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To: **s7(2)(a)**
Cc: [Official Information](#)
Subject: Final response - LGOIMA 376158 - **s7(2)(a)** - Plastic packaging Data
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Kia ora,

We refer to your information request below. Hamilton City Council provides the following response.

Your request:

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Ideally the information which RPS require is as follows:-

1. *Number of households for kerbside collection – and how materials are collected (glass separate/ commingled + rubbish?)*
2. *Split by material type of what is collected at kerbside so that we can isolate the plastic component – for transport and for sortation at the Material Recovery Facility (MRF)*
3. *Cost of the kerbside collection*
4. *Cost of MRF process*
5. *Export market for plastic by resin type – cost of shipment/port costs + revenue*

RPS will sign an NDA with council and or their waste provider and information collated will only be used in a generic format and will not identify the source.

The project team and Steering Group would appreciate any assistance which you and the Zone 2 forum can provide to design the best stewardship scheme for Aotearoa.

Our response:

1. Number of households for kerbside collection – and how materials are collected (glass separate/ commingled + rubbish?)

Hamilton City Council (HCC) currently services 61,829 households through its kerbside rubbish and recycling collection.

The structure of how the materials is collected through the kerbside collection is the below service per household:

- Rubbish – 120L bin collected fortnightly.
- Mixed Recycling - 240L bin collected fortnightly (Plastic 1,2 and 5, tins, aluminium cans, paper and cardboard)
- Glass – 44L crate collected fortnightly.
- Food Scraps – 23L bin collected weekly.

Further details are available at <https://www.fightthelandfill.co.nz/2020-new-service/>

2. Split by material type of what is collected at kerbside so that we can isolate the plastic component – for transport and for sortation at the Material Recovery Facility (MRF)

During the calendar year 1 January 2023 to 31 December 2023 the following weight of material were collected from kerbside:

- Rubbish – 16,202 tonnes.
- Mixed Recycling – 14,824 tonnes
- Glass – 3,111 tonnes
- Food Scraps – 3,963 tonnes

910 tonnes of plastics 1,2 and 5 were recovered from the mixed recycling at the MRF during this period.

3. Cost of kerbside collection

The actual cost of kerbside collection paid to our Contractor is commercially sensitive information and would require the approval of contractor, EnviroNZ, to release this information. We have discussed this with EnviroNZ and they have indicated they **would not** be prepared to sign a non-disclosure agreement to release this information to RPS. In part this is refused in accordance with S17(g)(i) of LGOIMA – this information is held by another organisation.

Public available details on the total activity costs can be found at
<https://storage.googleapis.com/hccproduction-web-assets/public/Uploads-v2/Documents/Plans/2021-31-Long-Term-Plan-Volume-1-FINAL-for-web.pdf>

4. Cost of MRF process

Due to the structure of HCC's contract with EnviroNZ this is not information held by HCC. We have discussed this with our contractor, EnviroNZ, and they have indicated they **would not** be prepared to sign a non-disclosure agreement to release this information to RPS. This is refused in accordance with S17(g)(i) of LGOIMA – this information is held by another organisation.

5. Export market for plastic by resin type – cost of shipment/port costs + revenue

Due to the structure of HCC's contract with EnviroNZ this is not information held by HCC. We have discussed this with our contractor, EnviroNZ, and they have indicated they **may** be prepared to sign a non-disclosure agreement to release this information to RPS but this would require further discussions and information. You may contact David Wilson at EnviroNZ if you wish to progress this matter. His email is david.wilson@environz.co.nz. This is refused in accordance with S17(g)(i) of LGOIMA

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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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I support flexibility at work. While it suits me to send this email now, I don't expect a response outside of your own working hours.

From: s7(2)(a)

Sent: Wednesday, January 17, 2024 2:00 PM

To: Angela O'Leary <Angela.OLeary@council.hcc.govt.nz>

Cc: Michelle Hawthorne <Michelle.Hawthorne@hcc.govt.nz>

Subject: Presentation to Zone 2 Forum - Plastic Packaging Product Stewardship - Data Request

Tēnā koe Angela

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From: Angela O'Leary <Angela.OLeary@council.hcc.govt.nz>

Sent: Wednesday, November 29, 2023 9:56 AM

To: s7(2)(a)

Cc: Michelle Hawthorne <Michelle.Hawthorne@hcc.govt.nz>

Subject: RE: Presentation to Zone 2 Forum - Plastic Packaging Product Stewardship

Kia ora s7(2)(a)

Thanks so much, we got great feedback from members on your presentation and we will send out all the detail, contacts and your slides.

Have a great Christmas break.

Ngā mihi nui
Angela



From: **s7(2)(a)**

Sent: Monday, November 20, 2023 3:26 PM

To: Angela O'Leary <Angela.OLeary@council.hcc.govt.nz>

Cc: Michelle Hawthorne <Michelle.Hawthorne@hcc.govt.nz>

Subject: Presentation to Zone 2 Forum - Plastic Packaging Product Stewardship

Tēnā koe Angela

Thank you for inviting me to join your meeting in Whakatāne on Friday 17th November. I really appreciated the warm welcome and the genuine interest from everyone. Thank you also for the kind gift.

As discussed, the design of a mandatory plastic packaging scheme for New Zealand is complex and will require robust data particularly around collection and sortation costs. The cost benefit analysis will be conducted by RPS Consulting and data provided to them will not be shared with the project team and externally except in aggregated form with RPS committing to sign an NDA. We would very much appreciate your support in asking the Zone 2 councils to participate in the next critical phase of this project.

If councils are willing to provide information about their kerbside recycling and waste management costs, they can contact me in the first instance, and I can make the introductions with RPS.

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