what we as citizens have to do if we want to see change from local Council, why don't you as local Councils group together and give it a try?

3) I see none of the planned actions p25-27 are funded by the Waste Minimisation Fund (WMF) p28. I only see "we may make an application for contestable ... funds from the ...Fund" p29. Why only "may"? Surely projects as above and others are worth making a case for to source this external funding to help with or replace rates?

4) There is a soft plastic recycling scheme in New Zealand, but currently no options for drop-off in Palmerston North as in many other locations. The only, and expensive, option is paying for the privilege of a (plastic) NZ Post bag to collect your plastic in and then courier it away... Soft plastics may not weigh much but they contribute a lot to environmental problems if they go out as waste. (Until the recent 'lids directive', almost all the contents of the rubbish sacks I put out for collection is soft plastics.) What is PNCC doing /can PNCC do towards persuading/incentivising/legislating for local businesses to have drop-off points for soft plastics to minimise what goes out to landfill?

5) Plastic number 6 is still regularly used by some NZ producers e.g. for yoghurt/sour cream/cottage cheese etc., but this cannot be recycled. What pressure can local government put on central government to disallow this type of plastic from being used by NZ companies in the first place, so that is simply not available to become potential waste in the first place?

6) I understand the Albert Street depot site may be under consideration for housing in the future (though maybe not in the 6-year timeframe of the current plan). The relatively central location of the recycling centre at this depot is important for easy access by many city residents, and that easy access to recycling drop-off facilities is key to promoting use and optimal resource recovery. I use this facility regularly, and it is pretty much always busy, so I strongly believe it should be retained where it is.

7) Thinking outside the loop of current 'resource recovery':

i) I love what Reclaimed Timber Traders do at Awapuni, and what Jason Ramsay (Rusty Nail) does at Longburn. How much more could be done with saving resources such as those that currently are picked up by kerbside collection and go via EnviroNZ to landfill without sorting? Is having a third party or parties involved a constraint to better resource recovery?

ii) Would there be any options for a 'tip shop' at the transfer station, where potentially useful but unwanted options could be dropped off by the public, and saleable items in the waste from kerbside collections could be diverted to, for resale, as done in conjunction with landfills in other parts of the country?

iii) What consideration if any is being given to regular (annual/6-monthly) inorganic collection schemes, as happens in some other NZ cities? The days of piles of 'stuff' on grass verges and pavements for fossickers to go through are likely over (unfortunately for those who appreciate a 'bargain'), but this could help stop fly-tipping of sofas, mattresses, old beds, whiteware etc. Sale of salvageable items could part-fund this activity, and breaking down of various items into separate recyclable components could provide jobs as well as recovering resources and minimising actual waste to landfill.

iv) I loved the inorganic 'swap meets' that were a regular (six-monthly?) occurrence on Saturday mornings in Palmerston North a while back. For a gold coin donation, people could drop their unwanted inorganic 'stuff' off at one of several locations throughout the suburbs (Milverton Park, Terrace End School, Barber Hall carpark I remember, among others), and for a gold coin donation others could take away what was dropped off. The

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Council collected the 'leftovers' at the end of the morning, and presumably sorted them appropriately (scrap metal/timber/household goods/bikes etc.) for dispersal. Sometimes before that sorting there was a 'second chance' garage sale type event at a central location where all the 'leftovers' from the various sites had been gathered. What possibilities are there for similar events again now?

v) I understand the Bonny Glen landfill at Marton has consents for use until 2050. I do not know how long PNCC's contract with EnviroNZ for taking Palmy's waste to Bonny Glen runs for. I see no mention of this in the draft plan. In my Future Development Strategy submission I mentioned the possibility of needing to consider a new, and closer, landfill option for the future, to deal with our own waste as we develop as a city instead of trucking it to 'someone else's backyard'. It won't be popular and likely will take ages to sort out and consent, so should there be any consideration in these plans for considering/scoping the possibility/need for a future new landfill, maybe located near Te Utanganui industrial development area where relevant resource recovery and distribution industries and a 'tip shop' could also be located?

C) Final thoughts... or thoughts on finality

Human waste - not just sewage or wastewater, but human bodies too.

There is no current option for natural burials in the Palmerston North area, yet more and more people are wanting to avoid the costs, wastefulness and environmental downsides of embalming, normal burial and cremations. Those who favour natural burial are content with the concept of returning to the land and becoming compost for future tree and shrub plantings, to help the circular economy and the future environment in the most basic 'down-to-earth' way. Resource recovery and waste minimisation at its best, but nowhere near this city has yet been deemed suitable.

So... the Nature Calls project involves purchase/lease of up to 700 ha of land for high quality wastewater discharge in summer. Presumably tree and shrub plantings would help prevent any remaining 'contaminants' in this discharge from leaching back into the river or groundwater etc. Put aside any squeamish thoughts - those wanting the natural burial likely won't have any - and consider is there any way these 2 'waste' streams could be successfully integrated? Could at least part of the area set aside for wastewater discharge also be used for natural burials? How could at least part of the area be designated as a natural/woodland 'park' for relatives to visit their loved ones' resting places?

Goal 1 of the city strategy states 'innovative'.

Come on Palmerston North, let's see what we can do!

Thank you for reading and considering this submission.