

12 November 2018

Anna Whyte  
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Dear Ms Whyte

**Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act (1987) (LGOIMA) request for information overseas waste management**

I refer to your e-mail of dated 7 September 2018 requesting the following information:

*I would like to have the information relating to waste and recycling from the Dunedin City Council that is sent off shore, specifically which companies the Dunedin City Council sells waste to and at what cost, and the name and location of overseas rubbish dumps or companies the waste is then transferred to, or that takes waste from Dunedin. Can I please have this information from the last two years up to August 1, 2018.*

The Council contracts out the Material Recovery Facility to Oji Fibre Solutions (OjiFS) who are a sub-contractor to Envirowaste. OjiFS has provided the following information in relation to your request:

*OjiFS is one of the largest manufacturers of pulp, paper and packaging products in New Zealand and Australia. We are New Zealand's largest recycler of paper. Each year our Fullcircle service collects various recyclable materials including 300,000 tonnes of paper, and we recycle over 200,000 tonnes of paper and cardboard in our Kinleith and Auckland mills. In Dunedin, our Fullcircle service processes and sells over 14,000 tonnes of recyclable materials each year, including paper, plastics and metals. We have a contract with EnviroWaste to process Dunedin City materials in our Green Island materials recovery facility (MRF). Under this contract OjiFS processes and sells recyclable materials and we understand the Council regularly receives information on these operations.*

*The Tables attached show information about the volumes we receive from Dunedin City Council and the volumes we sell. OjiFS's Fullcircle service combines recyclable materials collected from Dunedin City's households with compatible materials collected from other Councils and from commercial suppliers. Table 2 gives information on the amalgamated weight sold by OjiFS. OjiFS sells material by tender to traders who export and on-sell to their customers, so we are not privy to the names of the end customers but we do know the country of destination because this is provided to us as part of the sales process.*

In respect to your request for information about the companies that the waste is sold to, and the costs I advise that pursuant to section 7(2)(b) of LGOIMA in order to protect the commercial position of the person who supplied or is the subject of the information your request is declined.

As certain information has been declined you are advised that you have the right to make a complaint to the Office of the Ombudsman 0800 802 602 or [info@ombudsman.parliament.nz](mailto:info@ombudsman.parliament.nz)

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J. Lapham', written in a cursive style.

Jennifer Lapham  
Governance Support Officer

Table One: Recyclables Collected from Dunedin City Households (tonnes)

Month	Tonnes
Sep-16	469
Oct-16	397
Nov-16	534
Dec-16	562
Jan-17	517
Feb-17	458
Mar-17	526
Apr-17	410
May-17	497
Jun-17	451
Jul-17	415
Aug-17	476
Sep-17	427
Oct-17	468
Nov-17	546
Dec-17	519
Jan-18	518
Feb-18	469
Mar-18	511
Apr-18	458
May-18	424
Jun-18	417
Jul-18	432
Aug-18	448

Table Two: Recyclables shipped offshore (tonnes)

MONTH	AUSTRALIA	CHINA	HONG KONG	INDIA	INDONESIA	MALAYSIA	PHILIPPINES	SOUTH KOREA	TAIWAN	THAILAND	VIETNAM
Sep - 2016		39	70		884						
Oct - 2016			21		832		94				
Nov - 2016		19	71		1,159						
Dec - 2016					1,079					25	
Jan - 2017	98	39			761						
Feb - 2017		360	23		611					240	
Mar - 2017		266	50		848						24
Apr - 2017			43		1,307	25			82	101	
May - 2017				448							187
Jun - 2017			82		983						
Jul - 2017			22		1,098		105				
Aug - 2017			37		1,015				72		
Sep - 2017		22			732			94		122	
Oct - 2017					763	37					
Nov - 2017				107	1,705					83	
Dec - 2017				251	935					99	
Jan - 2018					474					286	
Feb - 2018					1,124	20			43	68	
Mar - 2018					250	544				476	
Apr - 2018				598	579					270	
May - 2018				479	23					239	244
Jun - 2018				302	611					109	117
Jul - 2018					915						
Aug - 2018					1,019						

