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Dear 

Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (LGOIMA) request for information in regard to landfills

I am writing in response to your request made on 20 September 2019 asking information in regard to landfills. Please find below a response to your questions raised.

1. How many landfill sites are there within the area of the council?
 2. How many landfill sites within the area of the council can accept construction and demolition waste?
 3. If so, can you provide current operators of these sites?
- A. Below are the answers to questions 1, 2 and 3

There are two active landfill sites within the Dunedin City Council area as detailed below:

Green Island Landfill

- DCC, Dunedin
- Municipal Solid Waste (i.e. putrescible & organics)
- Construction & Demolition Materials
- Hazardous Wastes
 - i. Class A screening criteria, Class B leachability criteria
 - ii. Asbestos, incl Asbestos Soils.
 - iii. Hydrocarbon containing soils up to 1000mg/kg.
- Cleanfill - Cover & Clay
 - i. Limited quantities required for Landfill construction purposed only.

Nash and Ross Ltd (Burnside Landfill)

- Private Commercial Operator, Dunedin
- Construction & Demolition Materials
- Hazardous Wastes
 - i. Class A screening criteria, Class A leachability criteria
 - ii. Asbestos, incl Asbestos Soils.
 - iii. Hydrocarbon containing soils, incl >1000mg/kg.

4. I understand landfill waste comes with a charge. How do landfill site owner pay the council and how does the council determine the weight of material dumped at the landfill site?
- A. Council owns and operates one landfill. The other landfill site is privately owned, and Council does not receive payments for this landfill. The Council owned and operated landfill charges are based on the type of material and the weight of material as measured by weighbridge. Payment can be made via cash, or in the case of ongoing commercial operations, an account can be set up with monthly invoicing. Charges can be found at the following link:
<https://www.dunedin.govt.nz/services/rubbish-and-recycling/landfill-charges-and-prices>
5. Are there specific requirements for a company to apply for a license to run a landfill site catering for construction and demolition waste?
- A. A new landfill site would require consents from both the Dunedin City Council and the Otago Regional Council. More information can be found at the following links:
<https://www.dunedin.govt.nz/services/resource-consents>
<https://www.orc.govt.nz/consents>
6. Does the council allow the use of recycled construction and demolition waste? IF so, are there requirement on the use of the material? (ie only be used for land reclamation).
- A. Yes, if it complies with the Building Code.
7. Does the council encourage the practice mentioned in the previous questions? If so, are there policy and funding to incentivize potential users?
- A. The DCC encourages recycling and the diversion of waste via the Waste Management and Minimisation Plan:
<https://www.dunedin.govt.nz/services/waste-minimisation/waste-management-and-minimisation-plan2>
One-off limited funding is available via the Waste Minimisation Grants funding scheme:
<https://www.dunedin.govt.nz/do-it-online/apply/funding-and-grants/waste-minimisation-funds>
8. How many building permissions were granted for the last 3 years?
- A. From 1 Sept 2016 to 31 Aug 2019, 8,170 building consents have been granted.
9. How many demolition permissions were granted for the last 3 years?
- A. We don't actively count the number of demolitions (and note there are building consent exemptions available for demolitions) but based on the 1 Sept 2016 to 31 Aug 2019, 215 building consents had the word 'demolish' in the works description.

Yours faithfully



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