

<b>Your details</b>	
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Do you wish to speak in support of your submission at the hearing?:	Yes
If yes, do you wish to support your submission in person or virtually?:	In Person
<b>Draft Waste Management &amp; Minimisation Plan</b>	
We are proposing to introduce household kerbside food waste collection. Other districts have done so at a cost of about \$50 per household per year. Would you support a kerbside food waste collection service being implemented?:	Yes
Why?:	Absolutely! Food waste going to landfill (from primary industry, commercial and domestic sources) is a huge issue in terms of wasted resource, filling up our landfills and generation of greenhouse gasses / leachate. It provides an opportunity as an untapped resource stream that could be made into useful value added product. Potentially providing a circular solution back to farmers in the form of an organic and nutrient rich soil conditioner. In an ideal world we would not be producing food waste in the first place! So education and diversion are important to keep working on too.
Do you agree with the key issues in the draft Plan? If so, which issues do you agree or disagree with?:	Yes
Why?:	I agree with all of them. We need to be smarter and work through the levels of the waste hierarchy for solutions to our waste streams. Some of the issues have reasonably easy fixes that should be implemented and encouraged. Providing a property collection for items would also be useful as those without trailers or large vehicles often are limited with how to deal with these items. The rural community need more options for the disposal of their waste domestic and for their commercial waste. We are long past the hole in the ground being an appropriate option but change requires support and infrastructure.
Do you agree with the proposed actions in the draft Plan? If so, which actions do you agree or disagree with?:	Yes
Why?:	Some of the issues have reasonably easy fixes that should be implemented and encouraged. It would be nice to see some sort of rebate to reward for the reduction in waste going to landfill. I don't often put my red bin out, so maybe the cost of my recycling / green and foodwaste could be off-set by me not sending waste to landfill I think there needs to be a review of the types of material

	<p>collected for recycling, particularly tetra packs. Some products such as plant based milks are packaged in tetra packs. The overall impact of these products and the making of the packagin free from petroleum are far less than other products and there are viable options for the recycling. These should be provided for and encouraged. I also agree with continued lobbying of the government to encourage a circular economy and push the responsibility back onto producers and manufacturers to deal with the waste that their products generate, so it is not all left up to the consumer, who sometimes have limited options!</p>
<p>Do you have any other comments?:</p>	<p>I have only read the consultation document and not the whole proposal. However I think it is a great start in better managing our waste in the community. I strongly endorse the curbside collection of food waste and green waste. Whilst it might not be significant the issue of fly tipping also should be considered (although some of the included actions may help to reduce the incidents). Down along the access ways to the river track, you often come across dumped rubbish, most of which could have been recycled or disposed of at the current facilities.</p>