

Waitai
Waitai Coastal-Burwood-Linwood Community Board
Submissions Committee
MINUTES ATTACHMENTS

Date: Thursday 21 September 2023
Time: 3pm
Venue: Boardroom, Corner Beresford and Union Streets,
New Brighton

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SUBMISSION TO: Christchurch City Council

ON: Where should we send green bin organics?

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1. INTRODUCTION

The Waitai Coastal-Burwood-Linwood Community Board appreciates the opportunity to make a submission to the Christchurch City Council on the "Where should we send green bin organics?" consultation.

The Board wishes to be heard in support of this submission.

We wish to acknowledge the long-suffering community of Bromley and the people who have fought for 14 years for their right to clean air and the quiet enjoyment of their homes. We urge the Council to prioritise providing a permanent end to the odour as quickly as possible and a transitional option that best meets with that aim.

The Council never should have allowed the processing of curb-side green waste in this location in 2009 and should have required the rebuild of the plant post-earthquake to be up-to-specification. The question remains unanswered why the operator has not been held liable for failing to meet the conditions of the resource consent and thereby the terms of the contract.

It is also unclear why it took Environment Canterbury so long to respond to complaints from the community, but we wish to acknowledge the efforts of elected Regional Councillors in the last term and the current term who have successfully pushed for enforcement action, and the local MP who placed public pressure on both authorities to take action.

The Board also wishes to acknowledge the diligent work of Council staff who have been working on this matter more recently, who have also dealt with the community with grace and understanding. To get to this point, where we are discussing transition from the Organics Processing Plant to a new facility elsewhere, it has required everyone working together and listening to the community. There is light at the end of the tunnel.

2. SUBMISSION

1. What's your preference? Please rank the options from 1 (most preferred) to 5 (least preferred) (Options are listed in no particular order)

Option 1: Alternative Processing

Send all mixed kerbside organics to an alternative, or several alternative, composting plants and worm farms in the North Island.

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Option 2: Kate Valley Landfill

Send all mixed kerbside organics to Kate Valley Landfill

[1]

Option 3: Continue at Organics Processing Plant

Stay at current location with an additional outdoor screen

[5]

Option 4: Reduce the amount of material going to the Organics Processing Plant

Minimising the need for outdoor storage of material

[3]

Option 5: Partial processing of material at the Organics Processing Plant

First stage of composting done indoors at the plant with second-stage processing done off-site

[2]

Why have you ranked the options this way? Comment:

The Board supports whatever option will stop the stink the quickest and whichever option will have the least impediment on the permanent closure of the Metro Place Organics Processing Plant.

The community has been through enough for long enough, and they will not find rest until all processing ceases at the Organics Processing Plant. This is why we support sending the waste to Kate Valley.

2. If a South Island processor become available to process our mixed kerbside organics, where would you have ranked this option in question 1?

Please rank between 1 (most preferred) and (6 least preferred)

[1]

3. If Option 1 (North Island processor) is chosen, we will still need to manage some organics locally until North Island processors can take it all. How would you prefer it gets processed?

Select preference and delete the one not chosen.

Send it to Kate Valley Landfill.

4. If Option 2 (Kate Valley Landfill) is chosen, we will still need to manage some organics elsewhere until Kate Valley Landfill can take it all. How would you prefer it gets processed?

Select preference and delete the one not chosen.

Compost it at the existing plant.

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5. Is there anything else you would like to tell us about our five short-term options?

Comment:

The best outcome would be if the Council were able to quickly transition to a permanent replacement Organics Processing Plant in the South Island and in the meantime stop processing at the existing plant.



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