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First Name:	Richard
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Do you wish to speak in support of your submission at the hearing?:	No
If yes, do you wish to support your submission in person or virtually?:	
Draft Waste Management & Minimisation Plan	
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?:	<p>It makes sense to divert organic food waste from landfill by converting it into compost to be returned to the earth. Composting food scraps can:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reduce greenhouse gas emissions from landfill, • Reduce leachate production in landfills, • Reduce the amount of watering required in gardening and landscaping, • Reduce synthetic fertilisers needed in horticulture and agriculture, and • Improve the structure, fertility and health of soil. Healthy soil can be a major 'sink' for carbon to mitigate climate change. The current consultation does not address the details of funding or service options. While I would personally welcome kerbside food waste collection, I am sure some people who already compost will not see the need. An "opt-in" service will be fairer for those who already compost and more expensive for those who "opt-in". As someone who would "opt-in" I don't think it would be fair to expect my composting neighbours to cross-subsidise me. Some of the information on the volume of food wastage in NZ is astonishing. Council may wish to support efforts to educate people to reduce their food waste before it even reaches the bin.
Do you agree with the key issues in the draft Plan? If so, which issues do you agree or disagree with?:	Yes
Why?:	I like the way that several of the key actions referred to working alongside the private sector to find solutions, such as encouraging uptake of green waste collections, or targeting services to different business sectors. Council will get the best solutions for the community when it works with the community. It is important to revise charges

	regularly and maintain a "user-pays" philosophy to waste management.
Do you agree with the proposed actions in the draft Plan? If so, which actions do you agree or disagree with?:	Yes
Why?:	I understand the purpose of registration of waste operators is to gather better information about the waste stream. This will inform future decisions to improve waste management. Those decisions benefit everyone who uses and funds the solid waste system. It will help everyone if registration and data collection is easy and low cost for waste operators.
Do you have any other comments?:	I have read some of the submissions on council's website made by others in the community. I also note that Government (via MfE) is currently consulting on whether all urban households should "have access to a kerbside food waste collection". Submissions closed in May. I note that an 'opt-in' service for kerbside collection of food waste grants "access" to the service without compelling people who already compost (or feed their food scraps to their chickens) to pay for what they don't need. I also noted some submitters who are very worried about increasing household costs that they cannot afford. Could Council partner with voluntary organisations or businesses to support families to develop the skills to compost as a lower cost alternative?