

TAMAHERE COMMUNITY COMMITTEE

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Submission

WDC Waste Management Minimisation Plan

SUPPORT

This committee supports the over-arching philosophy behind the proposed WMMP.

However we have the following comments.

COMMUNITY INPUT/EDUCATION/CONSULTATION

Improve education of households by facilitating presentations and/or workshops. For example, Xtreme Waste to present to all Community Boards & Committees.

TARGETS

Rate payer satisfaction should not be based on un-measurable factors; satisfaction surveys give a false representation of targets reached.

How is the use of Hamilton City Transfer Stations factored into WDC targets and funding regime?
In Section C, A.2.0 table, commercial recycling seems to be static on 1715 in 2015, why?

KEY ISSUES, REGULATORY TOOLS & FUNDING POLICIES

Council needs to ensure that regulations/bylaws are not so prescriptive that there is a negative reaction from the populace and businesses. For example; high fees which could lead to an increase in illegal dumping. Fees, user charges, targeted rates should be equitable and set to encourage the use of drop-off facilities and organic & inorganic transfer stations.

ACTION PLAN

Drop-off facilities and transfer stations need to be accessible but the targeted rate also needs to be equitable. Level of Service in urban areas includes litter bin collection which is funded from the general rate so rural expansion of facilities should have this factored into public versus private good.

ACTION PLAN [contd]

Enforcement; we would not want to see rate payer funds being used to chase fines or prosecution if the end result is just more loss of funds due to inability of the offender/s to pay.

GENERAL

Franklin WMMP, why is this being reviewed at a cost to existing WDC rate payers?