

SOUTH WAIRARAPA DISTRICT COUNCIL

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AGENDA ITEM C3

TUTURUMURI RECYCLING CENTRE

Purpose of Report

To inform Council of the proposed closure of the Tukurumuri Recycling Centre.

Recommendations

We recommend the Council:

1. *Receive the information.*
2. *Advise staff on preferred community outcome for Tukurumuri Recycling Centre.*

1. Executive Summary

The purpose of this report is to outline the implications for South Wairarapa District Council in the closure of the Tukurumuri Recycling Centre.

2. Background

The Tukurumuri Recycling Centre is located approximately one kilometer west of the village of Tukurumuri. The Recycling Centre has been established for 10 years or more. Over a period of time it has been noted this facility is now used as a general 'refuse' drop off i.e.: household rubbish, animal carcasses etc. This has led to the contamination of what would normally be recycled products i.e. glass and plastic items. Previously Council resolved to establish another more 'visible' site within the settlement of Tukurumuri with the hope of eliminating abuse of the recycling centre. Unfortunately the adjacent landowners did not want the centre close to their properties due to the current issues, Council opted to remain with the status quo.

3. Discussion

Closure of the Tukurumuri Recycling Centre

The Recycling Centre has now become a health and safety issue due to the dumping of animal carcasses, and general refuse etc. It is proposed the recycling site be closed and the local community of Tukurumuri delivers their own recycling to the Martinborough Transfer site.

The Council Long Term Plan indicates our obligation to provide 6 communities with recycling centers. To achieve this measure under the service delivery performance the proposed closure of Tututumuri can be offset by the construction of the new site at Ngawi by the NRA. Although this compound only has refuse bins at present, with the closure of Tututumuri the recycling bins could be transferred to the Ngawi site.

Photo below shows the type of abuse the Tututumuri site encounters.



Up to the end of January 2014 Earthcare Environmental Ltd has been carrying the cost of cleaning up this site and sorting the contaminated recycling.

Considerations

1. Increase in Public dumping of waste on rural roads and surrounding farm land by visitors to the coast once the facility is removed.
2. The inconvenience to the Tututumuri community to travel to the Martinborough transfer station for recycling.
3. Council cost to service the centre due to illegal dumping.

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