

SOUTH WAIRARAPA DISTRICT COUNCIL

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AGENDA ITEM C4

TUTURUMURI RECYCLING CENTRE

Purpose of Report

To inform Council of the outcome of submissions received as part of a community consultation regarding the pending closure of the Tukurumuri Recycling Centre.

Recommendations

We recommend the Council:

1. *Receive the information.*
2. *Close the recycling station.*
3. *Allow residents "on route" to receive the solid waste service.*

1. Executive Summary

A report to Council 29 January 2014 outlined the implications for South Wairarapa District Council regarding the closure of the Tukurumuri recycling centre. The resolution from this meeting recommended officers seek community consultation from the Tukurumuri residents.

2. Background

The Tukurumuri Recycling Centre is to be used for the collection of recyclables and is serviced once a week during the summer and reverts fortnightly during the winter season being May to September.

The facility has become used as a general 'refuse' drop off ie household rubbish, animal carcasses etc and this poses a health and safety risk. It has led to the contamination of what would normally be recycled products ie 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.

A community newsletter was sent to properties on Whiterock Road, Tora Road, Tora Farm Settlement Road, Te Awaiti Road and Kaiwaka Road and was also published in the Tukurumuri school newsletter on 28 March 2014

requesting residents to provide suggestions to Council for alternative options on the closure of the recycling centre or alternative locations to enable Council to make a formal decision. The feedback response received was a total of 7 submissions. The outcome was 50/50 to close the recycling station or remove the tin fence with the option of full collection and charge in annual rates.

3. Discussion

Closure of the Tuturumuri Recycling Centre

It is proposed the recycling site be closed and the local community of Tuturumuri delivers their own recycling to the Martinborough Transfer site or pays for and receives the service where they are on route.

We currently have 5 residents that are on route who pay refuse charges in their rates for this collection.

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 Tuturumuri can be off-set by the new site at Ngawi. Although this compound only has refuse bins at present, with the closure of Tuturumuri the recycling bins could be transferred to the Ngawi site.

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