

Summary of Engagement for Reviewing the Waste Management and Minimisation Plan

Ōtepoti Dunedin's key stakeholders in waste management and minimisation were engaged to inform the new Waste Management and Minimisation Plan (WMMP or this Plan). Dunedin City Council (DCC) staff sought their input to help define the overall direction, work priorities, objectives, and actions for waste over the next six years. The engagement carried out is summarised below.

Project Steering Group

A dedicated project steering group provided input throughout the process of drafting the new Plan, meeting five times between November 2023 and August 2024. It was made up of:

- Councillors
- Representatives from Ōtākou marae and Puketeraki marae
- DCC General Manager Climate and City Growth
- Zero Carbon team
- Waste and Environmental Solutions

Internal engagement

Workshops and meetings were held with:

- Community Development
- Events
- City Development
- Parks and Recreation
- Building Services
- City Planning
- Corporate Policy
- Māori Partnerships Team
- Legal
- Waste and Environmental Solutions.

Stakeholder meetings

- Community Board members
- Zero Carbon Alliance
- Tertiary precinct stakeholders (University of Otago, Otago Polytechnic).
- Workshops with Councillors – 1 August 2024 and 9 October 2024
- Councillor meeting – 8 October 2024.

External engagement

Four external engagement workshops were held, targeting the following sectors: construction and demolition, businesses, community organisations and not-for-profits, and private waste management companies. The external workshops were attended by approximately 120 people representing the organisations listed in Table 1 below.

Table 1: Organisations that were represented at the four external engagement workshops for the WMMP review.

Private Waste Companies (Tue, 27 Feb, 9am-12pm)	Construction and demolition (Wed, 28 Feb, 7am-9.30am)	Community and Not-for- Profits (Wed, 28 Feb, 12-2pm)	Businesses (Thu, 7 March, 3.30pm-6.30pm)
Cargill Enterprises	Ahha Architects	Cargill Enterprises	Beca
EnviroNZ	Cook Brothers	Com2tech	Business South
EZ Grab	CPB Contractors	Dunedin Community House	Calder Stewart
Hall Brothers Transport Ltd	Eco Design, DCC	Dunedin Curtain Bank	CPB Contractors
Nash and Ross	EnviroNZ	Eco Matters	Dunedin Craft Distillers
Save Money Skips	Foleys	ID Fashion	EnviroNZ
Waste Co NZ	Hall Brothers Transport Ltd	Midwinter Carnival	Foleys
	Isaac Construction Ltd	One Coast	Gilbert's Fine Food
	ITM	Otago Farmers Market	Holy Cow
	Kainga Ora	Our Food Network	Isaac Construction Ltd
	Latitude Homes	Re:Gear	Presbyterian Support Otago
	Nash and Ross Ltd	Recycle a Device	Save Money Skips
	Naylor Love	Res.Awesome	Taste Nature
	Otago University Trade Services	Seniors Climate Action Network	
	Property Team, DCC	Sew On	
	Save Money Skips	South Dunedin Community Network	
	SB 2 Build Ltd	Southern Youth Development	
	Southbase	Stitch Kitchen	
	Stevenson and Williams	Sustainability Office University of Otago	
	Waste Co NZ	Taieri Network	
	Wilson Builders	Te Oraka	
		Valley Community Workspace	
		Village Agrarians	

There was a lot of consistency in the feedback from the various workshops. The feedback received was categorised and themed, as summarised in Table 2 below. These themes were then used as the base for the objectives in the draft WMMP 2025.

Table 2: The recurring themes and feedback raised in the external engagement workshops.

Theme	Recurring Feedback	Example Quotes from Workshops
Infrastructure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Local • Incentivise through providing service hubs. • Storage and coordination • Transportation • Accessible to all • Sorting facilities – portable 	<p>“More resource recovery facilities and spaces to facilitate movement of materials and resources - Commercial - community- council and support with platforms, apps, etc.”</p> <p>“A physical place for community groups to meet/plan/exchange knowledge. Have one hub for all groups.”</p>
Networks & collaboration	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Networks • Mapping of information, infrastructure, and contacts • Joint investment • Collaborating across groups, businesses, and council • Sharing - data, learning, resources, research, innovation • Council leadership/coordination • Celebrations and awards 	<p>“Information easily found and centralised”</p> <p>“Bring people together = collaborative”</p> <p>“Communication and co-action to reduce logistical barriers”.</p>
Resourcing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase funding amount and time. • Offer more partnerships. • Fund recovery costs • Provide expertise. • Business & community has resource too - knowledge, time, ideas. • Capacity and capability building • Administrative/resource collaboration 	<p>“Funding for community. Increase access, more money and ongoing”.</p> <p>“Ease access to waste levy funds for small-large companies. Particularly aiding with applications for the national fund. Council support with applications”</p> <p>“More facilities - \$\$\$ savings to do the right thing “</p>
Regulation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Incentivised pricing • Regulating according to hierarchy 	<p>“Use of bylaws for waste min.”</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advocacy for govt. to follow suit 	<p>“Building compliance - issue best practice local guide for C&D sites.”</p>
Education	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Capacity and capability building • Schools in the loop • Enabling skill sharing • Recognition • Across sectors and levels • Use good information. • Utilising tertiary sector 	<p>“Education of our team and trade partners and clients”</p> <p>“Competitions to empower our tamariki and rakatahi to be our advocates”.</p> <p>“More effort and education around sorting waste - separate bins”</p> <p>“Non regulatory action - educate companies on waste”.</p>
Communication	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Relationships • Trust • One source of truth • Centralised - council hold information. • Understanding our waste • Product stewardship/producer responsibility • Push for local solutions. • Widening waste stream at higher level • Designing out waste • Procurement changes at govt. level 	<p>“Everyone wants to be sustainable - and wants to know how”.</p> <p>“Monitoring and reporting - back into community/ sector not just within council.”</p> <p>“Share up-to-date information. Be more explicit and transparent about what happens to Dunedin's recycling - celebrate the stories and our success to bring the community along with us.”</p>
Advocacy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Product stewardship/producer responsibility • Push for local solutions. • Widening waste stream at higher level • Designing out waste • Procurement changes at govt. level 	<p>“Advocating to govt. for regulations (single-use cups)”</p> <p>“Lobby to Government for changes in legislation for better procurement and packaging and right to repair”.</p> <p>“Energy into the TOP part of the hierarchy. Join voices to advocate/lobby to deal with the problems, rather than deal with solving them once created”.</p>
Data	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Measurement • Sharing data • Reporting info to everyone • Access to tools 	<p>“Monitor waste so we can work on reduction”.</p> <p>“Support for data measurement processes to be put in place - software and expertise access”.</p>

		<p>“Effective measurement of results of our work - good and bad - automation/reducing user or individual error. Turning this into comms that is accessible/layman's language”.</p>
Circular Economy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Job opportunities • Social procurement practices • Invest in recovery. • Reuse in business • Cost of labour to recover. 	<p>“Discontinuance of choice to dispose - allowing others to take opportunity for re-use - and make \$\$\$”</p> <p>“Prevention - divert funds at the bottom of the supply chain to the top to create a culture of prevention.”</p>