

Have your Say  
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## **HAVE YOUR SAY CONSULTATION: Draft Waste Minimisation and Management Plan 2022**

### **Submission from the Lake Clearwater Hut Holders Association Incorporated**

#### **Introduction**

Dear Sir / Madam

Thank you for the opportunity to share our views on the Draft Waste minimisation and Management Plan 2022 and contribute to the development of the plan. We are keen to be involved throughout the process.

#### **About us**

The Lake Clearwater Hut Holders Association (LCHHA) represents the 180 bach owners at the Lake Camp / Clearwater settlement. The LCHHA was formed in the early 1960s. Since then, hard-working committees have consistently undertaken a huge amount of maintenance and betterment work around the settlement, enhanced the local environment, and ensured that the settlement is a safe and friendly place for bach owners, campers and visitors to the area.

With almost 100% membership of bach owners, the LCHHA enjoys solid support. We work hard to maintain constructive working relationships with Ashburton District Council officers and elected members, and key stakeholders in the area – in particular Fire and Emergency New Zealand (FENZ), Department of Conservation (DOC), Environment Canterbury (ECan) and adjacent land owners. We are keen to grow our relationship with Te Rūnanga o Arowhenua, as we all work together to respect and value and land, water and mountains of the area that we all love.

Activities that the LCHHA committee (of 16) and other volunteers undertake include:

- Regular meetings and information liaison with Council staff to discuss current issues
- Dissemination of Council information, on your behalf, to bach owners
- Maintaining public amenity around the settlement and foreshore areas: extensive grass mowing and weed-eating at playgrounds, camping area, fire breaks and foreshores; maintaining equipment at two playground areas, cleaning the Clearwater camping area public toilets
- Spraying invasive weeds around the settlement and foreshores; reducing spread of wilding pines
- Planting and watering Council-funded trees
- Maintenance and enhancement of the community hall (LCHHA-owned)
- Members of the FENZ Lake Clearwater Voluntary Rural Fire Force (16 volunteers).

Our responses to your consultation questions:

Question 1: Proposal to introduce kerbside food waste collection?

No comment as this is not applicable to LCHHA.

Question 2: Do you agree with the key issues in the draft plan? Which issues do you agree or disagree with?

No.

We consider that the draft plan has failed to identify opportunities for Ashburton District Council (“ADC”) to reduce the volumes of waste from Lakes Camp and Clearwater which are currently being transported to Landfill, at significant cost to both the ADC and the ratepayers of the district.

ADC currently provides refuse collection at Lakes Camp and Clearwater by way of skip bins at the Lake Clearwater Village, Lake Clearwater campground and Lake Camp freedom camping areas. During the warmer summer months, the volumes of rubbish collected at the various skip bin sites can be significant, with overflowing skip bins not being uncommon.

We consider that a community glass and aluminium can recycling facility based at Lake Camp / Clearwater (similar to the picture below) would provide the opportunity to significantly reduce the volumes of recyclable materials which are presently being disposed of in the skip bins which are managed by ADC and transported to Landfill by ADC’s contractor. The “bottle-bank” type facility will ensure that larger household items do not contaminate the recyclable materials.

There is an existing community recycling facility located at Mt Somers, however this facility is located approx. 33kms from Lakes Camp / Clearwater – which is a significant distance. Despite the existence of the Mt Somers community recycling facility, we are aware that significant volumes of recyclable materials are still being dumped in the ADC skip bin facilities at Lakes Camp / Clearwater.



We request that ADC consider, that in addition to the existing skip bins facilities at Lakes Camp / Clearwater, suitable glass and aluminium can recycling facilities be provided at the Village refuse area, Lake Clearwater campground and Lake Camp freedom camping area.

### Conclusion

Thank you for this opportunity to submit our views. We hope that the LCHHA has been able to set out useful points to take into account in planning for a positive reduction in waste transported to Landfill from the Lake Camp / Clearwater area.

We do not wish to be heard in relation to our submission.

Kind regards

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Lake Clearwater Hut Holders Association