

OIR: 2223/518

19 April 2023

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Kia ora [REDACTED],

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

Thank you for your email of 6 April 2023 requesting the following information:

***For the calendar year 2022, please provide the following information, for each of the following:***

We are unable to answer your request in full as we do not hold some of the data you have requested in the manner that you have requested it. Council does not provide or contract kerbside collection services in the district, these services (rubbish, recycling and greenwaste) are provided by local waste collectors. On that basis I must decline parts of your request as the information requested cannot be made available without substantial collation or research, section 17(f) of LGOIMA refers. However, we have provided what we can as below.

We are unable to provide a complete data set for the 2022 calendar year as we process waste data in a July – June financial year format, therefore we are still receiving data from our licenced operators and collectors for the Oct-Dec 2022 quarter. The data provided below is from the complete financial year 2021/22.

Plastics, cardboard/paper and cans for recycling are collected together in co-mingled bins. These materials are taken to the regional sorting plant alongside any recycling from four other Councils in the Greater Wellington Region. We do not collate this information as an annual breakdown of tonnes by plastic and cardboard/paper material streams of Kāpiti Coast District origin. The comingled data provided below is the recyclable materials that were sent to the regional sorting plant for recycling from the Kāpiti Coast District. Glass is collected and processed separately so we can provide this data as requested.

		<b>Glass</b>	<b>Comingled recycling – plastics, cardboard/paper, steel cans, aluminium cans</b>
<b><i>How much by weight</i></b>			
<b>1.</b>	<b><i>was collected for recycling</i></b>	<b>1,841.9 tonnes</b>	<b>1,800 tonnes</b>

## **2. How much glass, plastics and cardboard/paper by weight was dumped in landfill?**

We do not record the annual breakdown of tonnages sent to landfill by material type. We do have data on the total tonnage sent to landfill from kerbside collections and two transfer stations. For the 2021/22 year this was 27,839 tonnes.

To get a snapshot of the composition of the waste sent to landfill, a SWAP (Solid Waste Analysis Protocol) waste survey was conducted in 2017. This survey audits the types of waste being disposed in landfill from Kāpiti through a visual survey and sort-and-weigh method. You can view the 2017 SWAP report on our website at [Council's role - Kāpiti Coast District Council \(kapiticoast.govt.nz\)](https://www.kapiticoast.govt.nz/councils-role). This report will give you an overview of the composition of the waste sent to landfill from the Kāpiti Coast District.

## **3. For building materials, by weight, how much was collected for recycling and how much was dumped in landfill?**

We do not collate information regarding annual waste data sorted by activity source.

Within the SWAP survey linked above, there is a breakdown of waste by activity source – this includes materials that have a C&D (construction and demolition) origin. This shows the portion the C&D sector contributes to Kāpiti's total waste to landfill.

If you wish to discuss any of this further, please contact our Waste Minimisation team at: [waste@kapiticoast.govt.nz](mailto:waste@kapiticoast.govt.nz)

You have the right to request the Ombudsman to review this decision. Complaints can be sent by email to [info@ombudsman.parliament.nz](mailto:info@ombudsman.parliament.nz), by fax to (04) 471 2254, or by post to The Ombudsman, PO Box 10152, Wellington 6143.

Ngā mihi



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