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Reducing harm from waste - product stewardship

Thank you for the opportunity to submit on the proposed priority products and priority product stewardship scheme guidelines. This submission was approved by our Council at a meeting on 26 September.

As a member of the Wellington Region Waste Management and Minimisation Plan Joint Committee, Kāpiti Coast District Council (Council) supports the submissions made by other councils from across the Wellington region. In addition, Council's support for the product stewardship scheme is consistent with the 2018 Local Government New Zealand remit to Government in support of product stewardship.

In principle, Council strongly supports the six proposed priority product groups and priority product stewardship scheme guidelines, and supports the Government's efforts to reduce the risk of harm from waste, and increase the economic and social benefits from more circular use of resources.

Included below are Council's responses to the consultation document questions.

Questions from the submission form

1. Proposed priority product declaration for end-of-life tyres

- a. Do you agree with declaring as priority products: all pneumatic (air-filled) tyres and certain solid tyres for use on motorised vehicles (for cars, trucks, buses, motorcycles, all-terrain vehicles, tractors, forklifts, aircraft and off-road vehicles)? Why? Why not?**

YES

- b. Do you agree with declaring as priority products: all pneumatic and solid tyres for use on bicycles (manual or motorised) and non-motorised equipment? Why? Why not?**

YES

2. Proposed priority product declaration for electrical and electronic products (e-waste)

a. Do you agree with declaring as priority products: all large rechargeable batteries designed for use in electric vehicles, household-scale and industrial renewable energy power systems, including but not limited to lithium-ion batteries? Why? Why not?

YES

b. Do you agree with declaring as priority products: all other batteries (eg, batteries designed for use in hand-held tools and devices)? Why? Why not?

YES

c. Do you agree with declaring as priority products: all categories of waste electrical and electronic equipment (WEEE) defined in Annex II of European Directive 2012/19/EU (eg, 'anything that requires a plug or a battery to operate')? Why? Why not?

YES

3. Proposed priority product declaration for agricultural chemicals and their containers

a. Do you agree with declaring as priority products: chemicals in plastic containers up to and including 1000 litres in size that are used for: horticulture, agricultural and livestock production, including veterinary medicines, industrial, utility, infrastructure and recreational pest and weed control, forestry, household pest and weed control operations, similar activities conducted by or contracted by local and central government authorities? Why? Why not?

YES

4. Proposed priority product declaration for refrigerants and other synthetic greenhouse gases

a. Do you agree with the declaring as priority products: all gases used for heating, cooling and air conditioning that are ozone depleting substances under the Ozone Layer Protection Act 1996 and/or synthetic greenhouse gases under the Climate Change Response Act 2002, and products containing these gases? Why? Why not?

YES

b. Do you agree with the declaring as priority products: methyl bromide and products containing this gas? Why? Why not?

YES

5. Proposed priority product declaration for packaging

a. Do you agree with declaring beverage packaging as priority products: packaging used to hold any beverage for retail sale that has more than 50 millilitres and less than 4 litres of capacity, made of any material singly or in combination with other materials (eg, plastic, glass, metal, paperboard or mixed laminated materials)? Why? Why not?

YES

b. Do you agree with declaring single-use plastic consumer goods packaging as priority products: packaging used for consumer goods at retail or wholesale level made of plastic resin codes 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 or 7, singly or in combination with one or more of these plastics or any non-plastic material, and not designed to be refilled? Why? Why not?

YES

6. Proposed priority product declaration for farm plastics

a. Do you agree with declaring as priority products: plastic wrapping materials used for silage or hay, including but not limited to baleage wrap, hay bale netting, baling twine, and covers for silage pits? Why? Why not?

YES

b. Do you agree with declaring as priority products: plastic packaging used for agricultural and horticultural commodities including but not limited to fertiliser sacks, feed sacks, and bulk tonne bags made from woven polypropylene and/or polyethylene? Why? Why not?

YES

c. Do you agree with declaring as priority products: other plastic packaging and products used for agriculture and horticulture including, but not limited to, protective nets, reflective ground covers, and rigid plastic containers other than containers for agrichemicals, detergents, lubricants or solvents? Why? Why not?

YES

7. Proposed ministerial guidelines for priority product stewardship schemes

- a. Do you agree with the proposed guidelines for priority product stewardship schemes outlined in table 3 of the public consultation document? Why? Why not?**

Yes, Council agrees that the proposed guidelines as outlined are generally appropriate at this stage, with the understanding that the actual development of each product scheme will be subject to extensive consultation under Stage 2.

8. Other comments

- a. Are there other products that you think should be declared as priority products? Please specify.**

NO

- b. Any other comments you wish to share.**

None at this time.

Thank you once again for the opportunity to submit on the proposed priority products and priority product stewardship scheme guidelines.

Council welcomes additional opportunities for engagement in Stage 2, particularly in relation to the potential impact of the proposed product stewardship schemes on the existing collection services, infrastructure, and provision of information and education services in the Kāpiti Coast District.

Yours sincerely,



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