

Statement of Proposal - Draft Waste Management and Minimisation Plan

Key Consultation Topic 1: As part of 'Where's Annual Plan & Co @ Rangitikei?', we are consulting on our Draft Waste Management and Minimisation Plan.

Background

The Rangitikei District Council Waste Management and Minimisation Plan (WMMP) sets out how we collectively work together to minimise and manage waste in Rangitikei.

Waste generation is a key part of modern life. Most of the things we do, buy, and consume generate some sort of waste. It's really important we manage our waste responsibly, minimising the impact it has on the environment and people's health. That's where the WMMP comes in.

All councils in Aotearoa New Zealand are required to develop a WMMP under the Waste Minimisation Act 2008 and are required to review their WMMP every 6 years.

Foundational to the Waste Minimisation Act is **Te rautaki para | Waste strategy**. This is a national document that sets waste minimisation targets and priorities for councils and ensures we are collectively moving towards a more sustainable Aotearoa New Zealand.

We only have one planet. It's vital we do our bit here in Rangitikei to ensure future generations are able to enjoy the beautiful place we call home. While the WMMP provides a foundation for how we hope to do this as council, we all need to work together to turn these words into a reality.

Changes from WMMP 2018-2024 to WMMP 2024-2030

While our approach to managing and minimising waste has not materially shifted from the 2018-2024 plan, we have introduced more tangible targets around how we hope to be performing come 2030.

We have also updated the WMMP to ensure it reflects the latest 2023 New Zealand Waste Strategy, and its vision for transitioning to a circular economy.

Our key targets

We have set the following 2030 targets in the WMMP:

1. Reduce the amount of material entering the waste management system by 10% per person.
2. Reduce the amount of material that needs final disposal by 30% per person.
3. Reduce the biogenic methane emissions from waste by at least 30%.

Our vision for waste management and minimisation

To help us achieve our targets by 2030, Rangitikei District Council is proposing an updated vision and goals for the next six years;

- **Vision:** *“To maintain a healthy and protected environment for Rangitikei by reducing our impact on the environment.”*
- **Goal 1:** More activity is circular, and we produce less waste.
- **Goal 2:** Rangitikei is engaged in waste management and minimisation.
- **Goal 3:** We place responsibility for managing waste where it belongs.

The Draft Waste Management and Minimisation Plan can be read in its entirety in the supplementary materials of this consultation – rangitikei.govt.nz/wheresannualplan&co

Submissions

Anyone can make a submission on our Draft Waste Management and Minimisation Plan by filling out the online ‘Where’s Annual Plan & Co @ Rangitikei?’ submission form:

www.rangitikei.govt.nz/xxxx

- **Email:** submissions@rangitikei.govt.nz
- **Pick up and drop off a hard copy:**
 - Marton Head Office
 - Marton Community Hub
 - Bulls Community Hub
 - Taihape Community Hub
- **Freepost:** Rangitikei District Council – 172050 | Private Bag 1102, Marton, 4741

We are accepting written submissions from the community until **5pm Monday 5 May 2025**.

If you would like to speak to Councillors directly about your submission at the hearing, please indicate this on your submission.

The **consultation questions** we are asking in relation to **the Draft Waste Management and Minimisation Plan** are:

1. Do you agree with our vision for waste management and minimisation in Rangitikei?
2. Do you agree with our 2030 targets for reducing waste?