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**Subject:** RE: Response to Official Information Request about landfill space  
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Dear Nikki

I have detailed below our response to your official information request, received on 29 January 2021. For clarity I have repeated your questions, together with our response **(in red)**.

1. How many public landfills do you have currently operating in your area?

There is one public landfill in the Dunedin City Council territorial area. This is the Green Island landfill owned by the Dunedin City Council.

2. What is the total remaining capacity of those landfills, in tonnes?

The remaining landfill capacity is measured in cubic meters rather than tonnes. The Green Island landfill has approximately 600,000m<sup>3</sup> of remaining capacity.

3. At your district's current waste production rates, how long will that capacity last?

Approximately 5 years at current waste disposal rates.

4. How many kg of waste does your district generate per year, per head of population?

750 kgs per person, per year.

5) Do you have additional capacity either consented or in the pipeline? If so, what is the total additional capacity in tonnes, and how long would that last?

In August 2020 the Dunedin City Council submitted resource consent applications to construct and operate a proposed new landfill at Smooth Hill. The proposed landfill has a capacity of approximately 6,000,000m<sup>3</sup>, which is sufficient for 50 years at current waste disposal rates.

I trust that this information is helpful.

Yours sincerely

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**Subject:** LGOIMA request about landfill space

Hi there

Can you please answer the following questions:

- 1) How many public landfills do you have currently operating in your area?
- 2) What is the total remaining capacity of those landfills, in tonnes?
- 3) At your district's current waste production rates, how long will that capacity last?
- 4) How many kg of waste does your district generate per year, per head of population?
- 5) Do you have additional capacity either consented or in the pipeline? If so, what is the total additional capacity in tonnes, and how long would that last?

Please let me know if you have any queries or concerns about the nature or scope of this request.

Thanks very much

Nikki

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