

15 March 2024

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Dear [REDACTED]

LOCAL GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL INFORMATION AND MEETINGS ACT Request: 2024-05

Thank you for your email of 1 February 2024 to the Carterton District Council (CDC) requesting the following information:

“The Packaging Forum is co-leading the design of a mandatory Plastic Packaging Product Stewardship scheme for New Zealand (<https://ppps.org.nz/>). The scheme design is continuing at pace with the project set to deliver recommendations to the Ministry for the Environment by end July 2024. The consultants (RPS) appointed to conduct the Cost Benefit Analysis and modelling work have received some data from the waste sector and councils relating to amount of plastic recovered and the cost of recovery but more data is required from more councils to develop a robust picture of the current status and to build a collection, sortation and processing model which will increase our plastic recycling rate from the current 17% to something approaching a global average in the medium term and with the framework to make us world class in the longer term.

The information which RPS require is as follows:

- 1. Number of households for kerbside collection – and how materials are collected (glass separate/ commingled + rubbish)*
- 2. Split by material type of what is collected at kerbside so that we can isolate the plastic component – for transport and for sortation at the Material Recovery Facility (MRF)*
- 3. Cost of the kerbside collection or the Council’s budget for kerbside collections*
- 4. Cost of MRF process or Council’s budget for MRF process*
- 5. Export market for plastic by resin type – cost of shipment/port costs + revenue*

All information provided by councils will be collated and only used in a generic format and will not identify the source.

It would be very much appreciated if this information could be emailed to:

[REDACTED]

Your request has been considered under the Local Government Official Information and Meeting Act 1987 (the Act). My response to your request is in the number order below.

1. Number of households for kerbside collection – and how materials are collected (glass separate/ commingled + rubbish).

The number of households of kerbside collection in Carterton is 2712.

The materials are collected in urban Carterton for kerbside collection via a third-party contractor who is responsible for collection, sorting and shipping the waste to disposal/recycling.

Materials are collected once a week. You can view our urban recycling collection calendar in our website here: [Collection-Calendar_2022-2023 \(wairecycle.nz\)](https://www.wairarapa.govt.nz/Environment/Recycling/Collection-Calendar-2022-2023)

2. Split by material type of what is collected at kerbside so that we can isolate the plastic component – for transport and for sortation at the Material Recovery Facility (MRF).

The plastic codes 1, 2 and 5, tins, paper, cardboard and cans are collected in a 140L bin fortnightly alongside council rubbish bags.

Glass crates is collected alternate fortnightly alongside council rubbish bags.

3. Cost of the kerbside collection or the Council's budget for kerbside collections.

Council charges \$105.90 incl. GST per unit of kerbside (refuse & recycling) collection service.

4. Cost of MRF process or Council's budget for MRF process.

CDC budget for the recycling process for full year 2023/24 is \$240,000.

5. Export market for plastic by resin type – cost of shipment/port costs + revenue.

The sorted 'recycle-ready' materials are distributed for recycling by different vendors from Masterton across NZ based on the market availability in which the polyolefin resins (PE, PP) mark the highest approximately ~85% of the recycled market followed by PET and others.

The cost of shipment varies from place to place as per Mainfreight charges and type of recycling process which is maintained by third-party services. Since we are not involved in the process maintained by the third-party services, we cannot comment on the numbers.

Please note, the Council proactively publishes LGOIMA responses on our website. As such, we may publish this response on our website after five working days. Your name and contact details will be removed.

Thank you again for your email. You have the right to ask an Ombudsman to review this decision. You can do this by writing to info@ombudsman.parliament.nz or Office of the Ombudsman, PO Box 10152, Wellington 6143.

Yours sincerely



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