



SUMMARY OF WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN

This was in the 2006 LTCCP and the document has not been updated since then. The Local Government Act 2002 requires this to be updated from time to time (Part 7, Section 125-129). An update to this document is required and will be undertaken in due course.

The Buller District Council Solid Waste Management Plan was prepared under the provisions of the Local Government Amendment No 4 1996 and became operative on 11 October 2002. Attached is a summary of the Solid Waste Management Plan.

DEVELOPING THE PLAN

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The Plan is a legislative requirement of, and has been prepared in accordance with, the requirements of the Local Government Amendment Act No.4 1996 (LGA).

The Plan has been developed on the basis of:

- Council's discussion document entitled Development of a Solid Waste Management Strategy for the Buller District (MW 2000), adopted by Council in March 2000
- Records of Council and public meetings held to discuss the contents of the discussion document.
- Results of community newsletters inviting public comment regarding the future management of solid waste in the District.
- Review of solid waste management plans prepared by other Councils.
- Requirements of several planning documents and Government Acts.
- Submissions made on the Council's Proposed Solid Waste Management Plan.

The Plan has been produced with a Preface and a set of Appendices. The Preface and Appendices do not form part of the Plan. They provide supporting information that may require updating as situations or circumstances change.

ADOPTING THE PLAN

The Plan has been prepared according to the Special Consultative Procedure (SCP) of the LGA. This procedure included the preparation and notification of the Proposed Plan and the consideration of submissions received.

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Council considered submissions on the Proposed Plan and adopted the Plan with amendments as recommended by the Council Operations Committee on 26 October 2000.

The Plan forms the basis of future waste management in the Buller District.

REVIEW PROVISIONS FOR THE PLAN

To ensure that the provisions made by the Plan continue to be appropriate for the current situation, the Plan will be subject to review every five years or earlier if it is considered necessary or beneficial. Any amendments to the Plan must be made through the Special Consultative Procedure set out in the LGA.

This review process will allow the Council to adapt the Plan to current conditions and to incorporate the best available practicable options for solid waste management. This plan needs to be reviewed by June 2009.

IMPLEMENTING THE PLAN

The Plan assumes that future changes in waste management are inevitable. It includes some measures with a long-term view while primarily focusing on actions for the next five years. It also acknowledges that implementation of the Plan's methods will need to be operationally flexible to allow for public responses and changes in available technology.

The Plan therefore defines aims and policies, provides methods to achieve the aims, and defines anticipated outcomes for each policy. However the Plan provides flexibility in methods of implementation at the operational level. Implementation detail will need to be addressed annually during the preparation of Council's Annual Plan, and also more frequently at the operational level.

THE PLAN

INTRODUCTION

BACKGROUND

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The Plan contains Aims, Policies and Methods for each of nine defined facets of the waste management system; general waste management, education and promotion, waste reduction, reuse and recycling, resource recovery, collection, hazardous waste, disposal, and cost recovery.

All nine facets of the system (contained in Sections 2.0 to 10.0) are based on a broad set of Objectives and Issues that are defined below.

A schematic diagram of the components of the waste management system is provided in Figure 1.1 below.

1.2 PURPOSE

The Plan documents a strategy for the management of waste in the District. It will aid Council in forecasting the financial and technical resources required to appropriately manage the District's solid wastes in the foreseeable future.

1.3 OBJECTIVES

The Council's mission statement is:

"To serve the residents of the Buller District, conscious of their needs, by providing facilities and services, and creating an appropriate environment for progress and development."

The Council's key goals as stated in the Annual Plan are to:

- Create an environment which encourages opportunities for communication and advancement of the desires and views of the residents
- Plan and provide for the development of the district, recognising the importance of the district to the West Coast Region
- Promote and enhance the environment of the district for the use, convenience and enjoyment of the residents
- Provide and maintain a high standard of public utilities commensurate with the needs of the community
- Exercise its statutory responsibilities efficiently and effectively, in a manner sensitive to the aspirations and needs of the community and the protection of individual rights
- Provide leadership in the management of financial physical and human resources to ensure the creative, efficient and economic operation of the district.

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1.4 PRINCIPLES

Principles that guide this Plan and all its initiatives are as follows:

Principle 1 - Waste Management Hierarchy

The management of solid and hazardous waste should be based on the following hierarchy of options:

- **reduce** the amount of material that enters the waste stream
- **re-use** as much material as possible
- **recycle** as much material as possible
- **recover** as much material and/or energy as possible
- **residual management** including disposal to landfill once the solid waste stream has been reduced in each of the above stages

Principle 2: Sustainable Resource Management

Management of the solid and hazardous waste stream should reflect the need for sustainable management of the natural and physical resources of the District as defined in the RMA (1991). Life-cycle approaches which consider all aspects of resource use, waste generation, storage, transport, treatment and disposal should be considered most effective.

Principle 3: Partnerships in the Community

People and communities are at the centre of concerns for solid and hazardous waste management. They are also active participants in solid waste management systems. The ways in which wastes are managed should respect environmental limits, take account of community values and conditions, and foster community responsibility for waste management.

Principle 4: Responsibility for the Costs of Waste Management

As far as practicable, people who are disposing waste should meet the full costs of managing the waste they seek to dispose of. A 'user-pays' approach provides a strong incentive to individuals to minimise waste.

Principle 5: Role of Tangata Whenua





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The relationship of Maori with their ancestral resources is a matter of national importance under the RMA (1991) and the management and disposal of waste is an important issue for Maori nationally. The planning for, and activities associated with, solid waste management should recognise and provide for the relationship of Maori with natural and cultural resources.

1.5 Issues

The Council must consider the issues of:

- ensuring waste services are available and affordable to all in the Buller community
- the Council moving beyond being basic providers to being key leaders in executing better waste management practices
- the Council's role in working with the community to facilitate good waste management as a community responsibility
- the Council's role in providing and/or managing waste collection and disposal services (ie Council versus private sector provision)
- the initiation of education and promotion programmes and the availability of information on waste minimisation initiatives and responsible solid waste management
- using incentives and appropriate charges to encourage and assist the community to make informed and responsible choices regarding their waste disposal
- supporting a clean, safe, sustainable and attractive physical environment
- encouraging and assisting the separation and controlled disposal of hazardous and special wastes
- the relationship of the Buller District Council to other Territorial Local Authorities (TLA's) in providing waste management services

1.6 LINKAGES TO COUNCIL PLANNING PROCESSES

The Plan recognises legislation, as well as Regional and District Policy, Plans and resource consents. Implementation and operation of the Plan will be co-ordinated directly through the Asset Management Plan and the Annual Plan.

The Policies and Methods of the Plan will be implemented progressively. Resource allocation, programming and performance measures will be addressed each year in the preparation of the Council's Annual Plan and assessed in the Council's Annual Report.

Implementation programming will also be addressed more frequently at the operational level as results are observed from implementing methods, and as the monitoring policies allow performance of the Plan to be measured.

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1.7 IMPLEMENTATION PRIORITIES

There are clear implementation priorities to be addressed and physical milestones to be met during the first phase of implementing the Plan. These are primarily driven by legislative requirements of the Resource Management Act 1991 (RMA), and conditions attached to the resource consents for existing landfills.

COUNCIL PROGRESS ON PRIORITIES

- Council at its meeting in January 2006, confirmed its commitment to procuring an in-district landfill. This decision was based on economic, environmental, cultural and social advantages
- Council is consulting on the introduction of recycling to be started during 2006/2007 to reduce waste to landfill
- Council will address the funding policy for full cost recovery once a landfill option is developed
- Council has assisted in the establishment of cardboard recycling facilities and is an active member of the West Coast Waste Working Group who have undertaken several projects whose aims are education and waste minimisation
- Council is continuing a monitoring regime for its refuse tips in accordance with its resource consents and produce annually a report which summarises these results
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- Council has reviewed its collection and transfer systems and from 1 July 2006 the only transfer stations or refuse tips to remain open will be located at Reefton, Maruia, Karamea and Westport. The bagged collection service will be extended to cover Ikamatua, Okari, Charleston and Inangahua Junction
- The Council has a hazardous waste shed supplied by the Ministry of Environment located at the Westport Refuse Tip for the storage of hazardous waste until disposal by approved operators. A waste oil collection is currently being installed by Holcim Cement Company in conjunction with Council
- Resource Consents for the Westport Landfill have been extended until May 2008
- This is being developed in conjunction with the new landfill and transfer station facilities





Figure 1.1 Schematic Diagram of the Solid Waste Management System

