



**SOUTH WAIRARAPA
DISTRICT COUNCIL**

Kia Reretahi Tātau

AGENDA

Environmental Sustainability Committee Meeting

Thursday, 23 July 2026

Committee members: Councillors Rachel Clarke (Chair), Collier Isaacs, Andrea Rutene (Deputy Chair), Rupert Watson, Deputy Mayor Rob Taylor and Mayor Wilde

**I hereby give notice that a Environmental Sustainability Committee Meeting will
be held on:**

Date: Thursday, 23 July 2026

Time: 10:00 am

Location: Supper Room, Waihinga Centre, Texas Street

Martinborough

**Janice Smith
Chief Executive Officer**

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1 KARAKIA TIMATANGA – OPENING

Kia hora te marino
Kia whakapapa pounamu te moana
Hei huarahi mā tātou i te rangi nei
Aroha atu, aroha mai
Tātou i ā tātou katoa
Hui ē! Tāiki ē!

May peace be widespread
May the seas be like greenstone
A pathway for us all this day
Let us show respect for each other
For one another
Bind us all together!

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8.1 VERBAL UPDATE FROM GREATER WELLINGTON REGIONAL COUNCIL

Author: Janice Smith, Chief Executive Officer

PURPOSE

To inform members that a verbal update will be made by Greater Wellington Regional Councillor Quentin Duthie.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- Councillor Quentin Duthie is the Chair of the Greater Wellington Regional Council Environment & Climate Committee.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Officers recommend that the Environmental Sustainability Committee:

Receive the Verbal Update from Greater Wellington Regional Council report

BACKGROUND

There will be a verbal update from Greater Wellington Regional Council on areas of Environmental control so that this committee has a better understanding of the role and responsibilities that lie with each council.

DISCUSSION

A verbal update is expected at the meeting.

APPENDICES

Nil

8.2 WASTE MINIMISATION REPORT

Author: Mandy De Ritter, Environmental Sustainability Advisor

Authoriser: James O'Connor, Group Manager, Infrastructure and Community Operations

File Number:

PURPOSE

To inform *councillors/members* of work in the resource recovery and waste area in Council.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report provides an overview of the Waste Disposal Levy fund. Including legislative framework, funding allocation process and parameters on spending this fund. It also outlines the purpose and key priorities for the Waste Management and Minimisation Plan (WMMP) summarising current actions, targets and progress of projects. The report presents waste trend data on waste and recycling collected for Council in South Wairarapa. This information is intended to support Councillors understanding of current waste minimisation activities, and progress towards reducing waste to landfill and improving resource recovery within the South Wairarapa.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Officers recommend that the Environmental Sustainability Committee:

Receive the Waste Minimisation report.

BACKGROUND

Waste Levy Funding

The waste levy is a per tonne fee charged by central government on waste sent to landfills. It was established under the Waste Minimisation Act 2008 with it's primary goal to encourage individuals, businesses, and industries to reduce, reuse, or recycle waste.

As of 1 July 2026, a waste disposal levy of \$70 per tonne applies to waste disposed at Class 1 landfills. Levy revenue is split equally between central government and local government, with councils receiving funding based on population. The current funding model is under review by central government, with consideration being given to increasing the proportion of funding allocated to smaller councils. To receive waste levy funding, councils are required to adopt and maintain a Waste Management and Minimisation Plan (WMMP) which needs to be reviewed every six years. Waste levy funding is a key mechanism for supporting local waste reduction, recycling and resource recovery initiatives. Waste Levy received by South Wairarapa District Council in 25/26 was approx. \$200,000. This funding was used for a share of a regional advisor and programme manager to assist with regional projects and joint committee reporting, coastal recycling pods, AG recovery scheme, Enviroschool programmes, waste workshops, collection of soft plastic, battery recycling, new signage at transfer stations, organic waste business case, bin clips (to assist with the high-wind environments of the South Wairarapa), the Paper 4 Trees programme, and the Solid Waste Analysis Protocol to determine composition of waste.

Regional Waste Management and Minimisation Plan (WMMP)

South Wairarapa District Council is part of a regional WMMP, developed jointly by the eight Wellington Councils. The plan provides a coordinated approach to waste minimisation and resource recovery, with regional goals, targets and actions that are developed to reduce waste to landfill and harm to the environment.

WMMP Targets

- Reduce waste to landfill by 10% by 2027 and 30% by 2030
- Reduce emissions from biogenic methane by reducing the total amount of organic waste disposed to landfill by 50% by 2030
- Reduce emissions from the transport of waste by 30% by 2030
- Ensure all urban households have access to kerbside recycling collections by 2027
- Ensure food scraps collection services are available to urban households by 2030
- For each council to engage with and commit 20% of the business community to minimising waste.

WMMP's last for six years and our current WMMP is due for renewal in 2029.

Wairarapa Joint Action Plan

As part of the WMMP the three Wairarapa Councils have a shared local action plan that is tailored to the Wairarapa. The current plan contains 23 actions focused on improving waste reduction, resource recovery, education and behaviour change, infrastructure and service delivery.

APPENDICES

Appendix 1	Regional Updates
Appendix 2	Trend Data - 2026
Appendix 3	Local Action Plan Updates July 26

Ref	Project	Project Description	Lead council	Involved Councils	Estimated Start	Estimated end	Priority	Stage (June 2026)	RAG (if applicable)	Notes
R1	Regional Website Development	Develop and implement the regional website to provide a platform to engage with and involve our communities through highlighting progress against the WMMP and providing a central point of regional information.	WCC	All	2024/2025 (Q1)	2024/2025 (Q4)	Low	Closed	Closed	Project formally closed June 2025, with reduced scope.
R2	Regional Framework Development	Develop a regional framework to set out how the region will work together to deliver the WMMP in a way that provides consistency, efficiency, and maximises the benefits of working together across the region.	Regional	All	2024/2025 (Q1)	2025/2026 (Q4)	Low	Complete	Complete	Project formally closed 12/06. Regional Framework Document is reviewed and updated annually as required.
R3	Strengthening the Wellington Waste Forum	Investigate opportunities to strengthen the Wellington Waste Forum and improve connections between regional stakeholders, through a focus on information sharing and providing a platform for collaboration.	HCC	All	2024/2025 (Q1)	2025/2026 (Q4)	Low	Complete	Complete	Project formally closed 12/06.
R5	Waste Management in Emergencies	Collate available Wellington region emergency waste and post recovery plans and guidelines in a central repository for ease of access in the event of an emergency. Develop a plan of how waste diversion may occur in emergency events and establish strong connections with supporting agencies to ensure consistency of information and activities.	Regional	WCC, HCC, PCC, UHCC, Wairarapa	2024/2025 (Q4)	2026/2027 (Q4)	High	In progress - amended scope approved	A	1. Agreed 22/06 to move from Medium priority to High priority.
R6	Future Waste Pathways	Undertake an options analysis of future waste pathways.	HCC	All	2024/2025 (Q4)	2026/2027 (Q4)	Very High	In progress (Stage 1)	G	Priority updated from High to Very High (22/06) Agreed that if funding is a barrier following procurement the funding split can be reviewed, with landfill councils potentially taking a larger portion.
R7	Future of Cleanfill Investigation	Carry out a stocktake of existing and potentially feasible available solutions to manage cleanfill across the Wellington region including final disposal and reuse options and ensure there is a mechanism to connect producers and users of cleanfill to support greater diversion of cleanfill from landfill disposal.	WCC	All	2025/2026 (Q1)	2026/2027 (Q2)	Low	In progress - procurement for external support complete	G	Preferred supplier engaged. Project intended to be complete by the end of the financial year.

Trends Data – July 2026

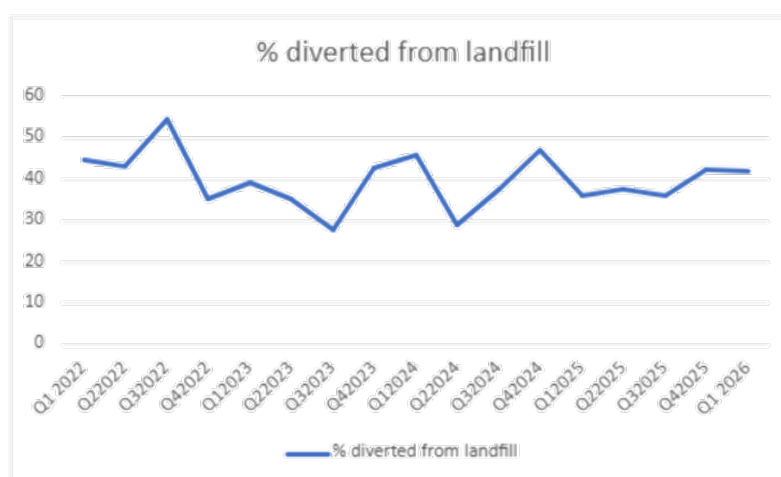
The following graphs present waste and resource and recovery trends over time for South Wairarapa, using data from kerbside collections and transfer station operations.

Information is sourced from weighbridge transactions, kerbside collection weights, and the number of bags collected, and is collated monthly by Masterton District Council as the contract lead.

The graphs display key performance measures including the percentage of waste diverted from landfill, kerbside diversion rates and the total quantities of materials landfilled versus diverted. Trend lines are quarterly comparisons are used to show changes over time, helping Council monitor performance, identify emerging trends, meet reporting requirements, and inform future waste minimisation and waste levy investment decisions.

Data is reported quarterly to Ministry for Cities, Environment, Regions and Transport. (MCERT)

Percentage Overall Waste Diverted from Landfill



Quarterly data reported to the Ministry for Cities, Environment, Regions and Transport (MCERT, formerly MFE)

Quarts run annually

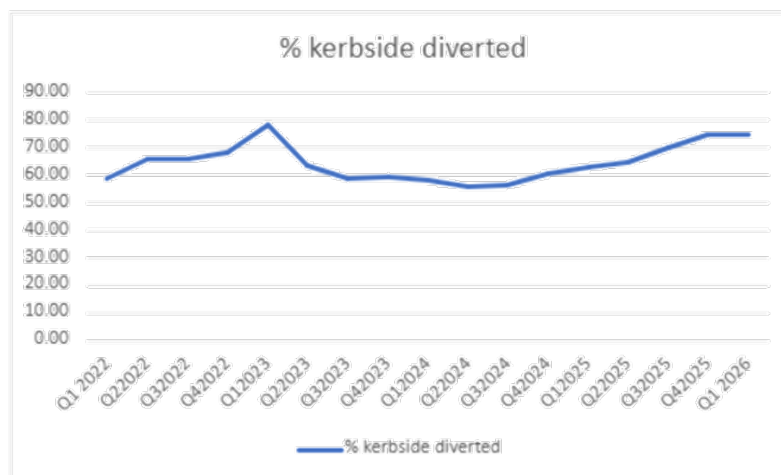
Q1: Jan, Feb, Mar

Q2: Apr, May, June

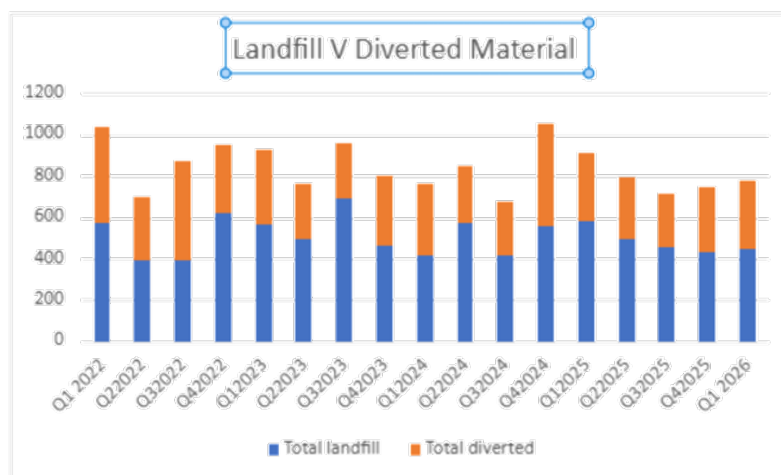
Q3: July, Aug, Sept

Q4: Oct, Nov, Dec

- Starts at 44.7% in Q1 2022
- Reached a low of 27.9% in Q3 2023
- Improved following a peak in 2024 to 41.9% in Q1 2026
- Recovery rates are dependent on the time of the year, which is likely due to tourists visiting the area. This seems to be improving following kerbside standardisation.

Percentage of Kerbside Collections Diverted from Landfill

- Increased from 58.8% in Q1 2022 to 75.1% in Q1 2026
- Strong and consistent upward trend
- Shows that residents are increasingly using recycling services correctly

Total amount of Landfill V Diverted Material (KG)

Local Action Plan Projects Update

Project Name	Encouraging Circular Economy Principles at Community Level	Project Status	RAG	Description
Project Description	Trial initiatives that embed circular economy principles at community level.	Overall	A	Continuing to promote reduction in waste across websites and social media.
		Time	A	Ongoing
- Engaged Kate Meads from Wast-ed to deliver a series of waste reduction workshops. - Partnered with Carterton District Council to run workshops on business waste, event waste and waste reduction for the wider community. - Commissioned Kate Meads to produce a documentary-style video on illegal dumping in the Wairarapa available on Wairarapa Councils' websites. https://swdc.govt.nz/what-happens-to-your-rubbish-and-recycling/ - Purchased viewing rights for a recycling education video which is available on the council website. - Regularly use the council's website and social media channels to promote waste reduction and recycling initiatives.				
	Key Risk & Issues Update			
	- Only people currently interested in reducing waste will engage. - Lack of internal resources to promote the benefits of a circular economy.			
	Success Measures			
		Contributes to the following WMMP targets: - Reduce the amount of material that needs final disposal to landfill by 10% by 2027 30% by 2030. - For each council to engage with and commit 20% of the business community to minimising waste.		
		Additional success measures include: - Reduction in waste and recycling processing within the Wairarapa, which would indicate a move towards reusable products. - Businesses promoting reusables. - Organic waste diversion, with circular economy principles.		

Local Action Plan Projects Update

Project Name	Investigate targeted Waste Streams	Project Status	RAG	Description
Project Description	Investigate services for targeted waste streams that are not included in standard kerbside collections	Overall	G	Soft plastic and batteries are diverted instead of going to landfill. Tyres are now free to dispose of reducing illegal dumping incidents from this product.
		Time	G	Ongoing
- Successfully trialled and introduced soft plastic and battery collections at transfer stations. - Investigated options to divert polystyrene for recycling, including opportunities with processors in Palmerston North and the Wairarapa, subject to suitable site availability. - Introduced Vape recycling at stations. - Reviewed recycling options for liquid paperboard (Tetra Pak) with storage capacity and transport costs identified as key considerations. - Implemented Tyrewise product stewardship scheme at Martinborough transfer station.				
		Key Risk & Issues Update		
		- Transport costs are a barrier to successful implementation of items that could be diverted, such as polystyrene, Tetra Paks and lids. - Batteries are the main cause of waste truck and landfill fires, so diverting them reduces the risk of fires and the disposal of precious metals.		
		Success Measures		
		Contributes to the following WMMP targets: - Reduce the amount of material that needs final disposal to landfill by 10% by 2027 30% by 2030. - Reduce emissions from the transport of waste by 30% by 2030 Additional success measures include: - Increase in product stewardship schemes. Achieved with advocacy to Central Government. - Working with Community Groups that are already working in this area.		

Local Action Plan Projects Update

Project Name	Options for an Organic Processing Facility	Project Status	RAG	Description
Project Description	Consider options for processing organic waste in the Wairarapa, including community-operated solutions.	Overall	A	Quick wins highlighting working with those groups already doing the work and future planning proposals will allow a staged approach to organic waste diversion.
		Time	A	Ongoing
- Completed organics feasibility study on organics, which highlighted several options. - Engaging with community groups that are either processing food waste or looking at this waste stream. - Council funded Pickled Compost to trial food collections from events and businesses. - Next steps report underway which will focus on community options. - Investigating funding options for a South Wairarapa scaled processing facility that would also be able to manage sludge aid resilience within the South Wairarapa.				
		Key Risk & Issues Update		
		- Aligns with the Regional project on organics; Wellington and Hutt have put their organics projects on hold due to costs and council priorities. - Unlikely to meet target by 2030 if WCC and HCC are not engaged. - These targets were agreed before Central Government pulled the organics legislation.		
		Success Measures		
		Contributes to the following WMMP targets: - Reduce the amount of material that needs final disposal to landfill by 10% by 2027 30% by 2030. - Ensuring a regional organics processing facility is available by 2029 - Reduce emissions from biogenic methane by reducing the total amount of organic waste disposed to landfill by 50% by 2030. - Reduce emissions from the transport of waste by 30% by 2030 - Ensure food scraps collection services are available to urban households by 2030 Additional success measures include: - Increase in capacity for groups already diverting organic waste. - Large out-of-region facility available to manage extra organic waste that South Wairarapa region does not have capacity for. - Securing funding for partnerships with local groups to expand capacity.		

Local Action Plan Projects Update

Project Name	Divert Construction and Demolition Waste	Project Status	RAG	Description
Project Description	Introduce solutions working with external parties to aid the diversion of construction and demolition waste.	Overall	A	Working with external groups to promote C&D diversion. Engagement plan in process to provide information to those in the C&D industry.
		Time	A	July 2027
- Completed project on diverting wood from transfer stations; findings showed that this is currently cost-prohibited due to transport costs. - Working on an MOU to provide a local community-led resource recovery centre with containers to store C&D material for resale, assisting with diversion from landfill. - Working with Kapiti Council to share information on a C&D diversion and reuse shop. - Project to implement the region-wide construction and demolition bylaw- any building project with a value of over \$2 million must complete a waste disposal plan. - Regional project in scope planning to determine the disposal pathway for clean fill.				
		Key Risk & Issues Update		
		- Without more widely available infrastructure to manage C&D waste, it's difficult to divert from landfill due to costs. - Council really has no jurisdiction over private companies producing C&D waste.		
		Success Measures		
		Contributes to the following WMMP targets: - Reduce the amount of material that needs final disposal to landfill by 10% by 2027 30% by 2030. - Ensuring a regional C&D processing facility is available by 2026- completed. Porirua has just opened a privately run facility with equipment owned by Porirua Council. - For each council to engage and commit 20% of the business community to minimising waste.		
		Additional success measures include: - Current facilities to increase C&D material passing through. - Engagement with building companies to find solutions within the industry.		

Local Action Plan Projects Update

Project Name	Events-led, council-supported waste management and minimisation.	Project Status	RAG	Description
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Project Description	Support effective waste management at events and support and assist event organisers to reduce waste and work towards a circular economy.	Overall	G	New forms and guidelines will make it easier to complete required paperwork.
		Time	G	October 2026
- Updated event waste management and post-event audit plans have been completed. - Plans to go to comms to be added to website, will also be made available as a fill-in online form. - Regional team working on updated event and packaging guidelines, proposed to be completed by September, where an event will be held to launch new guidelines. - Overall trend information on event waste currently in planning. - New bin covers and signage to be produced and available for events to use. - Project underway for reusable items that event organisers can use with council spaces that have a steriliser.				
	Key Risk & Issues Update			
	- Confusion about compostable packaging, currently nowhere in the Wairarapa that can process this product, so it will go to landfill. - Difficult to manage recycling stations without a large number of volunteers.			
	Success Measures			
	Contributes to the following WMMP targets: - Reduce the amount of material that needs final disposal to landfill by 10% by 2027 30% by 2030. - Reduce emissions from biogenic methane by reducing the total amount of organic waste disposed to landfill by 50% b 2030.			
Additional success measures include: - Positive reusable market at events, making it the norm. - Clear guidelines that all event organisers can refer their vendors to before an event takes place.				

Local Action Plan Projects Update

Project Name	Project Status	RAG	Description
Improve signage at transfer and recycling stations			

Project Description	Improve signage to enable clear and consistent instructions to users.	Overall	G	All signs replaced or in the process of being made will be replaced as needed.
		Time	G	July 2026
- Replaced all general recycling signage to clear multilingual signs in colours approved by Wasteminz(an NZ-wide entity that provides consistency for councils on everything waste) to ensure consistency across NZ. - Updated all main signs at all stations in new council colours with refreshed messaging. - New E-waste bin with signage promoting e-waste recycling designed and ordered. - New Metal bin in place with signage ordered. - New recycling signage ordered for recycling sheds with clear images of what can be recycled.				
	Key Risk & Issues Update			
	- Even with signage, staff needed to assist and direct customers. - Price changes mean signs look old before they need replacing.			
	Success Measures			
	Contributes to the following WMMP targets: - Reduce the amount of material that needs final disposal to landfill by 10% by 2027 30% by 2030. - Reduce emissions from biogenic methane by reducing the total amount of organic waste disposed to landfill by 50% b 2030.			
Additional success measures include: - Reduction in contamination at recycling stations. - Better engagement from customers using signage as a start to asking questions on recycling.				

Key

R = Red - area for concern as project is behind schedule

A= Amber - Mostly on track with a couple of concerns.

G=Green – on track, on budget.

8.3 PRESENTATION - LOVE FOOD HATE WASTE**Author:** Janice Smith, Chief Executive Officer**File Number:****PURPOSE**

To inform members of the Love Food Hate Waste Programme.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- There will be a presentation from the Programme Manager of Love Food Hate Waste.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Officers recommend that the Environmental Sustainability Committee:
Receive the Presentation – Love Food Hate Waste.

BACKGROUND

The programme manager of Love Food Hate Waste programme will attend to discuss the programme with the committee.

DISCUSSION

There will be a presentation on the day.

APPENDICES

Nil

9 CHAIRPERSON REPORTS

9.1 CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT - ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES IN FEATHERSTON

Author: Rachel Clarke, Councillor

Authoriser: Janice Smith, Chief Executive Officer

File Number: N/A

PURPOSE

AA To inform Councillors of community concerns identified environmental pollution issues across air, water, soil, visual, and audible domains, and to seek direction on advocacy, operational responses, and inter-agency coordination.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- A number of environmental concerns have been raised by community members, particularly relating to air pollution from burning practices, unresolved water quality issues, soil contamination, plastic waste, and the condition of public amenities.
- Many of these matters involve Greater Wellington Regional Council (GWRC) and other stakeholders, and highlight gaps in enforcement, monitoring, and reporting.
- This report proposes a combination of advocacy to external agencies, improved communication and education, and targeted local actions.

RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Environmental Sustainability Committee:

a) Receive the report Environmental Issues in Featherston.

b) Advocate to Greater Wellington Regional Council (GWRC) for:

1. Improved responsiveness and reporting on air and water pollution incidents;
2. Consideration of strengthened urban fire restrictions;

c) Request reporting from GWRC to the Environmental Sustainability Committee on unresolved environmental incidents;

d) Support a joint public information campaign on:

1. Permitted burning practices;
2. Waste disposal and recycling options;

e) Strengthen collaboration with the Wairarapa Moana Statutory Board, DOC, iwi, and GWRC;

f) Request the Chief Executive to review local operational issues, including:

1. Lake Domain maintenance and clean-up;
2. Public facility maintenance;
3. Investigate road safety and signage improvements where pedestrians and cyclists share high-speed roads.

BACKGROUND

Community feedback has identified ongoing environmental concerns across Featherston and surrounding areas.

These include:

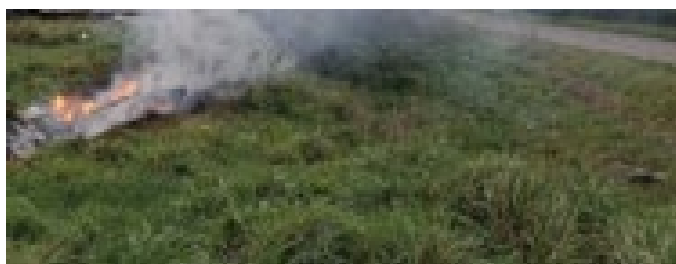
- Air pollution from backyard and commercial burning practices;
- Inconsistent follow-up on reported water quality issues;
- Plastic waste accumulation in waterways and rural environments;
- Potential soil contamination from chemicals, vehicles, and microplastics;
- Visual and amenity impacts from poorly maintained sites and infrastructure.

Many issues require collaboration between SWDC, GWRC, DOC, iwi authorities, and community stakeholders.

DISCUSSION

Air Pollution

Air quality issues in the district are closely linked to private and commercial burning practices. These behaviours often occur intermittently, over weekends or on public holidays and are influenced by seasonal clean-up activities.



Issues identified include:

- Frequent burning of inappropriate materials (e.g., plastics, packaging);
- Unsafe practices such as use of accelerants;
- Poor compliance despite previous engagement.

Opportunities:

- Advocate for urban fire restrictions or bans;
- Promote reporting through GWRC channels (0800 number, email);
- Develop joint education campaign on acceptable practices.

Water Quality

Water quality management is primarily the responsibility of GWRC; however, community observations play an important role in identifying emerging issues. The geographic spread of

Wairarapa creates challenges for timely monitoring and response. In one case, when the water in the Tauwharenikau River was creating foam, there was no clear pathway to determine cause or solution. A community working bee to remove bailing plastic from the shore of Lake Wairarapa removed 600 kg of plastic.



Issues include:

- Delays and lack of resolution in GWRC response to reported contamination;
- Ongoing bailing plastic pollution affecting lake and estuary environments;
- Complex multi-agency coordination.

Opportunities:

- Request formal response protocols and timelines from GWRC;
- Establish regular reporting back to Council;
- Support and partner in community-led clean-up initiatives.

Soil and Waste

Soil contamination risks arise from both rural and urban practices, including agricultural waste handling, industrial activity, and improper disposal of hazardous materials.

Issues include:

- Disposal of oils and chemicals on farms;
- Leakage from damaged vehicles in residential areas;
- Agricultural plastics degrading into microplastics;
- Commercial waste management concerns where materials are incorrectly disposed of or left exposed to wind movement.

Opportunities:

- Clarify legal requirements for hazardous material handling;
- Engage rural and business stakeholders in improved practices.

Traffic, Noise, and Safety

Transport corridors in the district increasingly serve mixed-use purposes, with pedestrians, cyclists, and vehicles sharing space.

Issues include:

- High-speed roads used by pedestrians and cyclists (e.g., Murphys Line);

- Lack of signage and awareness;
- Noise issues from vehicles and commercial activity in residential zones.

Opportunities:

- Install advisory signage;
- Clarify noise enforcement pathways and responsibilities;

Lake Domain

Lake Domain is a significant recreational and ecological asset that requires ongoing stewardship and coordinated management between agencies and the community.

Issues identified include:

- Presence of plastic waste and damaged infrastructure;
- Poor maintenance of toilet facilities;
- Road erosion and incomplete repairs;
- Vehicle access damaging protected plantings;
- Derelict condition of sailing club building.

Opportunities:

- Advocate for community support to clean-up area;
- Ensure road work required is included in future roading work plans;
- Discuss with stakeholders to identify options to protect native planting by improving security.

OPTIONS

Option 1 – Status Quo

Continue current practices with no additional intervention.

Advantages:

- No additional resource requirements.

Disadvantages:

- Ongoing environmental degradation;
- Reduced public confidence;
- Missed opportunities for improvement.

Option 2 – Targeted Local Action (Recommended)

Undertake operational fixes within Council control and increase advocacy and coordination.

Advantages:

- Immediate visible improvements;
- Strengthened partnerships;
- Improved compliance and awareness.

Disadvantages:

- Requires staff time and resource allocation.

Option 3 – Enhanced Regulatory Approach

Pursue stronger local bylaws and enforcement mechanisms.

Advantages:

- Greater control over behaviours and outcomes.

Disadvantages:

- Higher cost and complexity;
- Potential overlap with GWRC jurisdiction.

Climate Change

The focus of this report is to better understand environmental issues, responsibility for remediation and advocacy across multiple stakeholders to achieve better outcomes for our district

CONCLUSION

This report highlights some opportunities to collaborate with stakeholders to achieve better environmental awareness and outcomes within the district.

COMPLIANCE SCHEDULE

Full consideration has been given to the provisions of the Local Government Act 2002 S77 in relation to decision making, in particular:

1. A Local authority must, in the course of the decision-making process,
 - a) Seek to identify all reasonably practicable options for the achievement of the objective of a decision; and
 - b) Assess the options in terms of their advantages and disadvantages; and
 - c) If any of the options identified under paragraph (a) involves a significant decision in relation to land or a body of water, take into account the relationship of Māori and their culture and traditions with their ancestral land, water sites, waahi tapu, valued flora and fauna and other taonga.
2. This section is subject to Section 79 - Compliance with procedures in relation to decisions.

Compliance requirement	Staff assessment
State the level of significance (high or low) of the issue or proposal as determined by the Council's Significance and Engagement Policy	This is a matter of low significance.
State the relevant Council policies (external or internal), legislation, and/or community outcomes (as stated in the Long Term Plan) that relate to this decision.	This report complies with Local Government Act 2002.
State the possible implications for Māori and how Māori have been provided with an opportunity to contribute to decision making if this decision is significant and relates to land and/or any body of water.	There will be implications for Māori, if the recommendations are taken up.
Chief Financial Officer review	The Chief Financial Officer has not reviewed this report.
State the possible implications for health and safety	As per the report, further information is being requested on matters of health and safety.

APPENDICES**Nil**

10 KARAKIA WHAKAMUTUNGA – CLOSING

Kua mutu ā mātou mahi
Mō tēnei wā
Manaakitia mai mātou katoa
O mātou hoa
O mātou whānau
Aio ki te Aorangi

Our work is finished
For the moment
Blessing upon us all
Our friends
Our families
Peace to the Universe