



**Western
Bay of Plenty**
District Council

Waste Management & Minimisation Bylaw Decision Document

Council has been reviewing its Waste Management and Minimisation Bylaw. Council has considered the community feedback received and adopted the final bylaw on Wednesday 6 April 2022. We wanted to let you know about the key decisions. In the following pages you will find details of the decisions on the key issues we considered throughout the review.

The Bylaw was released for feedback from Tuesday 26 October to Friday 26 November 2021, with submissions sought from the community and interested parties.

The Waste Management and Minimisation Bylaw comes into effect on Monday 11 April 2022.

Would you like to know more?

For full copies of the bylaw, you can visit one of our libraries and service centres or visit our website at www.westernbay.govt.nz/bylaws

Full copies of the reports are also available on our website as part of the Policy Committee and Council meeting agendas at www.westernbay.govt.nz/agendas-and-minutes



Waste Management and Minimisation Bylaw

This bylaw covers matters relating to waste and how we manage and minimise it in the Western Bay of Plenty District.

Its key purpose is to promote waste management and minimisation objectives and support the implementation of Council's Waste Management and Minimisation Plan. The purpose of the bylaw is also to promote safe kerbside collection of waste, including recyclables, so that it does not accumulate and become offensive.

In reviewing the Waste Management and Minimisation Bylaw, we identified some changes that could be made to better align the bylaw with Council's kerbside waste collection service and support our goal of moving the Western Bay closer to being waste-free.



Why was it reviewed?

The review of the Waste Management and Minimisation Bylaw was undertaken to support the Council-led kerbside waste collection services. The current Waste Management and Minimisation Bylaw was adopted in 2013.

This bylaw review was the District's opportunity to ensure the bylaw is an effective tool to assist in moving the Western Bay closer to being waste-free. The bylaw allows Council to promote safe kerbside collection of waste and to set out the parameters of waste management in the District (including waste plans for building and demolition projects), the types of waste collected, and how it is collected.

Key Changes

The main areas of change in the Waste Management and Minimisation Bylaw were:

Support for Council-led kerbside waste collection service

The bylaw has been updated to include greater detail in support of the Council-led kerbside waste collection service.

Enforcement

This section has been amended and updated to better reflect the model bylaw developed by the Waikato and Bay of Plenty Waste Liaison Group.

Construction and demolition waste

Much of this waste material is recoverable such as concrete, timber, plasterboard, brick, and metal. It currently is our third largest source of waste and comprises approximately 10% of our sub-regional waste to landfill. The bylaw provides the framework for a future Council requirement for the preparation of a waste management plan for approval prior to the commencement of consented building works. The introduction of a control to require the preparation of site waste management plans would be a decision of Council in the future, the bylaw only gives the power to do this. More engagement is needed with the local construction sector, to determine what types of building works should be subject to this requirement. Council is also aware that more work needs to be done sub-regionally to identify appropriate facilities for construction and demolition waste.

Event waste

We've introduced a requirement for significant events (of more than 500 people) to provide for proper disposal of waste. This includes the use of recyclable, compostable and reusable material at these events to decrease the total waste sent to landfill. Any organiser of a significant event must obtain prior approval from Council for an Event Waste Management and Minimisation Plan. On completion of the event, the organiser must provide the Council with a report on the implementation of their Event Waste Management and Minimisation Plan.

Multi-unit developments

The bylaw requires the owner and/or manager of a multi-unit development to make adequate provision for the management of all waste and recycling generated within the premises. This includes arrangements for the regular collection of waste to the satisfaction of Council.

Editorial changes

Several changes have been made to aid in clarity.

What did the consultation say?

16 submissions were received on the draft Waste Management and Minimisation Bylaw.

In total:

- 8 submitters agreed with the proposed changes
- 3 opposed the proposed changes
- 5 submitters suggested an alternative or did not state a clear position.

Additionally, 14 submissions were received on whether Council should be providing a framework to require in the future the preparation of a waste management plan for approval prior to the commencement of the building works.

Some submitters commented on the lack of transfer stations available in the District. The Waste Management and Minimisation Bylaw is not the appropriate place to deal with investigations into future transfer stations for the District, however, Council will be reviewing its Waste Management and Minimisation Plan (WMMP) in 2022/23 and Council has agreed to refer this feedback to the WMMP review. The WMMP can consider and decide on appropriate actions in relation to potential future transfer stations in the District.

Our Decisions

Council has approved the draft bylaw to become operative, with no changes from the draft version.

Comments on the lack of transfer stations available in the District have been referred for consideration through the Waste Management and Minimisation Plan review 2022/2023.

