


OIR: 2526/42

28 August 2025



Tēnā koe 

Request for Information under the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (the Act) (the LGOIMA)

Thank you for your email of **5 August 2025** requesting the following information:

1. Bio-waste

a. *The weekly average of bio waste which is treated in the Kapiti Region.*

Council sent 2112 tonnes of sludge to landfill over 1 July 2024 – 30 June 2025 – or just under 41 tonnes a week. Council disposes of two types of sludge – wet and dry. The dry sludge has 61% dry solids (the rest is water) and the wet sludge has 20% dry solids (the rest is water).

b. *How many and where are the Bio waste plants located*

Council generates biowaste from two sites:

- Paraparaumu Wastewater Treatment Plant – 24 Fytfield Place
- Ōtaki Wastewater Treatment Plant – Riverbank Road

Biowaste from Ōtaki is collected and processed at the Paraparaumu Wastewater Treatment Plant.

c. *The approx.. the land area for each site*

- Paraparaumu – 100,600m²
- Ōtaki – 184,890m²

Please note that any information provided in response to your request may be published on the Council website, with your personal details removed.

d. Where and how is this disposed of

Biowaste is disposed of at Silverstream Landfill.

e. What are the KCDC Costs of

i. Processing the waste

The contract for this work is subject to a competitive tendering process before the contract is awarded. Accordingly, the information you are seeking regarding the costs of processing the waste is commercially sensitive and is withheld under section 7(2)(b)(ii) of the Act. Section 7(2)(b)(ii) provides that Council may withhold information in order to protect information where the making available of the information would be likely unreasonably to prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied it, or who is the subject of the information. I am satisfied that the withholding of this information is not outweighed by public interest considerations in section 7(1) favouring release.

ii. Disposing of the waste

Disposal costs – 2024/25: \$712,000

2. Landfill / Transfer Waste

a. The weekly average of landfill waste which is managed in the Kapiti Region

On average, the district generates 507.5t of general waste per week.

b. How many and where are the landfill sites located

- There are no active landfills in Kāpiti.
- Council owns two transfer stations (Ōtaihangā and Ōtaki), which are leased to waste operators.
- Waste is transported from transfer stations to class 1 landfills in the Wellington or Manawātū-Whanganui regions.

c. The approx.. the land area for each site

Not applicable.

d. Where and how is this disposed of

Waste is transported by private collectors to class 1 landfills in the Wellington or Manawatu-Whanganui Region.

e. What are the KCDC Costs of

i. Processing the waste

Nil to Council (transfer stations are operated under lease arrangements).

ii. Disposing of the waste

Nil to Council (covered under a user-pays model).

Please note that as we are unable to provide information in relation to your questions 2(c), 2(e)(i) and 2(e)(ii), we must advise that these parts of your request are refused under section 17(e) of the Act as the information requested does not exist.

3. Additional waste

a. Is there any other waste disposal in the district

There are no other waste disposal facilities in the district. However:

- Council owns a composting site operated by Composting New Zealand.
- The Ōtaihangā Zero Waste Hub processes building materials for recycling or reuse.

You have the right to request the Ombudsman to review this decision. Complaints can be sent by email to info@ombudsman.parliament.nz, or by post to The Ombudsman, PO Box 10152, Wellington 6143.

Ngā mihi,



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