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Dear Emma

## **OFFICIAL INFORMATION REQUEST – RECYCLING AND REFUSE PRACTICES**

I am writing in response to your Local Government Official Information Meeting Act (LGOIMA) request, received on 12 November 2019 for information regarding recycling and refuse across New Zealand. I have restated your questions, together with our responses, below for clarity.

**1. What is the diversion rate for your district?**

The diversion rate for our district for the 12 months (September 2018 – September 2019) is 6563.91 Tonnes, excluding commercial activity.

**2. What is your volume of waste per capita to landfill?**

Waste per capita to landfill: 1.3026 Tonnes per capita (this is total tonnes to landfill including inert material for the calendar year of 2018).

**3. What is your recycling rate per capita?**

Recycling rate per capita (excluding commercial activity): 0.050 Tonnes per capita over 12 months (September 2018-September 2019)

**4. Where is your closest landfill?**

Green Island Landfill is the closest regulated, levied landfill for the Dunedin City District. Other classes of fills also exist in the Dunedin city district such as green fills and clean fills.

**5. Where is plastic, glass, metal and paper sent once collected?**

Following collection, recycling material is taken to the Oji Fibre Solutions Material Recycling Facility in Dunedin. At this facility, the material is sorted and baled. The bales of sorted material are then sold on the recycling market.

Glass recycling gets sent to Auckland where it is recycled into new glass bottles and jars. Paper, cardboard, and metal is sold to markets within New Zealand and offshore.

**6. Do you offer a kerbside service for both rubbish and recycling (urban/rural)?**

Yes, the kerbside collection service (rubbish and recycling) is offered in the areas shown in the map <https://dunedin.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=b713b8c45ed744b3ba3af73aa0b0b3cb>.

**7. Do you accept drinking glasses or Pyrex in recycling?**

Pyrex and drinking glasses cannot be recycled in kerbside recycling.

**8. Do you accept plastic plant pots?**

No, plastic plant or seedling pots cannot be recycled in DCC kerbside collection.

**9. Do you accept soft plastics? (If yes, what happens to them?)**

Soft plastics are not accepted in the DCC kerbside recycling collection.

**10. Do you accept Tetra Pak cartons?**

No, Tetra Pak cartons are not accepted in the DCC kerbside recycling collection.

**11. Do you accept plastic milk bottle lids? (If yes, what happens to them?)**

Yes, plastic milk bottle lids are accepted and processed through the recycling/sorting facility.

**12. Do you have a food scraps and/or garden waste collection? (If yes, what happens to it?)**

There is currently no kerbside collection for food scraps and/or garden waste. The DCC is investigating options for future kerbside collection as part of the Waste Futures review for food scraps and/or garden waste and other organic waste types. This will be put out for public consultation in early 2020.

Yours sincerely



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