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Sent: Wednesday, 14 July 2021 15:52
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: official information
Subject: Response: LGOIMA 21201 - [REDACTED] / TVNZ - Questions regarding Recycling over the past 5 Years.

Kia Ora,

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

You Requested:

1. How much recycling has been collected by your council per year in tonnes?
2. Of the recycling collected how much has been sent to landfill per year in tonnes? If possible, please include the reason why (ie recycling contamination).
3. Of the recycling collected how much has been recycled domestically per year within New Zealand in tonnes?
4. Of the recycling collected how much has been sent overseas to be recycled per year in tonnes? (Please include the country sent to).
5. Please include a brief outline of which items your council can and cannot recycle? (Particularly around the types of plastics)

For each of the questions can you please include information per year for the last 5 years. So please include 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, and so far in 2021 calendar years.

Some councils I release may contract out some recycling services. However, under the Official Information Act I believe this is information you should be able to provide whether you already have access to it or need to request it from the contractor.

Our Response:

Questions regarding Recycling over the past 5 Years.

1. **How much recycling has been collected by your council per year in tonnes?**

Below is the tonnage data for 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020 and 2021 year to date for Hamilton City Council (HCC) kerbside recycling collections:

1 Jan 2017 to 31 Dec 2017 – 8,209.66 tonnes
1 Jan 2018 to 31 Dec 2018 – 9,196.98 tonnes
1 Jan 2019 to 31 Dec 2019 – 11,960.76 tonnes
1 Jan 2020 to 31 Dec 2020 – 10,531.7 tonnes
1 Jan 2021 to 31 May 2021 – 7,328 tonnes

2. **Of the recycling collected how much has been sent to landfill per year in tonnes? If possible, please include the reason why (ie recycling contamination).**

Under Hamilton City Council's previous kerbside collection contract, and collection methodology, recycling was being sorted at kerbside. Therefore any contaminated recycling was left at kerbside and Hamilton City Council has no recorded tonnage relating to this.

From 1 September 2020, Hamilton City Council's new kerbside contract and collection methodology changed. Recycling collected from the kerbside is now sorted at the Material Recovery Facility, rather than at the kerbside. Since 1 January 2021 the below tonnes of collected contaminated recycling have been sent to landfill:

1 Jan 2021 to 31 May 2021 -1074 tonnes

Hamilton City Council does not have a breakdown of the reason these tonnage are sent to landfill but the predominant cause is non-recyclable and unclean items that have been removed in the Material Recovery Facility sorting process.

3. Of the recycling collected how much has been recycled domestically per year within New Zealand in tones?

Currently all recycling is sent to onshore processors as below:

Glass – Glass recycling is collected from the crate at kerbside and the different colours (green, brown, and clear) are emptied into separate parts of the truck. The glass bottles and jars are then consolidated and sent to processors onshore.

Food - Food scraps are taken to a composting facility in Hampton Downs and turned into compost.

Paper and cardboard – After being bailed at the Material Recovery Facility, the bales are sent to onshore processors.

Plastics – After being bailed at the Material Recovery Facility, the different types of plastic (e.g., #1 PET soft drink bottles, #2 HDPE milk bottles, #5 PP ice cream containers) are sold to re-processors in New Zealand.

Tin and Aluminium - After being bailed at the Material Recovery Facility, tins are sent onto metal recyclers in New Zealand for further processing.

4. Of the recycling collected how much has been sent overseas to be recycled per year in tones? (Please include the country sent to).

Under Hamilton City Council's previous collection contract for recycling (prior to 31 August 2020) all recycling materials collected from kerbside belonged to the Contractor collecting the recycling materials and no records were provided to Hamilton City Council on the destination of the recycling once separated.

Under the new contract, all recycling goes to onshore destinations from the Material Recovery Facility.

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Our current recycling service is:

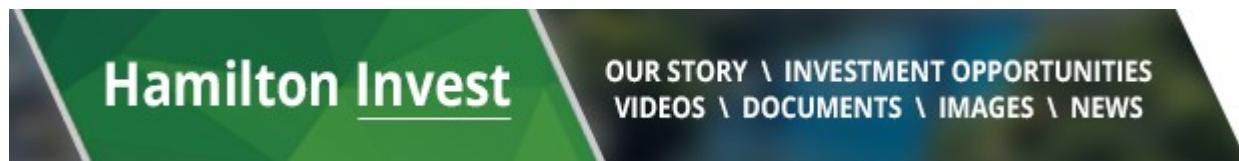
240 Litre Recycling Wheelie bin fortnightly – paper, cardboard, tin, aluminium and plastics 1 to 7. Plastics 3,4,6 and 7 are collected as recycling but are sent to landfill as no sustainable markets exist currently for these plastic types.

45 Litre Glass crate fortnightly – clear, brown and green glass bottles and jars.

23 Litre Food Scraps Bin weekly – food waste.

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.

Kind Regards,



From: Hamilton City Council <do.not.reply@hcc.govt.nz>
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Attachment: not attached

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Detailed Description of Request

Under the Official Information Act I would like to request the following information regarding recycling in your area:

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