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Sent: Thursday, 11 March 2021 09:40
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: official information
Subject: RESPONSE: LGOIMA 21022 - Acknowledgement - MFE - [REDACTED] - Request for information on consented/permited fill sites (landfills, cleanfills etc) and transfer stations

Attachments: Copy of Hamilton City Council landfills and transfer stations.XLSX

Kia Ora,

I refer to your **information request below**. Hamilton City Council is able to provide the following response.

After clarification of the LGOIMA and data search relating to the requested information it has been found that the Planning Guidance Unit have no further information relating to landfill and cleanfill within our council area, as shown in the attached spreadsheet.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this decision. Information about how to make a complaint is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or freephone 0800 802 602.

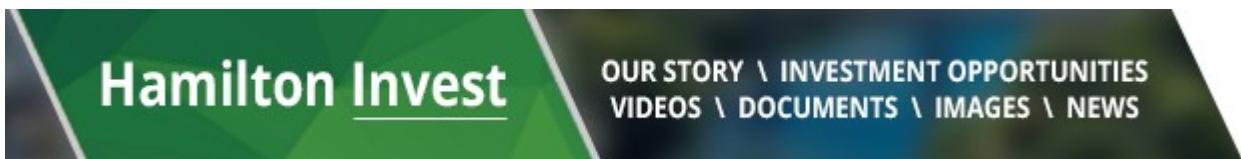
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Kia ora Kirsty and Trent,

I hope you are well and that you are looking forward to the summer break.

In July 2020, Cabinet agreed changes to improve the effectiveness of the waste disposal levy (which is established under the Waste Minimisation Act), including **expanding the waste levy to cover additional landfill types, including construction and demolition fills (class 2) and managed (class 3) and controlled (4) fill sites.***

New reporting requirements were also agreed for other sites, including industrial monofills (class 1A), cleanfills (class 5), and transfer stations. At present the waste levy only applies to municipal landfills (class 1) that take household waste. Regulations setting out these decisions are planned to be gazetted by early 2021.

The Ministry for the Environment is now working on implementing these decisions, including improving our existing records on the location, facilities, and waste types accepted at fill sites across the country. As part of this implementation work, we are requesting relevant land use, resource consent and planning information held by regional councils, unitary authorities, and territorial authorities.

We are seeking the following information from you to help us with this task:

- 1) An up to date list of all consented, operating Class 1-5 fill sites in your region. These could be land use consents related to activities such landfills, clean fills, managed fills, construction and demolition fill sites, rubbish dumps or tip sites.
 - Please also include in your search consented activities where an activity related to filling or waste disposal may be occurring under another activity description, such as site remediation or earth work activities that require importing volumes of fill material such as quarrying rehabilitation.
 - You may wish to search in your consents database on the following key words – landfill, dump, fill, managed fill, controlled fill, clean fill, municipal solid waste, solid waste.
 - If you hold any data about possible operating clean fills in your region then please also provide this data.
- 2) An up-to-date list of all consented and known non-consented, operating transfer stations in your region.**
- 3) We have provided a spreadsheet for your region that shows the information that we currently hold, which we are requesting you review and modify as needed to reflect any changes (eg, sites that are no longer operating, or new sites that have started operating). We do not currently hold information on transfer stations, so this is not included in the spreadsheet but we are now seeking information on them.
- 4) Contact details of the member of your staff who is responsible for monitoring/compliance of landfills (or compliance, monitoring and enforcement more generally)

* the proposed waste disposal levy regulations define fill site types in keeping with updated [Technical Guidelines for Disposal to Land](#). These guidelines may differ from definitions adopted in individual council planning and consent documents. A collaborative process involving landfill operators, regulators, and technical consultants was recently undertaken to update these guidelines, and the final version is expected to be available by the end of the year.

** A transfer station is a waste management facility with a designated receiving area, where waste collection and other commercial vehicles discharge their loads so that waste from multiple industry and commercial vehicles can be consolidated into larger, high-volume transfer vehicles, and transferred to a final disposal site or further processing. In general, no long-term storage of waste occurs.

More information on the decisions made on the waste disposal levy is available here:
<https://www.mfe.govt.nz/waste/waste-and-government>

If you have any queries please feel free to get in touch.

Merry Christmas,



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