

CENTRAL OTAGO DISTRICT COUNCIL

STATEMENT OF PROPOSAL

DRAFT WASTE MINIMISATION AND MANAGEMENT PLAN

This Statement of Proposal has been prepared as a part of the Special Consultative Procedure in accordance with Section 83 of the Local Government Act 2002, and the Waste Minimisation Act 2008.

Why are we considering a new Waste Minimisation and Management Plan?

The Waste Minimisation Act 2008 (The Act) requires each Council to develop a Waste Minimisation and Management Plan (WMMP) that contains a summary of the objectives, strategies and actions to, 'Achieve effective and efficient waste minimisation and management within the territorial authorities district.'

The Act requires Council to:

- Consider the waste hierarchy in descending order of importance (reduce, reuse, recycle, recovery, treatment and disposal).
- Ensure the potential for nuisance in collection, transport and disposal of waste is minimised.
- Give regard to the New Zealand Waste Strategy 2010.
- Give regard to the Waste Assessment undertaken by Council which outlines the facilities, services, future demand and options to meet this demand.
- Adopt the Waste Minimisation and Management Plan no later than July 1st 2012 after special consultative procedure as directed under the Local Government Act 2002.

Various public consultations and discussions with the community have consistently provided feedback that wise resource use and minimisation of waste is an important aspect of a sustainable district. The draft Waste Minimisation and Management Plan's vision and objectives reflect this. They set the framework for efficient and effective waste minimisation and management, and supersede the Solid Waste Minimisation Strategy (SWMS) developed by the community and adopted by Council in 2007.



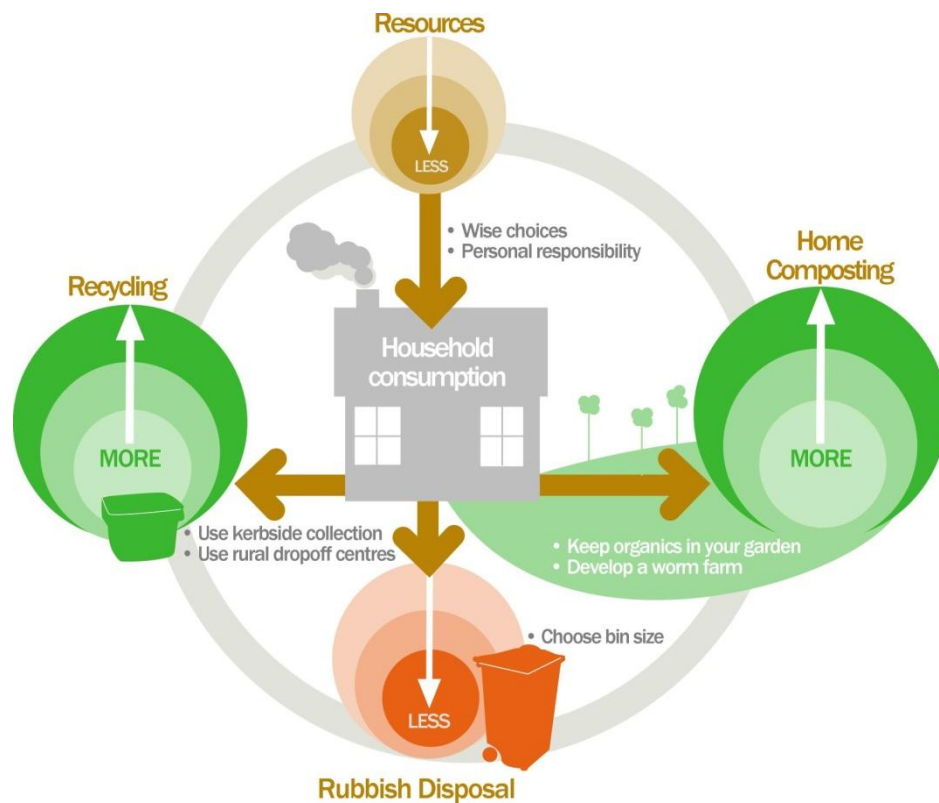
What are the key findings of the draft Waste Minimisation and Management Plan

The draft Waste Minimisation and Management Plan describes the current situation, the existing facilities and services, and the key material streams. The supporting Waste Assessment shows that the waste minimisation and management facilities and services in the District are largely adequate to meet current and future demand, and that protection of public health can be provided.

The Waste Assessment highlights that the most significant opportunity to reduce the amount of waste to landfill is to minimise waste at the household level. The desired outcome is to use resources more sustainably, and in particular:

- Reduce the amount of materials generated.
- Increase home composting.
- Use the existing recycling services more, in particular the kerbside recycling collection and rural recycling drop-off facilities.

The draft Waste Minimisation and Management Plan describes ways to support and encourage increased responsibility for the consumption, use and disposal of resources, in particular at a household level.



What strategies and actions does the draft Waste Minimisation and Management Plan contain?

The strategies and associated action plans proposed in the draft WMMP are likely to minimise waste generation, increase home composting and increase recycling in households.

The Waste Assessment details ten strategies for achieving the objectives. In developing the strategies, the environmental, social, cultural and economic impacts have been carefully considered. The draft WMMP outlines the agreed actions and funding methods to achieve the desired outcomes from each strategy.

The key actions include;

- A continued focus on providing learning opportunities to increase resource stewardship and waste minimisation within our community.
- A continued focus on advocating for product stewardship particularly for hazardous waste and problem waste such as glass, tyres and electronics.
- Reduce the amount of waste to landfill from the rubbish collection service.
- To reduce the Council rubbish collection service from a weekly to a fortnightly collection.
- Offer households the choice of retaining the existing 240 L residual rubbish wheelie bin, take up a smaller bin or opt out of the collection service. Each option will be priced so that those that produce less waste are charged less for the service.
- A review of the Council wheelie bin collection area to consider incorporating growth in townships and those areas of high demand that are not currently included.
- An increase in participation by households in the existing recycling and recovery facilities and services, driven by producer pays for rubbish disposal in the collection service and an awareness campaign of the alternative options to disposal.
- Continued and potentially increased support for COWB to collect and process additional recycled material.
- Continued support and subsidies for home composting to manage greenwaste and kitchen waste more sustainably on own properties.
- New bylaw provisions to support the WMMP.
- Support for improved configuration and cooperation between the waste transfer stations and recycling facilities to maximise resource recovery and recycling.
- Support for the development of community recycling hubs in the rural townships and in particular at Cromwell.
- Support for an increase in glass recycling facilities and services at the rural recycling drop-off centres and a commercial glass collection service.
- Implementation of a periodic Hazmobile service to safely collect and dispose of hazardous materials as a short term solution prior to an effective regional solution and/or product stewardship schemes.
- Retain the existing polluter pays funding to pass the full cost of waste disposal services and waste minimisation onto the producers of waste.

Proposal

Adopt the Waste Minimisation and Management Plan and associated strategies and action plans for implementation in Central Otago.

Distribution

The proposed draft Waste Minimisation Management Plan is available from all Council service centres and online at: www.codc.govt.nz

Timetable for Consultation

Consultation period commences	29 th September 2011
Public Meetings	October 2011
Submissions Close	November 18 th 2011
Public Hearings	December 14 th 2011
Adoption of WMMP (including revisions)	February 2012

How to Make a Submission

Written submissions to this proposal should be forwarded to “Waste Minimisation and Management Plan”, The Chief Executive Officer, Central Otago District Council, P O Box 122, Alexandra or delivered to the any Council service centre before November 18th 2011.

A standard submission form, more information and further copies of the Statement of Proposal are available at the Council service centres and the Central Otago District Council, 1 Dunorling Street, Alexandra, (03) 440 0056 or by emailing waste@codc.govt.nz

Opportunity will be given to any submitter to make a verbal presentation to the Council at its meeting on Dec 14th.