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Via email: emma.dangerfield@stuff.co.nz

Dear Emma Dangerfield

Response to official information request for information on recycling and refuse across New Zealand

I refer to your request for official information received 12 November 2019 relating to recycling and refuse across New Zealand. 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. What is the diversion rate for your district?

- The diversion rate for the district is 5.2% (2018-19).

2. What is your volume of waste per capita to landfill?

- The volume of waste per capita to landfill is 3.36 Kg/day (2018-19).

3. What is your recycling rate per capita?

- The recycling rate per capita is <0.01. However, the recycling rate per household is 0.06 tones (2018-19).

4. Where is your closest landfill?

- Spicer Landfill is located at the bottom of Broken Hill road Porirua.

5. Where is plastic, glass, metal and paper sent once collected?

- All the plastic/glass and paper collected in Porirua are sent to Waste Management facility in Seaview. All the plastic 1 and 2 are recycled in Lower Hutt and Palmerston North. Glass and paper is transported to Auckland for recycling. Porirua City Council does not collect metals.

6. Do you offer a kerbside service for both rubbish and recycling (urban/rural)?

- Yes, Porirua City council do offer kerbside rubbish/recycling service for urban and rural areas.

7. Do you accept drinking glasses or pyrex in recycling?

- No, we don't accept drinking glasses or pyrex in our recycling.

8. Do you accept plastic plant pots?

- No, as they are made from hard plastic and are not recyclable.

9. Do you accept soft plastics? (If yes, what happens to them?)

- No, we don't accept soft plastic. Soft plastic in the recycling bin is considered as contamination.

10. Do you accept Tetra Pak cartons?

- No, Tetra Pak cartons are not acceptable. Detail of all the items can be found on council website: www.porirua.govt.nz.

11. Do you accept plastic milk bottle lids? (If yes, what happens to them?)

- Yes, we do accept plastic milk bottle lids. They are recycled along with milk bottles to make wheelie bins and resin for pipes.

12. Do you have a food scraps and/or garden waste collection? (if yes, what happens to it?)

- Presently, we don't have any food waste collection. However, Porirua City Council is carrying out some feasibility study for the collection/treatment of food waste. There is no garden waste collection in Porirua. Residents are encouraged to drop off their greenwaste at the Spicer Landfill. Fee charges for greenwaste disposal can be found on our website.

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

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