

## STATEMENT OF PROPOSAL

# Flexible funding for household kerbside recycling

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ki te taha huarahi*

Amendment to section 6.3.4 of the Waste Management  
and Minimisation Action Plan

### CONSULTATION

Tuesday, 28 April to 5pm Wednesday, 27 May 2026





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### **Amendment to section 6.3.4 of the Waste Management and Minimisation Action Plan**

The statement of proposal is made for the purpose of Sections 83 and 87 under the Local Government Act 2002.

#### **The Statement of Proposal includes:**

- The Amendment to the section 6.3.2 of the Whakatāne District Council Waste Management and Minimisation Action Plan.

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## Summary of information

### *He whakarāpopototanga o ngā kaupapa*

#### **Background**

The Waste Management and Minimisation Plan (WMMP) sets out how the Council believes the District can achieve effective and efficient waste management and minimisation and is a requirement of councils under the Waste Minimisation Act 2008 (WMA). Whakatāne District Council adopted their current WMMP in 2021 and are required to review it every six years. The next review will take place as part of the legislatively required Waste Assessment, expected to take place during 2026, with an update to the WMMP in 2027 (presuming the review concludes a new WMMP is required). The WMA enables councils to use various tools to influence, promote and implement measures to manage and minimise waste.

The WMMP includes an action plan, which sets out how the desired outcomes for waste management and minimisation can be achieved. The action plan establishes how specific actions will be funded and which actions will be funded using the Council's waste disposal levy funds. The waste disposal levy is charged on all waste sent to landfills in New Zealand, and half of the amount collected is provided to councils; with distribution made on a population basis. The WMA requires that the waste disposal levy funds are spent by councils in accordance with their WMMPs, and on actions that support waste minimisation.

Since 2021, the waste levy has been increased and expanded to a wider range of disposal facilities.

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This means that the total amount of levy collected has been progressively increasing, and similarly the portion paid out to councils has also increased. With Council's current WMMP adopted around the time that the increases and expansions to the levy began, the action plan was not able to fully reflect the scope of these changes.

Because the Council's household kerbside recycling collection service allows materials to be recovered, keeping waste out of landfills, staff have identified that the waste disposal levy funds paid to Council could be allocated to funding a portion of this service if desired and indicated as such in the WMMP action plan. Any use of the waste disposal levy funding towards the cost of providing the household kerbside recycling collection service would correspondingly reduce the associated targeted rates, which currently fund the service entirely.

The WMA provides for councils to make changes to their WMMPs during the period the Plan is active; provided that the changes consider the waste hierarchy, prevent nuisance, have regard to the New Zealand Waste Strategy, and use the special consultative procedure described in the Local Government Act. Given that WMMPs often have a duration of six years or more, it is unsurprising that amendments may be required during this time. This proposed amendment to the WMMP is considered to meet all the requirements of the WMA.

## Key changes we are proposing

1. Addition of "waste disposal levy funding" – The Council would like to add 'waste disposal levy funding' to table 7 – section 6.3.4 "Collection and Services Ngā Kohikohinga me ngā Ratonga Para" on page 24 under the activity of "Continue existing services and procure new contracts as required" as an additional funding method to targeted rates under "Timeframe and funding".

## Why is the Council proposing this change?

The proposed change would allow Council to use a portion of the waste disposal levy to help reduce targeted rates, where funding is available and not already committed to other waste minimisation projects. This amendment has been identified as an option to achieve cost reductions in the Council's budgets, without a negative impact on the service or other competing priorities for the waste disposal levy funds.

For more information and FAQs please visit:

[kororomai.whakatane.govt.nz/flexible-funding-for-household-kerbside-recycling](https://kororomai.whakatane.govt.nz/flexible-funding-for-household-kerbside-recycling)








# Kōrero Mai

## Have your say

by 5pm Thursday,  
28 May 2026

Through any of our  
social media channels  
*Mā runga i o mātou pae  
pāpāho pāpori*

Comments on the draft 'Shaping our shared spaces' post on any of our social media pages (Facebook, Instagram or LinkedIn) will also be considered by Council as informal feedback.

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[koreromai.whakatane.govt.nz/flexible-funding-for-household-kerbside-recycling](https://koreromai.whakatane.govt.nz/flexible-funding-for-household-kerbside-recycling)

**Email submissions:** [submissions@whakatane.govt.nz](mailto:submissions@whakatane.govt.nz)

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- Whakatāne District Council, 4 Commerce Street, Whakatāne
- Whakatāne Library, 49 Kakahoroa Drive, Whakatāne
- Edgecumbe Library, 38 College Road, Edgecumbe
- Ōhope Library, 4 Harbour Road, Ōhope
- Murupara Library / Service Centre Civic Square, 48 Pine Drive, Murupara.

### HARDCOPY SUBMISSIONS:

**Post:** Whakatāne District Council, Private Bag 1002, Whakatāne 3158

**Deliver:** To our Council offices in Whakatāne and Murupara.

If you would like to speak to your submission, please indicate this and provide your contact details. We will be in touch to let you know the date and time for verbal submissions.

Following the closing of submissions on Monday, 27 May 2026, all submissions will be reviewed by Elected Members. Verbal submissions will be heard on the Tuesday, 12 June 2026, and all submissions formally considered at a Council meeting on Thursday, 25 June 2026. This meeting is open to both submitters and the public to attend.

## CONSULTATION TIMELINE

