

12 August 2019

Response to official information request for electricity usage and plastic recycling

I refer to your request for official information received 23 July 2019 relating to electricity usage and plastic recycling. We have processed your request under the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act (LGOIMA) 1987.

The questions you specified have been included as numbered headings in bold below, with our response following each heading.

1. Can you please provide the annual electricity use (in kilowatt hours) of the Porirua City Council and its related operations? (This should include (but not limited to) the use to operate street lights, water and waste infrastructure.

- The total electricity consumption for the previous year (2017-18) was **11,372,412 kWh**, the total kWhs from our invoices for the year just completed (2018-19) is **10,676,605 kWh**. However, we expect that there will be some extras that will come in over the next few weeks that will bring the total up to about 11,000,000kwh.

2. Where does the plastic that is collected by PCC in the Yellow topped wheelie bins, eventually go. How is it recycled and does Porirua City Council have an assurances it is not being dumped into growing waste piles in Asia, where it potentially it can be washed into the sea?

- All the plastic collected by PCC in Porirua is transported to the recycling facilities of Waste Management and OJI Fibre in Petone Lower Hutt. In the recycling facility plastic types 1 and 2 are separated and baled for recycling. A small amount is reprocessed in New Zealand, however the majority is exported.
- Plastic grades 3, 4, 5 and 7 are similarly baled and exported.
- Neither Council, Waste Management or OJI have been able to gain the assurances you enquire about from Asian agencies buying the material that it is being reprocessed, landfilled, or a combination of either.

If you wish to discuss this decision with us, please feel free to contact David Down, Manager Water & Waste on telephone: 04 237 1503 or email: david.down@porirua.govt.nz.

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A blue ink signature of Roy Baker, written in a cursive style.

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