

Draft Waste Management & Minimisation Plan 2022

Our Place: Our Waste – Managing it responsibly
Consultation Document

Have your
Say!

- 1** 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 ☒ No Why?

See attached.

- 2** Do you agree with the key issues in the draft Plan? Which issues do you agree or disagree with?

☐ Yes ☒ No Why?

Charges at RRP's are high enough for ratepayers at this time.

**Please note all submissions are public documents and will be made available on Council's website.*

Submissions presented in the form of a petition or accompanied by multiple signatures will be treated as a single submission.

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Your details

First name: Sheryl Last name: Stevens

Do you wish to speak in support of your submission at the hearing?

(If no boxes are ticked, it will be considered that you do not wish to be heard)

☐ **Yes:** The hearing will be held in the Council Chamber on Thursday, 6 July, 2022. Please note that hearings are live-streamed to our online channels.

I intend to present: ☐ In Person ☐ Virtually

☒ **No:** I do not wish to speak in support of my submission and ask that the following written submission be fully considered.

Signature: S M Stevens

Date: 23/6/2022

Why?

Introducing a household Kerbside foodwaste collection as an 'add on' to a Council contract indicates a lack of understanding of contracting -

Ashburton has a relatively new contract and householders had requested this service as part of the contract at the time this was being negotiated and were told NO by Council .

What has changed since then?

Why has it changed?

Other Councils that included the food water in the Contract as a 3 x bin collection maybe paying \$50 per bin per year? In these times of inflating fuel costs what would the cost to ratepayers be to adjust the contract at this time as Council would have little control over the costs to ratepayers as the fuel increases in price?

Picking up the foodwaste / organic waste is one thing and has an increasing cost and footprint now with fuel prices escalating.

What will happen to the foodwaste once its picked up and how will it be processed and where?

The further away it is transported the higher the transport costs will be.

Ashburton district ratepayers are being asked to make a choice without being given the actual costs or details and that is not ok.

Will it be \$100 or \$150 or \$200 or more per year for each ratepayer ?

How about the residents who have their own composting systems -will they get a rate rebate? If not why not? After all they are reducing waste to landfill by separating their foodwaste .

Ashburton District ratepayers have already faced large rate rises in 2021 and need to be advised by Council of the actual rate impacts over the life of the contract of any new services offered especially the collection and transporting of foodwaste / organic waste and the processing and on selling of the end product ideally once it is organically certified.

These are uncertain and challenging times for many people in our communities financially.

Having a contestable fund available for smaller grants to provide funds locally for projects that reduce organic waste to landfill may well provide more outcomes with more manageable cost benefits.

Ashburton used to lead the way with this local approach & from this evolved such ventures as the trial of 1 tonne of foodwaste per week from Hotel Ashburton trialed onto worm farms and then the trial for Ashburton Meat Processors of pig hair, paunch and toe-nails fed onto worm beds to make vermicast that saved the company \$70,000 per year now over \$120,000 per year and has reduced waste to landfill by thousands of tonnes - to Kate Valley - An added value is the many local residents who choose to buy the resulting vermicast as it benefits their soils thus closing the loop locally with waste minimisation and minimizing transport costs.

S Stevens 23/6/2022

There are NZ Councils who provide funds for application to minimize waste and the funds create innovation and activity locally that may well achieve far reaching long term outcomes as those identified above that were once highly successful in our own community & support the local entrepreneurs of the future .

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Picking up the food waste / organic waste is one thing and has an increasing cost and footprint now with fuel prices escalating.

What will happen to the food waste once its picked up and how will it be processed and where?

The further away it is transported the higher the transport costs will be. Ashburton district ratepayers are being asked to make a choice without being given the actual costs or details and that is not ok.

Will it be \$100 or \$150 or \$200 or more a year? Or \$500? Or \$1000? How about the residents who have their own composting systems - will they get a rate rebate? If not why not? After all they are reducing waste to landfill by separating their food waste.

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These are uncertain and challenging times for many people in our community especially.

Having a contestable fund available for smaller districts to provide funds locally for projects that reduce organic waste to landfill may well provide more outcomes with more manageable cost benefits.

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