



MEDIA RELEASE

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Waste Minimisation and Management Plan Community Information Sessions

A series of public presentations on the Waste Minimisation and Management Plan starts soon, with information sessions scheduled in each of the main centres across Central Otago. The Plan lays out the next steps '*Towards Zero Waste and a Sustainable Central Otago*' and feedback from the community is being sought.

"The Waste Minimisation Plan is a comprehensive summary of the vision, objectives, strategies and actions that will be implemented in Central Otago over the next six years. The biggest opportunity is to provide the tools and information that will help each household to take personal responsibility for wise use of resources. This means increasing our awareness about the way we consume materials", said Sophie Mander, Central Otago District Council's Waste Minimisation Officer.

The evening sessions will provide an overview of the proposed plan and give the community an opportunity for people to ask questions. Discussions will focus on:

- The new regulatory requirements and reasons for change
- Where all the waste come from in Central Otago
- The Central Otago journey '*Towards Zero Waste*' – progress to date and our future direction
- Strategies and actions for the future

Meeting Dates

- Ranfurly - Monday 17th October, 5.30pm – 7pm, The Rugby Club Rooms
- Roxburgh - Tuesday 18th October, 5.30pm – 7pm, The Golf Club
- Cromwell - Wednesday 19th October, 5.30pm – 7pm, The Golden Gate Lodge
- Alexandra - Thursday 20th October, 5.30pm - 7pm, The Alexandra Community Centre
- Patearoa - Tuesday 25th October, 5.30pm - 7pm, The Bowling Club
- Tarras - Thursday 27th October, 5.30pm – 7pm, The Tarras Hall

Tea, coffee and refreshments will be provided. Individuals, businesses and groups wishing to attend these sessions should register their interest by emailing waste@codc.govt.nz or calling (03) 440 0056.

The proposed Waste Minimisation and Management Plan, Summary of Information and Statement of Proposal is available online www.codc.govt.nz or at Council offices and service centres. Submissions can be made by post or email. Submissions close 18 November 2011 and submissions will be heard on 14 December 2011.

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