



Statement of Proposal

Waste Management & Minimisation Plan 2025

31 March 2025

REF: A1296938

Introduction

Ōpōtiki District Council is reviewing its Waste Management and Minimization Plan (WMMP) as required under the Waste Minimization Act 2008. The WMMP sets out how waste will be managed in the district to promote waste reduction, resource recovery, and environmental sustainability over the next six years.

The Council is committed to:

- Enhancing waste minimisation,
- Increasing recycling rates, and
- Reducing landfill disposal,

in line with community expectations and national regulatory requirements.

This Statement of Proposal includes:

- Legislation
- Background
- Proposed changes to the WMMP.
- Objective of the proposed WMMP.
- Options considered.
- Statement of Proposal for Consultation April/May 2025
- Community Consultation
- Submission Process

Legislation

This **Statement of Proposal** is prepared under **Section 83** of the **Local Government Act 2002** for the consultation of the **Waste Management and Minimization Plan 2025**.

Background

The current WMMP was adopted in 2018 and is due for review. Key achievements since then include:

- 83% completion of the current Waste Management Action Plan.
- Completion of the weighbridge construction (with ongoing technical implementation).
- Repair Café initiative to encourage waste reduction through community repairs.
- Progress on regulatory aspects including licensing provisions, bylaw updates, and educational plans.

However, challenges remain in addressing:

- Increasing landfill disposal costs.
- Community engagement in waste minimization initiatives.
- Establishing a reuse centre (Eco store) and improving recycling infrastructure.

Goals of the Proposed WMMP

- **Goal 1:** Collective responsibility for our resources and where they end up
- **Goal 2:** Enabling systems to support the reuse, reduction and recycling of materials
- **Goal 3:** Collaborate and innovate for a circular economy

Proposed Changes in the WMMP

The draft WMMP includes the following key changes and initiatives:

- **Section 17A Review:**
A full Section 17A review of solid waste services is proposed during this WMMP term.
It will examine the delivery model including collection, costs, and possible regional collaboration or shared services.
- **Monitoring and Evaluation:**
Development of a performance measurement framework, including:
Key performance indicators (KPIs)
More robust waste data collection
Integration of emissions reporting
- **Expanded Resource Recovery:**
Upgraded Recovery Centres (including the weighbridge at Opotiki RRC).
Exploration of options for a reuse shop or repair café.
Support for organics diversion infrastructure such as composting or food scrap collection.
- **Updated Regulatory Framework:**
The draft WMMP introduces a proposal to establish a waste operator licensing system.
This would require all waste collectors and facility operators (including private ones) to be licensed and report data to Council. (Potentially shared service facilitated by BOPLASS or Regional Council.
The aim is to improve data quality and ensure compliance with waste bylaws and strategy goals.
- **Support for Community-Led Initiatives**
Plans to fund or facilitate:
Community composting hubs
Repair cafés
Zero Waste events
Partnerships with iwi and community groups to deliver locally tailored solutions
- **Enhanced Waste Minimization Education:**
A new District-wide Waste Education Plan is proposed. This includes:
Support for schools, community groups, and businesses.
Promoting waste minimisation, proper recycling, and circular economy practices.
Incorporation of Māori perspectives and tikanga in education delivery.

Community Consultation

The Council seeks community feedback on the draft WMMP through a **Special Consultative Procedure**. Additional questions will be used to inform a Section 17A review if one is carried out in the coming years.

This includes:

- **Public Notice:** Published on the Council's website including Hono Mai, social media and local newspapers.
- **Public Meetings and Workshops:** Scheduled in key locations within the district.
- **Submission Period:** Open for **four weeks** from **17/04/2025 to 16/05/2025**.
- **Public Hearings:** Scheduled to allow submitters to present their views in person.

Submission Process

How to Have Your Say

We encourage community members to provide feedback on the proposed WMMP. Submissions can be made through:

- **Online Submission Form** on the Council's website.
- **Email:** info@odc.govt.nz
- **Post:** Ōpōtiki District Council, PO Box 44, Ōpōtiki 3162
- **In Person:** completing the hardcopy submission form which is available at Council's office at 108 St John Street.

Submissions Close on: 5pm Friday the 16th of May, 2025

Public Hearings

Council will conduct hearings and submitters wishing to be heard in support of their submission must clearly state this in their submission. All submitters wishing to be heard will be contacted to arrange a speaking time for a hearings meeting expected to be held on **late May to Mid June 2025**.

Availability of Documents

The full draft WMMP and this Statement of Proposal are available:

- **Online:** On the Ōpōtiki District Council website.
- **Hard Copies:** At Council offices, libraries, and community centres.

For further information, please contact:

Anthony Kirikiri
Operations Manager – Solid Waste
Ōpōtiki District Council
07 315 3030 | info@odc.govt.nz

11. Conclusion

Ōpōtiki District Council is committed to effective waste management and minimization that benefits our community and the environment. Your feedback is vital in shaping the future of waste management in our district.

Ōpōtiki Waste Minimisation and Management Plan

Your details (required)

First Name _____

Last Name _____

Email address _____

If you are making a submission on behalf of an organisation, please enter their name here

Postal address (optional)

Day time phone number _____

I/We wish to be heard in support of this submission Y / N

If yes is selected, you will be contacted to arrange a time to speak to your submission (date and time TBC). Presentation time is limited to 5 minutes per speaker. Council will have read your written submission before the hearing.

Questions

PART ONE: Feedback on the draft WMMP

1. What kinds of waste education would help your whānau or business most? Please number items in order of importance

Section 4.5 Education and Communication, Page 19

Public Workshops

School Programmes

Business Support

Other _____

2. How concerned are you about illegal dumping or unmanaged rural waste in your community?

Section 2.2.8 Challenges, Page 13; Action 3.5, Page 20

1

2

3

4

5

Not concerned at all

Very concerned

What actions should council take?

3. Are there any waste types or services not covered in this plan that you think should be a priority for council over the next six years?
4. Any other feedback on the draft WMMP

PART TWO:

One of the first activities in the draft WMMP is a s Section 17A Review. This is an extensive process of reviewing the whole delivery model of solid waste services in the district including collection, costs, and any opportunities for regional collaboration or shared services.

This review has not yet been undertaken (it is proposed in the draft WMMP) but this consultation provides an opportunity to collect community feedback on some of the key topics that would be part of a Section 17A review if it goes ahead.

5. Do you agree that Ōpōtiki District Council should undertake a Section 17 Review and consider the whole delivery model of solid waste services in the district?

Y / N

6. If we carry out a Section 17 review, which of the following ideas would you most likely support for improving household kerbside collection services in Ōpōtiki? Rank items in order of importance 1-3.

Section 2.2.1–2.2.3 Infrastructure & Services, Pages 8–10

Retain the current or similar bin sizes, with the option to purchase stickers for extra rubbish bags (to help larger households manage overflow). (This would have a minor effect on the cost of service)

Increase the standard size of bins provided to all households in the township currently on kerbside collection. (This would have a major effect on the cost of service)

Introduce a user-pays system where bin size or frequency of collection affects the cost. Similar to commercial business model. (This would have a minor effect on the cost of service)

7. Council is considering expanding kerbside recycling and possibly organics collection (e.g. food or green waste). How important are these services to you?

Section 4.4 Infrastructure and Services, Pages 19–20

1	2	3	4	5
Not very important at all			Very important	

8. Would you support investment in local processing (e.g. composting green waste locally) even if it results in increased rates or fees?

Section 2.2.6 Achievements / Opportunities, Page 12

Yes

No

Other _____

9. How supportive are you of Council working with other councils and the Government to develop regional or national waste solutions?

Section 4.6 Policy, Action 3.6, Page 20

Yes

No

Other _____

10. Any other feedback?