



Refuse Roundup

YOUR CHANCE TO HAVE INPUT INTO WASTE OPTIONS FOR THE FUTURE OF BULLER

Where are we at with rubbish and recycling?

There has been huge interest from the community for Council to introduce recycling services for the Buller district.

We have considered the issues, costs and options associated with implementing recycling collection and/or drop off facilities in the district.

In the draft long-term plan, we have proposed the following projects:

- Closure of current landfills/transfer stations at Ikamatua, Inangahua, Birchfield and Charleston
- Extension of the current kerbside refuse collection to cover from Mohikinui to Punakaiki, Westport to Inangahua Junction, Inangahua Junction to Ikamatua
- Introduction of a kerbside collection scheme for recyclable materials, to cover all properties receiving refuse collection services
- Establishment of a single district landfill (not open to the public)
- Establishment of transfer stations/Resource Recovery parks at Westport and Reefton (open to the public). Resource recovery centres are public facilities for recyclable materials such as glass, paper, plastic, clothing etc and resale of used goods
- Landfill operations at Maruia and Karamea will not be changed

Further details of the projects proposed are included in the draft long-term plan. The plan is available on our website www.bullerdc.govt.nz, Buller libraries or by calling the Council.



What would a new 'modern' landfill look like?

When we think about the words 'dumps' and 'tips' they pretty much describe what we perceive a rubbish disposal area to be!

A new 'modern' landfill is something quite different from the dumps and tips that we are used to. Modern landfills are well designed, incorporating a range of technical systems to ensure that impacts for people and the environment are minimised. They are a highly managed environment, complete with testing and monitoring programmes to ensure that they are working correctly, as well as restoration and aftercare provisions.

Access to modern landfills is controlled - they are not open to the general public. They accept only waste that comes from the transfer stations or designated commercial activities, at scheduled times. The solid waste is then inspected, dumped, compacted with heavy machinery and covered progressively during the day to minimise potential litter and odours.

Once the landfill has reached the maximum height, it is covered in a final layer of suitable clay, soil and vegetation. This leaves the site suitable for potential future use, such as a passive recreation site or low level farming.



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Foreword

FROM THE CHAIRMAN OF THE DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Buller District either needs to find a new district landfill site to replace the Westport tip which is due to close in May 2008, or pursue an out-of-district disposal site.

We know that whichever new service we choose it will be more expensive than the present costs for disposing of your rubbish. Council has reached the view, that given what we know to date, establishing an in-district landfill within Buller appears to be the best solution, as it offers lower costs and better service for our community.

If built, it will be a modern, engineered landfill, which means it will meet today's high environmental standards as well as community expectations.

We need to find, evaluate and prepare a site reasonably close to Westport. A large amount of work has already been done in investigating some of our options so that we are able to give you some valid information on what is required for a particular site to be considered suitable.

Now there is an opportunity for you to assist us, and to have a say during the site selection process.

This flyer provides you with a summary of solid waste management in our district. It describes how a new, modern landfill would be designed and operated. It also gives an overview of the site selection work that Council has done to date.

Rubbish is a community issue as it affects us all daily. How we deal with it can have a huge impact on our environment, so we all need to take responsibility for how we manage it. This is your chance to have your say and Council looks forward to your comments and response.

No one knows the district better than the people who live in it. If you can identify any potential sites within the areas shown as suitable, or you have anything you wish to say about rubbish disposal solutions, please let us know through your submission.

COUNCILLOR GRAEME NEYLON
Chair - Development Committee

