

From: [BDC Lgoima](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: Official Information Request for Waste & Recycling Data Ref: 014/24
Date: Tuesday, 13 February 2024 3:16:42 pm
Attachments: [image006.png](#)

Dear [REDACTED]

We refer to your official information request dated 30 January 2024 information regarding waste and recycling data.

Your questions are below with our answers marked in red text.

LGOIMA request for waste and recycling data to support the design of a mandatory Plastic Packaging Product Stewardship Scheme

The Packaging Forum is co-leading the design of a mandatory Plastic Packaging Product Stewardship scheme for New Zealand (<https://ppps.org.nz/>). The scheme design is continuing at pace with the project set to deliver recommendations to the Ministry for the Environment by end July 2024. The consultants (RPS) appointed to conduct the Cost Benefit Analysis and modelling work have received some data from the waste sector and councils relating to amount of plastic recovered and the cost of recovery but more data is required from more councils to develop a robust picture of the current status and to build a collection, sortation and processing model which will increase our plastic recycling rate from the current 17% to something approaching a global average in the medium term and with the framework to make us world class in the longer term.

1. Number of households for kerbside collection – and how materials are collected (glass separate/ commingled + rubbish)

Kerbside collections are provided for Zone 1 households only. There are currently 5,124 household in Zone 1. Each household in Zone 1 has access to the following services:

- weekly rubbish collection from pre-paid Council bags or private wheelie bins in two different sizes 120 litre and 240 litre.
- fortnightly mixed recycling collection (paper and cardboard, plastics 1,2&5, aluminium and steel tins and cans). Material is separated at the Westport MRF.
- fortnightly glass collection. Glass is colour separated at the kerbside, stored at Westport Recycling Facility and delivered to Visy in Auckland.

2. Split by material type of what is collected at kerbside so that we can isolate the plastic component – for transport and for sortation at the Material Recovery Facility (MRF)

Material collected at kerbside:

Refuse: 284T annual

Recycling: 307T annual

Glass: 313T annual

Material sorted at MRF:

Plastic – 4%

Paper/Card – 28%

Glass - 34%

Tin – 3%

Aluminium – 1%

Other – 30% (contamination)

3. **Cost of the kerbside collection**

The total cost for the recycling services, including kerbside collection, sorting at MRF, storage and commercialization is \$683K annual.

4. **Cost of MRF process**

The costs for recycling are not split. As mentioned above, the total cost is \$683K.

5. **Export market for plastic by resin type – cost of shipment/port costs + revenue**

Council does not have access to this information as Smart Environmental, contractor that provides the services in Buller District, considers this information as Commercially Sensitive.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this decision. Information about how to make a complaint is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or freephone 0800 802 602.

If you wish to discuss this decision with us, please feel free to contact the Buller District Council by return email to lgoima@bdc.govt.nz.

Please note that it is our policy to proactively release our responses to official information requests where possible. Our response to your request will be published shortly at <https://bullerdc.govt.nz/district-council/your-council/request-for-official-information/responses-to-lgoima-requests/> with your personal information removed.

Kind regards

Michael Duff | Group Manager Infrastructure Services
DDI 037889646 | Mobile 027 543 9604 | Email Michael.Duff@bdc.govt.nz

Buller District Council | Phone 0800 807 239 | bullerdc.govt.nz
PO Box 21 | Westport 7866

Community Driven | One Team | Future Focused | Integrity | We Care

Email Disclaimer: This correspondence is for the named person's use only. It may contain confidential or legally privileged information or both. No confidentiality or privilege is waived or lost by any mistransmission. If you receive this correspondence in error, please immediately delete it from your system and notify the sender. You must not disclose, copy or relay any part of this correspondence if you are not the intended recipient. Any views expressed in this message are those of the individual sender, except where the sender expressly, and with authority, states them to be the views of Buller District Council.

