

Appendix F1

Pre-referral consultation

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WM NZ ENGAGEMENT REPORT

Auckland Regional Landfill Transition Project – Redvale Referral application

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1. Introduction

This report summarises consultation undertaken by WM New Zealand (WM) in accordance with Sections 11 and 13(4)(k) of the Fast-track Approvals Act 2024, alongside broader engagement conducted across three phases from March to November 2025.

The three-phase consultation process was designed to inform and refine WM's approach for managing Auckland's residual waste between the planned end to waste acceptance at Redvale Landfill on December 31, 2028 and the anticipated opening of the Auckland Regional Landfill (ARL) in the mid-2030s.

Each phase of the three-stage consultation process enabled WM to respond to concerns, test refinements and demonstrate transparency throughout. It was shaped by the input of stakeholders, mana whenua, local communities, regulatory agencies, and the public over an eight-month period.

Phase 1 raised awareness of the waste gap between 2029 and the mid-2030s and sought input on all possible options for managing Auckland's residual waste.

Drawing on the findings from Phase 1, Phase 2 presented viable interim options for rebalancing Auckland's waste between existing landfills.

Phase 3 marked the culmination of the consultation process, drawing on feedback from the preceding stages to present WM's best interim solution: to extend operations at Redvale Landfill and Energy Park until (at the latest) 2036, providing interested parties with an opportunity to give feedback on that proposal before the referral application is submitted.

This report includes:

- A summary of the consultation process undertaken in Phases 1 and 2, including stakeholder engagement, key themes of feedback, and how this informed the proposal presented in Phase 3.
- A summary of the Phase 3 consultation, including statutory engagement required under the Fast-track Approvals Act, and additional engagement with affected communities and interested parties.
- Appendices containing supporting materials, including engagement schedules, presentations, and copies of correspondence.

WM is committed to upholding the principle of kaitiakitanga by working in partnership with tangata whenua to manage waste responsibly, respect Papatūānuku, and support a sustainable future for generations to come.

Engagement with tangata whenua has occurred in parallel with broader consultation and has shaped the proposal, engagement will be ongoing. This process is documented in a separate Tangata Whenua Engagement schedule, and therefore, is not included in this report.

The following sections present a chronological summary of consultation activity, beginning with early engagement to test interim options and ending with the statutory and wider stakeholder consultation prior to referral.

2. Consultation Phases 1 and 2: Finding a Solution for Auckland's Waste

WM undertook two early consultation phases in 2025 to inform its proposal for managing Auckland's residual waste during the transition between the scheduled end to waste acceptance at Redvale Landfill (December 31 2028) and the expected opening of the ARL (mid-2030s).

2.1 Purpose of Early Consultation and Engagement Approach

These phases were designed to:

- Identify and evaluate viable interim solutions;
- Test and refine solutions with the community, stakeholders and the wider public; and
- Ensure feedback received was included early in the development of a preferred solution.

2.2 Overview of Engagement and Participation

Engagement across Phases 1 and 2 of the consultation process encouraged submissions and included direct outreach to affected communities, and targeted engagement with local government, central government agencies, and commercial waste operators.

Phase 1: 17 March – 11 May 2025

Phase 1 raised awareness of the waste gap expected between the end of waste acceptance at Redvale Landfill on 31 December 2028 and the expected opening of the ARL in the mid-2030s. WM sought early input from the public on potential interim options for managing Auckland's residual waste and to understand community and stakeholder views before progressing further with option development. Four options were presented as part of Phase 1:

1. Rebalance Existing Landfills
2. Identify a New Temporary Landfill Site
3. Alternative Technologies
4. Auckland Recovers More

Following consultation and considering technical analysis, time constraints and practical delivery considerations, WM determined that new landfill sites or waste technologies could not be delivered in time to address the gap. WM determined the most workable medium-term option was rebalancing existing landfills, alongside a continued focus on waste minimisation and recovery for the long term.

Engagement Methods:

- Consultation document developed
- Website with consultation materials, contact information and submission form
- Direct emails and phone calls to key stakeholders
- Targeted media release to create wider awareness

- 4,000 flyers were distributed to the local community. The flyer drop covered the wider Dairy Flat and Coatesville area, extending north to Wainui, east to Silverdale, west towards Waitoki and Kaukapakapa and south through Riverhead and Kumeu.
- Community hui (WM Auckland HQ East Tāmaki, Glenfield Community Centre, Dairy Flat Community Hall, and Hub West, Henderson)
- Online drop in sessions (2nd & 9th April 2025)

Reach:

- 575,000 people via public notices, targeted digital advertising, and media coverage
- 4,901 people accessed the consultation page on the WM website

Participation:

- 111 written submissions
- 9 oral submissions

Stakeholder Groups:

WM engaged a broad range of stakeholders, including:

- Local stakeholders (Community Liaison Committees, community trusts, Dairy Flat school, residents)
- Central government
- Local government, including the council (teams) and elected members
- Wider public
- Commercial waste customers and industry partners
- Environmental groups and NGOs
- Local businesses
- Industry associations

Phase 2: 28 July – 25 August 2025

Phase 2 was designed to test and refine WM’s thinking following Phase 1. It focused on presenting viable interim options for rebalancing Auckland’s waste between existing landfills between the scheduled end to waste acceptance at Redvale Landfill (2028) and the expected opening of the ARL by 2036. WM sought public and stakeholder feedback on these options, to help identify a preferred approach. Three options were presented:

1. Reconsent and extend Redvale Landfill (maintain status quo)
2. Redirect all waste to Whitford Landfill
3. Balance waste between Redvale and Whitford landfills (four variations were presented)

Most submissions supported reconsenting Redvale (acknowledging the majority of submissions were from the Whitford community). Whitford residents raised strong concerns about traffic and Redvale residents emphasised odour and their expectation that the site would close.

Engagement Methods:

- Consultation document developed

- In-person meetings and briefings
- Direct emails and phone calls to key stakeholders
- Website with consultation materials, contact information and submission form
- Flyers in Redvale and Whitford Community
- Community hui (at both Redvale and Whitford)
- Online drop in sessions
- Targeted local media
- Third party listening consultant (WERKITS) engaged

Reach:

- 121,153 people through targeted online advertising.
- 4,084 flyers were delivered to properties within 2km of Redvale and Whitford landfills.
- 1,641 consultation webpage views.
- 3 local media stories

Participation:

- 706 total submissions
- 2 community hui, attendees:
 - 75+ at Whitford
 - 37 at Redvale

Stakeholder Groups:

- Redvale and Whitford community and residents
- Local businesses and community organisations
- Key customers
- Local government, including the council and elected members
- Central government, including local MPs and relevant portfolio ministers

2.3 Key Themes from Phases 1 and 2

Consultation in both phases revealed consistent themes across stakeholder groups:

Theme	Phase 1 Summary	Phase 2 Summary
Odour	Among the strongest and most consistent concerns, particularly from Redvale residents.	Continued as a dominant issue, with emphasis on stronger odour controls if Redvale were extended.
Traffic and Road Safety	Raised as a concern around Redvale and Dairy Flat, though less prominent overall.	Became the leading issue in Whitford due to high local participation; concerns about road safety, congestion, and infrastructure capacity.
Water Quality and Ecology	General environmental concern, especially regarding leachate and groundwater protection.	Reiterated by Whitford residents focused on groundwater safety and local waterways.

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Community Trust and Transparency	Perceptions of past commitments not met (e.g., Redvale closure).	Communities called for proof of transparency, community oversight, and emissions reporting.
Waste Minimisation and Recovery	Broad support for increased recovery and circular-economy initiatives, though recognised as insufficient for the transition period.	Strong support continued.
Social and Community Wellbeing / Property Values	Concerns about amenity, health, and property value impacts near Redvale.	Similar concerns expressed in both communities; Whitford residents cited lifestyle impacts.

2.4 How Feedback Informed the Proposal

Feedback across both consultation phases led WM to strengthen odour management as the central focus of its refined proposal. The proposal now includes tighter operational controls, including by limiting working faces to no more than 900 m² (down from about 1,200 m², typically), thicker daily cover depths, restricting the location of putrescible (odorous) waste relative to existing dwellings seasonal restrictions on the hours for accepting putrescible waste.

Consultation also reinforced broad support for continued investment in waste minimisation and recovery.

3. Consultation Phases 3: Pre-Referral Application Consultation

Phase 3 consultation was undertaken by WM between 13 October and 7 November 2025. This included consultation with the statutory required parties in accordance with Section 11 of the Fast-track Approvals Act 2024 and to provide potentially interested parties with an opportunity to give feedback before the referral application was submitted.

This phase focused specifically on WM's proposal to extend operations at Redvale Landfill and Energy Park until 2036, to manage residual waste during the interim period between Redvale's scheduled end to accepting waste on 31 December 2028 and the opening of the ARL in the mid-2030s. The refined proposal, shaped by feedback received in earlier phases, aimed to deliver a solution to Auckland's waste challenge and optimise the management of residual waste in a way that reflects regional input and balances feasibility through to 2036 (at the latest).

Consistent with the earlier phases and approach, WM's engagement for this phase was designed to go beyond statutory requirements, with a clear emphasis on transparency and inclusion. The process was intended to ensure that community and stakeholder perspectives could be considered before the application was lodged.

3.1 Statutory Stakeholders Consulted

To meet the requirements of Section 11 of the Fast-track Approvals Act 2024, WM undertook targeted engagement with the relevant local authority, statutory agencies, and iwi authorities during the Phase 3 consultation period.

This section outlines engagement with the local authority and statutory agencies. WM acknowledges the distinct role of mana whenua in the Fast-track process and in assessing the cultural and environmental implications of the proposal. A separate Tangata Whenua Engagement schedule has been prepared to detail engagement with iwi.

Local Authority

Auckland Council

In accordance with Section 11(1) of the Fast-track Approvals Act 2024, WM initiated consultation with Auckland Council on 14 October 2025.

A letter was sent to fasttrack@aucklandcouncil.govt.nz requesting consultation under section 11 (included in Appendix A), and written notice of its intention to seek referral for the proposed extension of Redvale Landfill and Energy Park operations until 2036.

WM also offered to provide a briefing to support Council's review of the proposal.

Acknowledgement was received from the Manager Premium Unit, Planning and Resource Consents and a pre-application request was lodged through the Auckland Council website as requested. A pre-application meeting with Warwick Pascoe (Principal Project Lead – Premium Unit, Planning & Resource Consents, Auckland Council) and Mark Ross (Senior Planner, Sentinel Planning), on behalf of Auckland Council, was held on 14 November 2025. During this meeting, WM delivered a presentation providing an overview of the project and outline the proposed approach for ongoing engagement under the fast-track process. Both parties agreed to an iterative and comprehensive process, with continued collaboration pre- and post-lodgement.

Administering Agencies

Ministry for the Environment (MfE)

On 14 October 2025, WM wrote to the Ministry for the Environment (MfE) to initiate consultation under Section 11(1) of the Fast-track Approvals Act 2024.

The letter was addressed to adminagencyFTAA@mfe.govt.nz and FTAIImplementation@mfe.govt.nz requesting consultation under section 11 and provided formal notice of WM's intention to seek referral for the proposed extension of operations at Redvale Landfill and Energy Park until 2036.

A copy of the consultation letter and a response letter from MfE is included in the appendices to this report (see appendices B and C).

3.2 Community and Other Interested Parties Consulted

In addition to the statutory consultation undertaken under Section 11 of the Fast-track Approvals Act 2024, WM delivered an engagement programme with stakeholders and communities potentially affected by the proposal or with a demonstrated interest in the future of residual waste management in Auckland.

This engagement aimed to provide accessible, practical information on the refined proposal and ensure that interested parties had an opportunity to engage, ask questions and share feedback prior to lodgement.

Community and other interested party consultation was supported by an information pack which outlined the proposal, details of aspects of the operation that are expected to change, and those that will remain unchanged, the rationale for using the Fast-track process, and instructions for providing feedback. A copy of this information pack is included in the appendices to this report (see appendix D).

The Phase 3 engagement approach focused on ensuring continuity with previously engaged individuals, groups and communities. It prioritised:

- Redvale residents
- Redvale organisations (community groups and businesses)
- Central government
- Local government
- Everyone who had submitted on the previous two consultations
- Local media

A summary of engagement can be found on the following pages.

Community and stakeholder feedback have been instrumental in shaping the final proposal. In particular, early consultation has led to strengthened odour controls given the feedback received as to potential odour effects from the ongoing operation of Redvale Landfill. Feedback during Phase 3 reinforced the importance of certainty around the duration of operations, resulting in WM setting 2036 as a firm end date for the acceptance of waste at Redvale. WM has committed to exiting earlier if the ARL is operational and available to accept waste sooner, meaning the transition period could be earlier than 2036.

Phase 3 Community and Interested Party Engagement Schedule

Organisation and/or stakeholder	Date	Method	Summary
Redvale residents and organisations			
Redvale Community Liaison Committee and its respective members	6 October	Email from Glen Jujnovich (Regional Manager)	Invitation sent inviting the CLC to a special meeting.
	13 October	In-person meeting	Special Redvale CLC meeting presenting the proposal and notification of intention (pending Board approval) to proceed via a Fast-track pathway. A copy of the presentation to the CLC is included in the appendices of this report (see appendix E).
Dairy Flat Primary School	14 October	Email to Board of Trustees and Principal from Glen Jujnovich (Regional Manager)	Email to share information on the proposal and consultation. The email invited the Board and school leadership to meet with WM to discuss the proposal and to hear any questions or concerns. The school was also invited to attend the Redvale Community Hui on 20 October 2025.
	30 October	Email to the Principal from Evan Maehl (Managing Director)	An email exchange between WM and the school providing clarification on points that could cause concern for the wider community.
	31 October	Meeting with Jim Jefferis (Head of Environmental Engineering and Consents)	An in-person meeting to share the latest monitoring results and discuss how WM can continue to provide reassurance for the school community.
Residents within 1km of Redvale Landfill and Energy Park	14 October	Letter from the team at WM New Zealand	281 letterbox drops were delivered to all residents within 1 km of Redvale. The letter: • Introduced the proposal • Shared a link to the consultation pack • Encouraged feedback • Invited attendance at the community hui

			Offered one-on-one discussions with WM team members A copy of the letter is included in the appendices to this report (see appendix G).
	20 October	Community Hui	Approximately 120 community members attended a hui held at the Dairy Flat community hall. The session included a presentation from WM on the proposal, including what will change and what will stay the same. A significant portion of this meeting was dedicated to answering questions from the community. A copy of the community hui presentation is included in the appendices to this report (see appendix F).
All Phase 1 & 2 submitters	14 October	Email from Andrea Svendsen (Sustainability and Communications Manager), on behalf of WM team	An email was sent to all 745 submitters who provided feedback during phases 1 and 2 of the consultation. The email shared context of the proposal, a link to the proposal and information on how to engage with the consultation, including an invite to the community hui.
Redvale Community Trust	14 October	Email from Glen Jujnovich (Regional Manager)	An email was sent to the Redvale Community Trust updating them on the proposal and sharing the Phase 3 consultation material. It acknowledged community expectations and changes made in response to earlier feedback, and invited the Trust to the community hui.
Auckland Surf Park	14 October	Email and follow-up phone call from (Managing Director)	An email to the Surf Park owners, introducing the proposal and sharing the information pack. The email acknowledged AW Surf Park's plans for the Dairy Flat area and welcomed a meeting to discuss the proposal and to continue the conversation on how to work alongside one another to support the best outcomes locally.
	Ongoing	In-person meetings with Evan Maehl (Managing Director)	There has been a series of ongoing meetings between the Surf Park, WM and local iwi to discuss WM's proposal and

			its alignment with proposed development in the Dairy Flat area.
North Shore Airport and North Shore Aero Club Incorporated	Ongoing	In person meetings, email and follow-up phone call, Jim Jefferis	Communications to share information on the proposal and how it relates to airport operations.
Redvale Environmental Protection Society Incorporated	14 October	Email from Jim Jefferis (Head of Environmental Engineering and Consents)	Email to introduce and share the proposal and Phase 3 consultation details. The email invited the Society to attend the Redvale Community Hui and reaffirmed WM's commitment to open and respectful dialogue.
Karahiwi Residents Society Limited			
5D investments Limited			
Auckland Transport	14 November	Email from Jim Jefferis (Head of Environmental Engineering and Consents)	WM emailed Auckland Transport to outline the proposal and share the Phase 3 consultation material. The message confirmed no changes to existing truck routes or daily movements and offered to meet to ensure alignment with AT's planning. A meeting was offered to discuss the proposal, particularly to ensure alignment with AT's planning for network efficiency and safety in the North Auckland corridor.
Local media (Redvale and Whitford)	15 October	Media release	A media release was sent to local media to create wider awareness of the proposal, consultation and intention to proceed via a fast-track pathway.
National media	24 October	Detailed responses to questions sent to NZ Herald and Stuff	A response was sent addressing questions and concerns raised by the community through media outlets. It explained that WM was proposing to extend operations at Redvale until 2036 (at the latest) to manage Auckland's waste while the new Auckland Regional Landfill is delayed. The extension would formalise stronger odour controls, improved monitoring, and compliance measures, ensuring waste continues to be managed safely and responsibly until the new site is ready. Coverage was published in the NZ Herald and Stuff on 25 October.

Central Government			
MP for Whangaparāoa, Mark Mitchell	14 October	Email from Evan Maehl (Managing Director)	Email to introduce the phase 3 proposal and share consultation material. The email outlined the interim solution for Auckland's residual waste, invited Minister Mitchell to the Redvale Community Hui, and offered a briefing to discuss the local and regional implications.
	20 October	Community hui	Attended community hui
	29 October	Letter from Evan Maehl (Managing Director)	A letter was sent to Hon Mark Mitchell to ensure the Minister and his constituents have accurate information about the proposal.
Minister for Infrastructure & RMA Reform, Chris Bishop	14 October	Email from Evan Maehl (Managing Director)	Email to provide an update on the proposal and consultation process. The message shared the intention to use the Fast-track Approvals Act 2024 for the Redvale extension, and offered a briefing to discuss next steps.
Advisor to Minister Bishop, Joshua Smith	14 November	Phone call with Evan Maehl (Managing Director) and Mike McSaveney (Executive General Manager WM North)	A phone call to discuss the proposal and Fast-Track context.
Other central government stakeholders • Kaipara ki Mahurangi MP, Chris Penk • North Shore MP Simon Watts • Minister for the Environment, Penny Simmonds • Parliamentary Undersecretary Infrastructure & RMA Reform, Simon Court	14 October	Email from Evan Maehl (Managing Director)	Email to share information on the Redvale proposal and outline intention to proceed under the Fast-track Approvals Act 2024. The message included Phase 3 consultation details, invited feedback, and offered briefings to discuss the proposal and next steps.

- Minister for Auckland, Simeon Brown - Minister for Regulation, David Seymour			
Local Government			
Auckland Mayor, Wayne Brown	14 October	Email from Mike McSaveney (Executive General Manager WM North)	Email to update the Mayor on WM's proposal, share the information pack and the consultation process. The email summarised the preferred interim solution and invited the Mayor to the Redvale Community Hui. A briefing was also offered.
Auckland Council Resilience and Infrastructure team; Planning, Environment, Parks	30 October	In-person meeting, Mike McSaveney and Evan Maehl	A briefing on the landfill, proposal and consultation process.
	12 November	Teams meeting, Mike McSaveney and Evan Maehl	Follow-up meeting on key points relating to the proposal and WM's plan.
Rodney ward councillor, Greg Sayers	14 October	Email from Mike McSaveney (Executive General Manager WM North)	Email to introduce the proposal, share the information pack and outline consultation information. The email confirmed that consultation was open, invited attendance at the Redvale Community Hui, and offered a briefing.
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Kerrin Leoni	14 October	Email from Mike McSaveney (Executive General Manager WM North)	Email to introduce the proposal, share the information pack and outline consultation information. The email confirmed that consultation was open, invited attendance at the Redvale Community Hui, and offered a briefing.
	6 October	Teams briefing with Evan Maehl and Andrea Svendsen	Online briefing to discuss the proposal and consultation.
Other local councillors: - Desley Simpson - John Watson - Wayne Walker	14 October	Separate emails from Mike McSaveney (Executive General Manager WM North)	Email to update councillors on the proposal and share consultation material. The message outlined WM's preferred interim solution, invited councillors to the Redvale Community Hui, and offered briefings on request.

• Christine Fletcher • Julie Fairey • Andy Baker • Sharon Stewart • Maurice Williamson • Lotu Fuli • Alf Filipaina • Angela Dalton • Daniel Newman • Josephine Bartley • Chris Darby • Richard Hills • Shane Henderson • Ken Turner • Mike Lee			
Whitford Community			
Whitford CLC	14 October	Email from Mike Winterbottom (Regional Manager)	An email to provide an update on the proposal and share Phase 3 consultation material. The email confirmed that there would be no changes to operations at Whitford Landfill and no increase in truck movements or hours beyond current consents. The CLC was invited to the Redvale Community Hui, and WM expressed appreciation for ongoing constructive engagement.

4. Appendices

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Appendix A

Letter to Auckland Council

14 October 2025

Auckland Council
Email: fasttrack@aucklandcouncil.govt.nz

RE: Consultation on WMNZ's referral application for the Auckland Regional Landfill – Transition Project

Dear Auckland Council Team,

Waste Management NZ Limited ("**WMNZ**") is preparing a referral application to utilise the Fast Track Approvals Act 2024 ("**FTAA**") for approvals required to enable the ongoing operation of Redvale Landfill ("**Project**").

The purpose of this letter is to fulfil the requirement for consultation with the Auckland Council as a party that WMNZ must consult with under s11(1) of the FTAA. We have set out below a description of the Project and seek to engage with Auckland Council on WMNZ's referral application accordingly.

Project description

WMNZ currently operates the Redvale Landfill and Energy Park in Dairy Flat, north of Auckland. The landfill occupies around 80 hectares of rural land.¹ Being the only Class 1 landfill located in North Auckland, Redvale Landfill is nationally and regionally significant infrastructure.

Under its existing resource consents, Redvale Landfill is required to cease accepting waste in December 2028. As you may be aware, WMNZ is also seeking resource consents for a new Auckland Regional Landfill ("**ARL**") in Wayby Valley, which is intended to replace the Redvale Landfill. However, the consenting process for ARL has been delayed and (subject to consents being obtained) ARL is now not expected to be operational until mid-2030s.

After Redvale Landfill ceases accepting waste (post-December 2028), approximately 600,000 tonnes of waste per annum (on average) will need to be redirected, until ARL becomes operational. Over the past few months, WMNZ has been extensively consulting with various stakeholders, including iwi, neighbours of its existing landfills at Redvale and Whitford and the wider community on various options to address the impending gap in critical infrastructure.

Following this consultation, WMNZ's Management Team has decided that balancing waste volumes between its two existing landfills (Redvale and Whitford²) is the preferred solution and to seek approvals for the ongoing operation of Redvale beyond 2028 and until ARL comes online. Any decision to proceed to lodge a referral application will be made by WMNZ's Board following this further statutory consultation (and further non-statutory consultation with iwi and Redvale stakeholders on the preferred solution which is currently occurring in parallel).

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² It is proposed that Whitford Landfill will continue to operate under its existing resource consents and designation.

Proposed works and approvals sought

The Project proposes to extend the operation of Redvale Landfill until the end of 2036 and develop an additional 4.5 million m³ of airspace at the existing facility. This includes 3.1 million m³ of Class 1 Landfill expansion on top of the existing Class 1 consented area and 1.4 million m³ of Class 2 Landfill extension.

The proposed works include:

- **Class 1 landfill expansion:** placement of waste within the existing landfill footprint meeting the Class 1 landfill waste acceptance criteria, involving the removal of final cover and steepening of the final cap slope to accommodate additional waste. To manage potential effects, more specifically, this will involve:
 - 500m buffer from any currently existing residential household for the placement of putrescible (higher odour potential) waste (ie WM will only place non-odorous, non-putrescible materials within this buffer);³
 - a maximum 900m² tip face size for putrescible waste (excluding the push ramp); and
 - a detailed Waste Fill Plan to optimise the placement of both putrescible waste and non-putrescible waste within the expanded landfill footprint;
- **Class 2 footprint extension:** extension of the existing landfill to the southwest to accommodate disposal of waste meeting Class 2 landfill waste acceptance criteria;
- **Relocation of ancillary activities:** to accommodate the class 2 extension, several on-site facilities, such as the wash bay and light engineering workshop, will be relocated to allow for waste placement.
- **Closure date:** a proposed 2036 end date to cease the landfilling of all waste at Redvale Landfill.

To facilitate the Project; WMNZ seeks resource consents under the Resource Management Act 1991 and approvals under the Wildlife Act 1953.

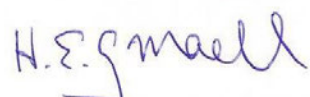
Next steps

WMNZ is committed to ongoing engagement with Auckland Council and values your input.

We would appreciate confirmation of receipt of this letter and would welcome the opportunity to meet with you to discuss the Project in further detail. Please let us know your availability to meet in the next couple of weeks or at your earliest convenience.

In the meantime, please do not hesitate to contact me at the address below if you have any questions.

Yours sincerely



Evan Maehl

Managing Director – WM New Zealand



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Biodegradable organic waste with a high putrescible content that readily decomposes under anaerobic conditions to produce odorous gases, leachate, and landfill gas. This includes food scraps, garden organics, biosolids, and similar high-moisture, rapidly degradable materials. It does not include inert or slow-degrading organic matter such as untreated timber, paper, or cardboard unless mixed with putrescible wastes

Appendix B

Letter to the Ministry for the Environment

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Ministry for the Environment

Email: AdminAgencyFTAA@mfe.govt.nz

FTAIImplementation@mfe.govt.nz

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 - a maximum 900m² tip face size for putrescible waste (excluding the push ramp); and
 - a detailed Waste Fill Plan to optimise the placement of both putrescible waste and non-putrescible waste within the expanded landfill footprint;
- **Class 2 footprint extension:** extension of the existing landfill to the southwest to accommodate disposal of waste meeting Class 2 landfill waste acceptance criteria;
- **Relocation of ancillary activities:** to accommodate the class 2 extension, several on-site facilities, such as the wash bay and light engineering workshop, will be relocated to allow for waste placement.
- **Closure date:** a proposed 2036 end date to cease the landfilling of all waste at Redvale Landfill.

To facilitate the Project; WMNZ seeks resource consents under the Resource Management Act 1991 and approvals under the Wildlife Act 1953.

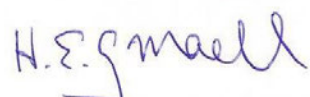
Next steps

WMNZ is committed to ongoing engagement with the Ministry and values your input.

We would appreciate confirmation of receipt of this letter and would welcome the opportunity to meet with you to discuss the Project in further detail. Please let us know your availability to meet in the next couple of weeks or at your earliest convenience.

In the meantime, please do not hesitate to contact me at the address below if you have any questions.

Yours sincerely



Evan Maehl

Managing Director – WM New Zealand



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Biodegradable organic waste with a high putrescible content that readily decomposes under anaerobic conditions to produce odorous gases, leachate, and landfill gas. This includes food scraps, garden organics, biosolids, and similar high-moisture, rapidly degradable materials. It does not include inert or slow-degrading organic matter such as untreated timber, paper, or cardboard unless mixed with putrescible wastes

Appendix C

Response from Ministry for the Environment

Tēnā koe Evan,

Auckland Regional Landfill – Transition Project - Pre-lodgement consultation under the Fast-track Approvals Act 2024 (FTAA)

Thank you for your correspondence in relation to Waste Management NZ Limited's intention to lodge a referral application under the Fast-track Approvals Act 2024 (FTAA) in respect of the Auckland Regional Landfill – Transition Project

As you are aware, the Ministry for the Environment (the Ministry) is the “relevant administering agency” for approvals relating to the Resource Management Act 1991 (RMA) and Exclusive Economic Zone and Continental Shelf (Environmental Effects) Act 2012 (EEZ Act) under the FTAA.

As part of your referral application, you will need to provide an assessment of the project against any relevant national policy statement, national environmental standards and if relevant the New Zealand Coastal Policy Statement. The Ministry has prepared the following summary on the national direction made under the RMA, for your consideration.

National Direction

Under the RMA, the government can create national direction to support local authorities' decision making under the RMA and develop a nationally consistent approach to resource management issues. This is typically done where an issue is of national importance, or involves significant national benefits or costs, or where necessary to give effect to other government policy or regulation. There are several types of national direction, including national policy statements and national environmental standards.

National Policy Statements (NPS)

National Policy Statements are instruments issued under section 52(2) of the RMA. An NPS is a vehicle for the government to prescribe objectives and policies for matters which are relevant to sustainable management. All National Policy Statements currently in force are published on the Ministry's website and links are provided in the table below. It is recommended that you consider the relevance of each NPS to your project. If you are seeking an RMA approval, then under section 13(4)(y)(i) and schedule 5 paragraph 2 of the FTAA your application must include an assessment of your project against any relevant NPSs. Refer to the National Policy Statements linked below.

National Policy Statement	Description
National Policy Statement for Greenhouse Gas Emissions from Industrial Process Heat 2023	This NPS provides nationally consistent policies and requirements for reducing greenhouse gas emissions from industries using process heat. It works alongside

	the National Environmental Standards for Greenhouse Gases from Industrial Process.
National Policy Statement for Highly Productive Land 2022	This NPS provides national direction to improve the way highly productive land is managed under the RMA. The objective is to ensure the availability of New Zealand's most favourable soils for food and fibre production.
National Policy Statement for Freshwater Management 2020	This NPS provides local authorities with updated national direction on how they should manage freshwater under the RMA.
National Policy Statement for Indigenous Biodiversity 2023	This NPS provides direction to local authorities to protect, maintain and restore indigenous biodiversity requiring at least no further reduction in indigenous biodiversity nationally.
National Policy Statement for Renewable Electricity Generation 2011	This NPS provides guidance for local authorities on how renewable electricity generation should be dealt with in RMA planning documents.
National Policy Statement on Electricity Transmission	This NPS sets out the objective and policies for managing the electricity transmission network.
National Policy Statement on Urban Development 2020	This NPS recognises the national significance of well-functioning urban environments. It removes barriers to development to allow growth in locations that have good access to existing services, public transport networks and infrastructure.
New Zealand Coastal Policy Statement 2010	The NZCPS provides guidance for local authorities in their day-to-day management of the coastal environment. The NZCPS is the only compulsory NPS under the RMA.

National Environmental Standards (NES)

National Environmental Standards are regulations issued under section 43 of the RMA. They prescribe technical and non-technical standards, methods or other requirements for land use and subdivision, use of the coastal marine area and beds of lakes and rivers, water take and use, discharges and noise. NESs require each local authority to enforce the same standard in respect of these areas unless otherwise specified. All National Policy Statements currently in force are published on the Ministry's website and links are provided in the table below. It is recommended that you consider the relevance of each NES to your project.

If you are seeking an RMA approval under the FTAA, section 13(4)(y)(i) and schedule 5 paragraph 2 require that an assessment of your project against any relevant NES must be included with your application. Refer to the National Environmental Standards linked below.

National Environmental Standard	Description
National Environmental Standards for Air Quality	This NES prohibits discharges from certain activities and set a guaranteed minimum standard for air quality for people living in New Zealand.

National Environmental Standards for Commercial Forestry	This NES provides nationally consistent regulations to manage the environmental effects of forestry.
National Environmental Standards for Electricity Transmission Activities	This NES sets out which electricity transmission activities are permitted, subject to conditions to control environmental effects. They apply only to existing high voltage electricity transmission lines.
National Environmental Standards for Freshwater	This NES regulates activities that pose risks to the health of freshwater and freshwater ecosystems.
National Environmental Standards for Greenhouse Gas Emissions from Industrial Process Heat	This NES sets out nationally consistent rules for certain greenhouse gas emitting activities from industrial process heat.
National Environmental Standards for Marine Aquaculture	This NES replaces regional council rules for existing marine farms and provides a more certain and efficient process for replacing consents, realigning farms and changing farmed species. In some instances, they allow regional council rules to remain in force.
National Environmental Standards for Sources of Human Drinking Water	This NES sets requirements to protect sources of human drinking water from becoming contaminated.
National Environmental Standards for Storing Tyres Outdoors	This NES provides nationally consistent rules for the responsible storage of tyres.
National Environmental Standards for Telecommunication Facilities	This NES sets national rules regarding the deployment of telecommunications infrastructure across New Zealand.
National Environmental Standard for Assessing and Managing Contaminants in Soil to Protect Human Health	This NES includes requirements for assessing and managing potentially contaminated soil.

Please ensure your application includes a summary of this consultation with the Ministry, and an explanation of how this consultation has informed your project. This information must be included in your application, regardless of whether it is a referral application or a substantive application for a listed project.

Thank you for consulting with the Ministry for the Environment as the relevant administering agency for the RMA and the EEZ Act.

If you have any queries in relation to the FTAA process, please contact info@fasttrack.govt.nz for further assistance.

Ngā mihi,



Acting General Manager, System Enablement and Oversight

Appendix D

Information Pack



Proposal to extend operations at Redvale Landfill & Energy Park

Interim solution to manage Auckland's residual waste between 2029 - mid 2030s

We are seeking feedback on this proposal by 7 November 2025

Redvale Landfill & Energy Park



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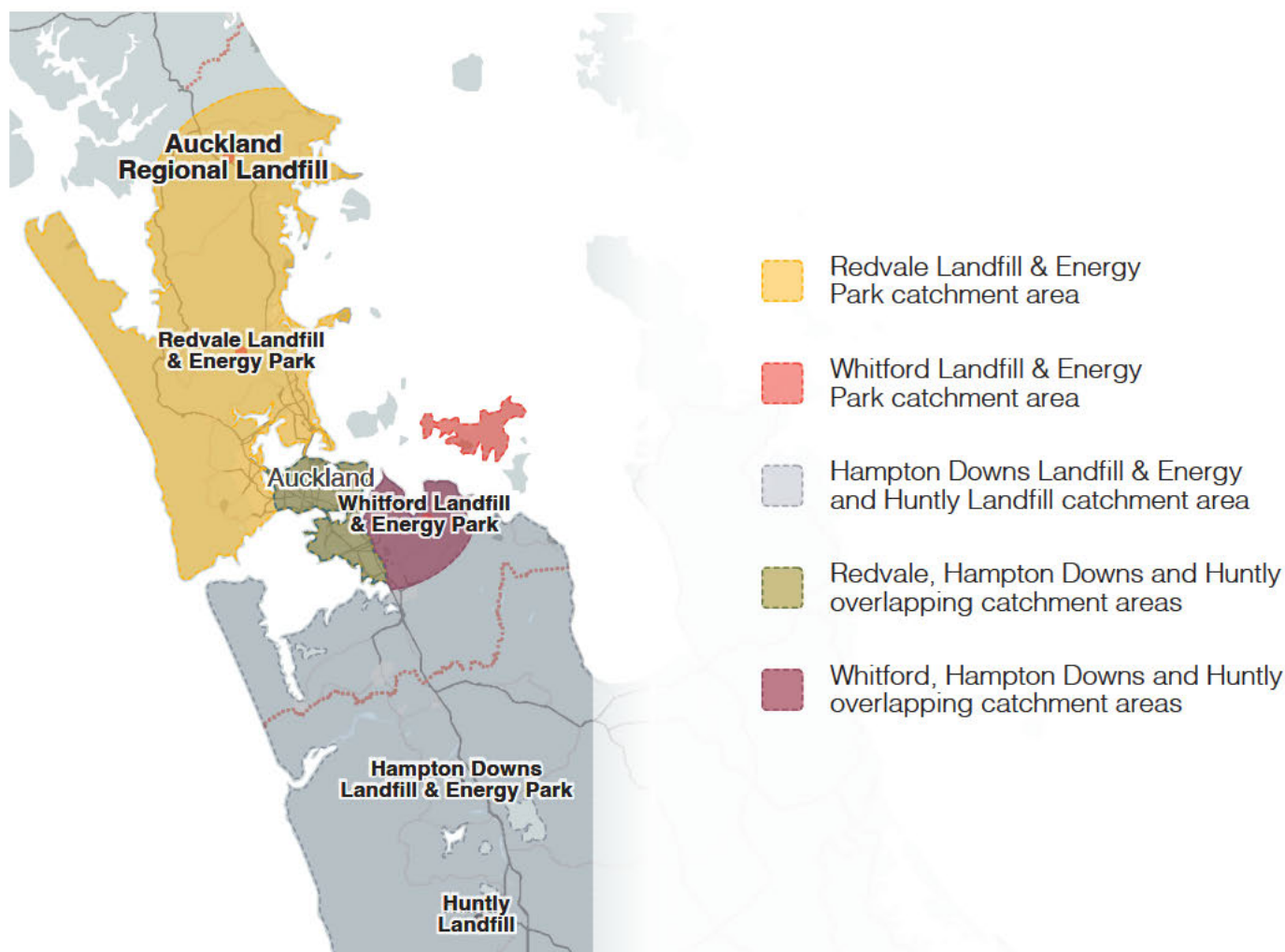


About this consultation



Redvale Landfill & Energy Park (Redvale Landfill), a nationally and regionally significant piece of infrastructure, which currently takes about half of Auckland's waste, is scheduled to cease accepting waste for landfilling in December 2028. Its planned replacement, Auckland Regional Landfill (ARL) in Wayby Valley, is still going through the appeals process and is not expected to open until the mid-2030s.

That leaves a gap where Auckland must safely manage around 600,000 tonnes of waste every year.



The solution

After two rounds of consultation and independent technical assessments, it is clear that using existing landfills is the only feasible medium-term option until ARL is ready.

WM New Zealand (WM) proposes to re-consent Redvale Landfill, extending its operation until 2036. While we would retain many current landfilling practices, there would be some changes to the way Redvale Landfill operates, including substantial operational and design changes to mitigate odour effects and address concerns. These changes balance operational workability with feedback received during the consultation process.

Whitford Landfill and Energy Park (Whitford Landfill) would continue to operate in line with its current designation and consents.



About this consultation

How we get there on time

To reconsent Redvale Landfill, WM will be looking to seek approval through the Government's fast-track consenting pathway – a legally streamlined pathway for projects with significant regional benefit (the Fast-track Approvals Act 2024). WM considers fast-track to be the best pathway that can realistically deliver the interim solution before Redvale Landfill closes.

Why we're consulting

WM is now seeking feedback on the proposal before lodging its fast-track referral application. The decision to proceed with extending operations at Redvale Landfill and progressing with a fast-track application remains subject to our Board's approval.

Building on earlier consultations

This is the third phase of consultation WM has undertaken to plan for Auckland's residual waste between 2029 and the mid-2030s.

In Phase 1, the consultation confirmed that new landfill sites or waste technologies could not be delivered in time to address the gap. The most workable medium-term option was rebalancing existing landfills, alongside a continued focus on waste minimisation and recovery for the long term.

In Phase 2, we tested how rebalancing might work. Most supported reconsenting Redvale, while Whitford residents raised strong concerns about traffic and Redvale residents emphasised odour and their expectation that the site would close.

This Phase 3 consultation is the final step before WM lodges its application. It is focused on delivering a solution for Auckland's waste challenge and optimising the way residual waste will be managed to reflect what was heard across the region and balance what is feasible during the period to 2036. Alongside this, WM continues to invest in and promote recycling and resource recovery, so that less material ends up in landfill and more value is returned to the circular economy.

The bigger picture

The long-term direction is clear - reducing waste, recovering more, and transitioning to a circular economy. This interim solution is about making sure Auckland can manage its waste safely, reliably, and locally during the transition.





Project summary

WM proposes to extend operations at Redvale Landfill until ARL is operational in the mid-2030s. Redvale Landfill would remain the primary disposal site during this period, with Whitford Landfill continuing to operate within its existing consents. While tonnages into Redvale have typically been between 600,000 to 800,000 tonnes per year across Class 1 and Class 2 waste streams, we will limit it to 600,000 tonnes per year.

To enable this, WM proposes to develop 4.5 million m³ of additional airspace within the existing Redvale Landfill facility, made up of:

- Approximately 3.1 million m³ of additional Class 1 capacity (on top of the existing Class 1 consented footprint)
- Approximately 1.4 million m³ of Class 2 extension



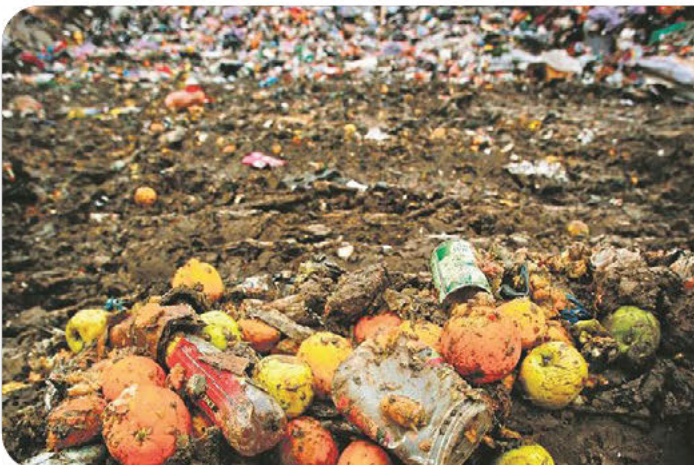
Class 1 waste is typically comprised of everyday general waste that **cannot be recycled**, including mixed rubbish from homes, businesses, and commercial services.

This type of waste can rot or decompose (known as putrescible waste) and therefore it's usually more odorous.



Class 2 waste is typically comprised of construction and demolition materials (e.g. timber, bricks, concrete, soil).

This type of waste doesn't rot or is slow-degrading (non-putrescible), so it tends to produce less odour.



Putrescible waste typically refers to biodegradable organic material that breaks down quickly and produces odour, leachate, and landfill gas – for example, food scraps, garden organics, and biosolids.

It does not include inert or slow-degrading materials such as untreated timber, paper, or cardboard unless mixed with putrescible waste.



Across consultations one and two, communities, customers, and other stakeholders gave us clear and often candid feedback. Under this proposal, many existing practices would remain in place; however, WM is suggesting some operational and design changes. These changes are proposed to ensure Redvale Landfill continues to operate to the highest environmental standards and reflect community feedback from the first two consultations, particularly around odour management.

Key changes and a summary of what will remain the same are covered in the following section.

Timing

WM will be seeking consent until 2036.

The transition to closure at Redvale would occur once ARL is consented and constructed. There would be a short overlap period while Redvale winds down and ARL starts up - this ensures the first material placed at ARL forms a safe protective layer over the new liner. Once that layer is deep enough, all waste will be diverted to ARL.

Redvale would then move into a two-year closure process, including final capping and rehabilitation, followed by a long period of aftercare. Regular updates on timing and milestones will be provided to the community liaison committee.

What will change

Key practices to minimise odour emissions will continue in a similar manner to existing operations. However, specific changes are proposed to further improve the control of odours. These changes include how waste streams are handled, smaller active areas, improved cover, seasonal operating protocols, and clearer separation of odorous and non-odorous materials.

The timing of any construction to implement these changes is still in development and will be communicated as the project progresses.

Odour sources at Class 1 landfills are caused by uncovered waste at the working face, tipping of odorous loads, pulling back daily cover in the morning, excavations into old waste, leachate and landfill gas.

The changes outlined in this section help improve day-to-day practices to reduce odour risk.





Working face

The size of the working face at the Class 1 Landfill will be limited to no more than 900m² (excluding the push ramp). Currently, the area of the working face is not limited by consent conditions but is managed to a target of no more than 1,200m² (excluding the push ramp). A smaller working face is expected to result in lower odour emissions.

To minimise the working face to the proposed 900m², there will be separation of potentially odorous waste from non-odorous waste. This will be done through the use of separate working face areas within the Class 1 landfill expansion.

Daily cover

The use of daily cover will remain critical to minimising odour emissions from the active working area. Daily cover will double from 150mm to approximately 300mm, and intermediate cover will increase to 450mm. Thicker cover reduces exposed waste and fugitive landfill gas, minimising odour at the working face and keeping emissions low outside operating hours. It also improves pest control.

To reduce the potential for odour effects related to pulling back daily cover, it is proposed that a winter morning protocol will apply from 1 May to 31 August inclusive each year. During this period, WM will not accept Class 1 putrescible waste before 7:30 am to avoid odour releases in calm, cold conditions.

500m buffer

No putrescible (higher odour potential) waste will be placed within 500m of any currently existing residential household (being a dwelling used for permanent or semi-permanent occupation, excluding accessory buildings) - creating a 500m buffer.

Within this buffer, WM will place only non-odorous, non-putrescible materials – for example, inert construction and demolition waste, non-odorous soils and cover materials.

A larger setback reduces odour risk and day-to-day impacts for neighbours. The 500m buffer is several hundred metres further than current operations.

Other changes

Landform

Continuing to send Class 1 waste to Redvale Landfill means fitting more waste into the existing footprint. WM will create additional airspace by steepening the outer slopes and forming a flatter top.

The landfill will not be made higher than it is now to comply with the airport overlay (a planning control that protects flight paths by setting height restrictions on structures and landforms in the area around North Shore Airport), and it will remain stable, using a geotechnical design that will meet a one-in-450-year seismic event standard.

The process for placing Class 1 waste within the existing footprint will be:

1. Stripping back any existing final and/or intermediate cover, leaving approximately 300mm cover in place and stockpiling for reuse.
2. Removal of the remaining intermediate cover where waste will be placed for the day.
3. Placement of waste and then daily cover at the close of the day.

Class 2 footprint extension

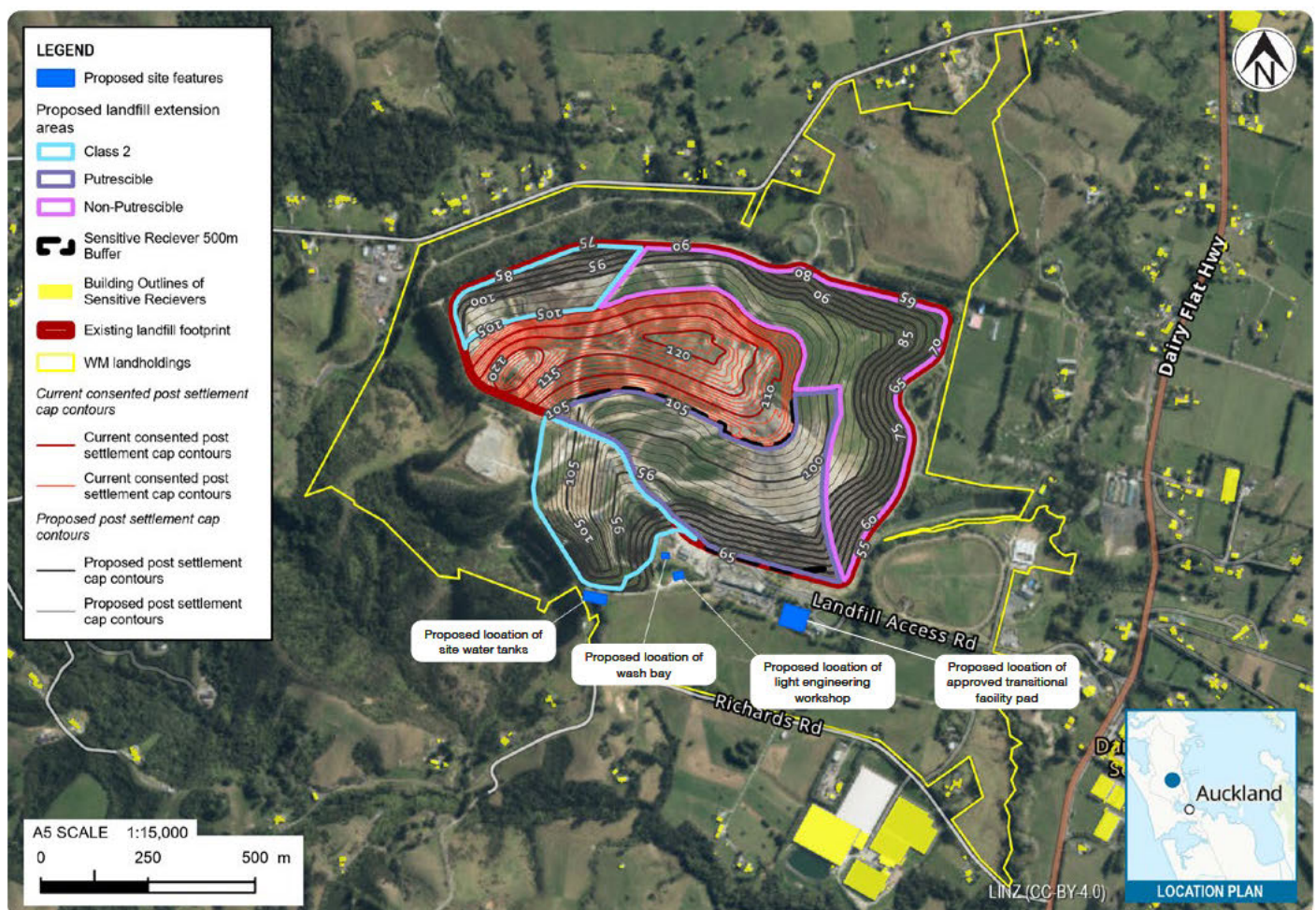
To accommodate the additional Class 2 landfill waste, WM will build a separate cell on the south-western side for largely inert, non-putrescible streams, converting and lining an existing area.

The extension will include stormwater management systems that meet best practice and regulatory requirements. Design and construction will follow international best practice for solid waste disposal, including the liner and leachate collection system. There will be no environmental impacts on the groundwater or surface water as a result of this extension.

The share of Class 2 material is expected to increase over time as sorting and recovery improve. Odour risk from this Class 2 cell is low.

Site facilities

To accommodate the Class 2 extension, several on-site facilities will be relocated, including the ATF (approved transitional facility¹) pad, washbay, light engineering workshop, and site water tanks. New locations are shown on the proposed site-facilities with the map below.



1. www.mpi.govt.nz/import/border-clearance/transitional-and-containment-facilities-for-border-clearance/



What stays the same

Traffic and truck movements – overall vehicle numbers and routes remain consistent with current consented operations, with up to 650 waste truck movements per day, inclusive of inbound and outbound loads. Keeping Redvale as the primary site avoids large truck increases at Whitford.

Noise - the Auckland Unitary Plan noise limits will continue to be met. Primary noise sources are waste placement and compaction, operation of landfill gas generators and ancillary equipment, and truck movements around the site – controls associated with these facilities will be maintained in accordance with best practice.

Dust controls - existing controls will remain in place with a 30 km/h onsite speed limit, water trucks used as required, road washing after wet weather, grassing of intermediate and final cover in the next planting season, and a wheel wash with rumble strips to prevent transmission onto public roads.

Litter controls - litter fencing will continue to catch windblown waste, with weekly roadside patrols and prompt collection of any landfill litter from neighbouring properties on request.

Water quality and ecology - stormwater and leachate management will continue as they do today, consistent with best-practice modern engineered landfills.

Gas-to-energy generators - remain the same and will continue to produce energy and export to the grid.

Monitoring - odour walkovers, surface emissions checks, and groundwater and surface-water monitoring will continue.

Core operating hours - remain the same as current operations. The winter morning restriction above will apply to higher-odour risk loads.



Over the past two consultations, we've listened closely and learnt a great deal. The Redvale community has told us they want more regular updates, clearer communication and a complaints process that works faster and more effectively. We take that feedback seriously and are making changes in response.

Increasing transparency

We are revamping the Dairy Flat Newsletter to provide more regular updates, with clearer information about site operations, upcoming milestones, and improvements underway.

The [Dairy Flat Community Trust website](#) will also continue to be a key channel for sharing updates. The site provides news about local grants, information on how to apply for funding, and details about how the Trust is supporting community projects. By keeping this information current and accessible, we aim to make it easier for residents to see what support is available and how the trust is contributing to community wellbeing.

Alongside this, [the Redvale Energy Park Community Liaison page](#) is regularly updated and provides:

- Contact details for all Community Liaison Committee (CLC) members
- Information on how to get in touch with the Redvale team or make an odour complaint
- Past editions of the Dairy Flat Newsletter
- Dates of upcoming CLC meetings
- Minutes of historic CLC meetings

Together, these channels make it easier for the community to stay informed, know who to contact, and access the information that matters most.

Improving the complaints process

From October 2025, WM will introduce an automated complaints system. This system will instantly log and triage odour reports, directing them straight to our odour specialist and the on-duty managers. On-site checks can then be carried out within minutes, with clear accountability for actions taken.

Each report will be recorded in a consistent way, ensuring a transparent track of how concerns are investigated and addressed. This replaces the current manual process and is designed to speed up investigations, strengthen accountability, and give the community greater confidence that issues are acted on promptly.

These changes are part of our ongoing commitment to improving how we operate, guided by what we hear from the community.





How to have your say



We are seeking feedback on the proposal before lodging a fast-track referral application. You can share your views in the way that works best for you – whether that's a single comment or more detailed feedback.

Your feedback will help inform WM's Fast Track referral application.

Please submit your feedback by 7 November 2025.

Email

Send us your feedback to submissions@wm.nz

Post

Feedback can be posted to: ARL Transition Consultation, Private Bag 14919, Panmure, Auckland 1741

Attend the Redvale community hui

WM will be hosting a local consultation session – this is a chance to hear about the proposal, ask questions, and speak directly with the team.

- Redvale Community Hui
Dairy Flat Community Hall
Corner of Postman Road and Dairy Flat Highway
Monday 20 October, 6.30pm

One-on-one meetings

If you would like to arrange an in-person, phone, or online conversation with one of our team members, please let us know at submissions@wm.nz and we'll find a time that suits.



What happens next



WM will use feedback received during this consultation, along with technical assessments, environmental and cultural factors, and regulatory requirements, to finalise its fast-track referral application, which we expect to submit before the end of the year.

The Fast-track Approvals Act process

The New Zealand Government created the Fast-track Approvals Act to help progress nationally and regionally significant projects more quickly, while still protecting environmental and community interests.

How the process works:

1. **Application** - WM applies for its project to go through the fast-track process.
2. **Referral decision** - Ministers decide whether the project is suitable for the fast-track pathway.
3. **Expert panel** - If referred, an independent panel is appointed. The panel reviews the application, looks at the evidence, and seeks input from councils, iwi/Māori, affected communities, and other stakeholders.
4. **Substantive application** - The panel considers the full application, including any conditions needed to manage environmental, cultural, or community impacts.
5. **Decision** - The panel makes a recommendation. Ministers then decide whether the project is approved, declined, or approved with conditions.

Timeline

- **14 October - 7 November 2025:** phase 3 consultation with the local community and key stakeholders.
- **29 October 2025:** WM decision on whether to pursue a Fast-track consenting path for Redvale Landfill extension.
- **Late 2025:** if approved by the Board, WM submit Fast-track referral application.



Let's take care of it

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Redvale Landfill & Energy Park

Appendix E

CLC Presentation



PROPOSAL TO EXTEND OPERATIONS AT REDVALE

Interim solution to manage Auckland's residual waste between 2029 – mid 2030s

REDVALE LANDFILL – PROPOSAL TO EXTEND OPERATIONS TO 2036

Managing Auckland's waste safely while strengthening odour control and community transparency



- Redvale is nearing the end of its current consent.
- **We're seeking feedback before** any decision is made on whether to extend operations until 2036.
- The proposal **includes new measures** to reduce odour and maintain safety, stability and reliability.



CONSULTATION JOURNEY SO FAR

Phase 1:

Tested all options (new sites, new tech, rebalancing existing landfills).

Outcome:

Only existing landfills feasible in the medium term.

Phase 2:

Explored how rebalancing could work.

Outcome:

Strongest support for Redvale extension (majority of submitters were from Whitford); key concerns were odour, traffic and closure expectations.

Phase 3:

Presenting proposal to extend Redvale.

Focus:

Refining the solution based on what we hear.



WHAT WE'VE HEARD SO FAR

What matters most to our neighbours



- Odour and air quality around the site
- Traffic and road safety
- Noise
- Visual effects
- Clear, regular information
- Certainty about Redvale's long-term future

These themes shaped the improvements in this proposal.



THE BIGGER PICTURE



- Auckland still produces around 600,000 tonnes of residual waste each year.
- Until the new Auckland Regional Landfill is ready (mid-2030s), waste must still be managed safely and locally.
- Long-term, we're focused on reducing waste, recovering more, and building a circular economy.
- This proposal keeps Auckland's waste management secure while investing in recycling and recovery solutions.



THE PROPOSAL



Extend Redvale operations to **2036** (needed to bridge the gap until ARL opens and provide for an orderly transition).

The **Fast-Track Approvals Act** is seen as the best consenting pathway to have the solution in place on time. Proceeding with an application remains subject to Board approval on 29 October 2025.

Develop **4.5M m³ additional airspace**:

- 3.1M m³ Class 1 (general putrescible waste)
- 1.4M m³ Class 2 (construction & demolition waste)

Waste volumes: ~600,000 tonnes/year (same as now)
No increase in landfill height or truck numbers



LEGEND

Proposed site features

Proposed landfill extension areas

Class 2

Putrescible

Non-Putrescible

Sensitive Receiver 500m Buffer

Building Outlines of Sensitive Receivers

Existing landfill footprint

WM landholdings

Current consented post settlement cap contours

Current consented post settlement cap contours

Current consented post settlement cap contours

Proposed post settlement cap contours

Proposed post settlement cap contours

Proposed post settlement cap contours

A5 SCALE 1:15,000

0 250 500 m



Proposed location of site water tanks

Proposed location of wash bay

Proposed location of light engineering workshop

Landfill Access Rd

Richards Rd

Dairy Flat Hwy



LOCATION PLAN

LINZ (CC-BY-4.0)

WHAT'S IMPROVING AT REDVALE

Key improvements



Odour control enhancements:

- Smaller Class 1 working area **900m²** (down from 1,200m²)
- **500m buffer**: no putrescible waste within 500m of homes
- **Double daily cover** (150mm → 300mm), better odour and pest control
- Winter morning protocol
(no putrescible before 7:30am May - August)

Landform & stability:

- Redesigned slopes, no increase in landfill height, compliant with airport overlay, **1-in-450 year seismic design**
- **Class 2 extension**: new lined cell with stormwater/leachate controls

WHAT STAYS THE SAME



Up to **650 truck movements/day** (no increase)

Noise and dust controls remain

Litter controls, wheel wash, roadside clean-ups continue

Gas-to-energy generation continues exporting to grid for NZ homes

Monitoring (odour, water, surface emissions) ongoing



HOW WE'RE RESPONDING TO COMMUNITY FEEDBACK



Strong feedback on odour, traffic, and closure expectations

In response, WM is:

- **Odour management:** new automated complaint system – every report logged and actioned fast.
- **Transparency:** regular Dairy Flat Newsletter updates; improved Redvale Community Liaison web page.
- **Support:** continued funding through the Dairy Flat Community Trust for local projects.
- **Engagement:** regular CLC meetings and one-on-one conversations.

We've listened and we're acting on what's been raised.



ENGAGEMENT AND NEXT STEPS



Feedback open until **7 November 2025**
www.wm.nz/consultation

20 October – Community Hui:
Dairy Flat Community Hall, 6.30 pm

One-on-one sessions available – email
submissions@wm.nz

After consultation closes:

1. WM reviews all feedback and technical inputs.
2. WM Board decides whether to approve proposal and apply for fast-track referral.
3. Independent expert panel reviews any application – further community input may follow.
4. Final decision by Government Ministers.

No final decision has been made – this consultation helps shape what happens next.





THANK YOU FOR SHARING YOUR VIEWS

**YOUR FEEDBACK HELPS US
MAKE SURE WASTE IS MANAGED SAFELY,
RESPONSIBLY AND WITH RESPECT FOR OUR
NEIGHBOURS**

Appendix F

Community Hui Presentation



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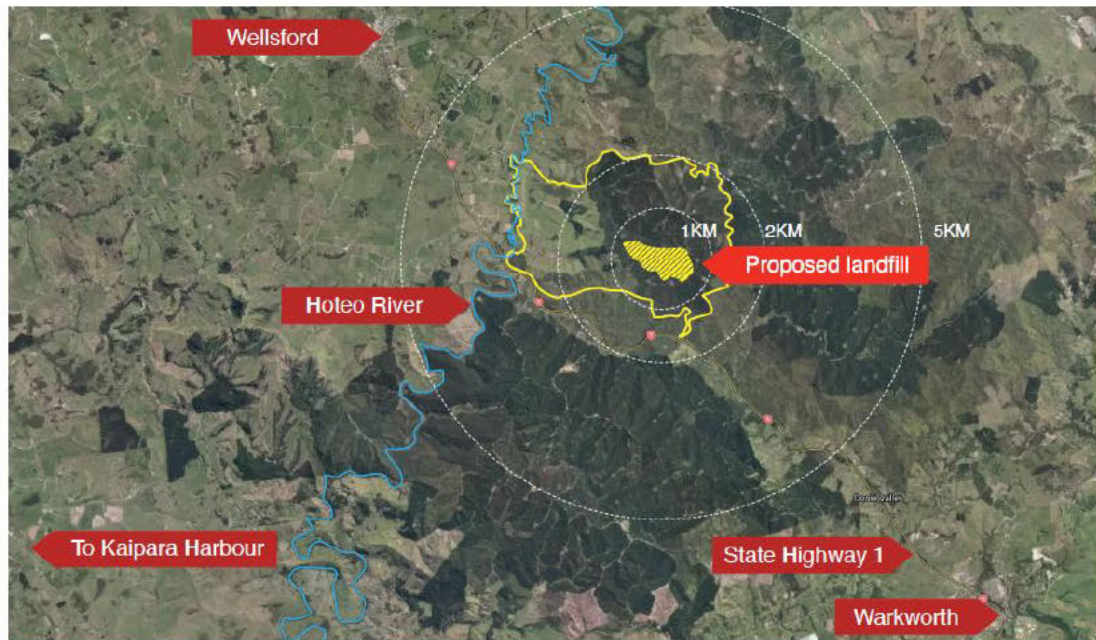
REDDALE LANDFILL & ENERGY PARK



- Consented in 1992
- Takes up to 800,000 tonnes of waste a year – around 50% of Auckland's waste
- Services central city/ north and west Auckland
- Largest landfill in New Zealand
- Auckland's largest renewable power generator – exported 87,103 MWh to the grid last year
- The site was originally consented to operate until 2023. When WM applied for an extension, the Judge granted approval through to 2028 to align with other consents and indicated that further extensions could be sought in future if required.



WE HAVE PLANNED FOR A REPLACEMENT FOR 18 YEARS



Key site information

- 1000 hectares of WM New Zealand land, landfill footprint of 60 hectares, 0.64 hectares of operating area on any working day
- 3.5km stream distance from the Hotoo River
- 35km stream distance from the Kaipara Harbour
- 5km from Dome Valley
- 29km of riparian planting
- 121 hectares of new native trees
- 900 hectares of pest control on WM New Zealand and DOC land

Process to date:

- 2007 - Site selection process commenced
- 2018 - Site purchased
- 2019 - ARL consents filed
- 2021 - Resource consent granted
- 2021 - Appealed to Environment Court
- 2023 - Environment Court interim decision
- 2024 - Appealed to High Court
- 2025 (Oct) – Final submissions were made to the high Court. The Court is now deliberating on the appeals.

Future process:

- *Environment Court conditions finalised*
- *Site development and landfill construction starts*
- *ARL receives waste*

AGENDA



1. Welcome and introductions

2. Why we're here

- Purpose of this consultation and what happens next

3. Auckland's waste challenge

- The bigger picture and why Redvale matters

4. What's being proposed

- Extension to 2036 and key improvements

5. What's changing – and what's not

- Odour controls, traffic, safety, monitoring

6. How your feedback has shaped this

- What we've heard and how we've responded

7. Next steps and how to have your say

- Timeline, Board decision, and community input

8. Questions and discussion

REDVALE LANDFILL – PROPOSAL TO EXTEND OPERATIONS TO 2036

Managing Auckland's waste safely while strengthening odour control and community transparency



- Redvale is nearing the end of its current consent.
- **We're seeking feedback on our proposal** to extend operations until 2036.
- The proposal **includes new measures** to reduce odour and maintain safety, stability and reliability.



CONSULTATION JOURNEY SO FAR

Phase 1:

Tested all options (new sites, new tech, rebalancing existing landfills).

Outcome:

Only existing landfills feasible in the medium term.

Phase 2:

Explored how rebalancing could work.

Outcome:

Strongest support for Redvale extension (majority of submitters were from Whitford); key concerns were odour, traffic and closure expectations.

Phase 3:

Presenting proposal to extend Redvale.

Focus:

Refining the solution based on what we hear.



WHAT WE'VE HEARD SO FAR

What matters most to our neighbours



- Odour and air quality around the site
- Traffic and road safety
- Noise
- Visual effects
- Clear, regular information
- Certainty about Redvale's long-term future

These themes shaped the improvements in this proposal.



THE BIGGER PICTURE



- Auckland still produces around 600,000 tonnes of residual waste each year.
- Until the new Auckland Regional Landfill is ready (mid-2030s), waste must still be managed safely and locally.
- Long-term, we're focused on reducing waste, recovering more, and building a circular economy.
- This proposal keeps Auckland's waste management secure while investing in recycling and recovery solutions.



THE PROPOSAL



Extend Redvale operations to **2036** (needed to bridge the gap until ARL opens and provide for an orderly transition).

The **Fast-Track Approvals Act** is seen as the best consenting pathway to have the solution in place on time. Proceeding with an application remains subject to Board approval on 29 October 2025.

Develop **4.5M m³ additional airspace**:

- 3.1M m³ Class 1 (general putrescible waste)
- 1.4M m³ Class 2 (construction & demolition waste)

Waste volumes: ~600,000 tonnes/year (same as now)

No increase in landfill height or truck numbers





_____ Proposed post settlement
cap contours

Richards Rd

Landfill Access Rd

Dairy Flat Hwy

4.6)

LOCATION PLAN

0 250 500 m



Auckland

WHAT'S IMPROVING AT REDVALE

Key improvements



Odour control enhancements:

- Smaller Class 1 working area **900m²** (down from 1,200m²)
- **500m buffer**: no putrescible waste within 500m of homes
- **Double daily cover** (150mm → 300mm), better odour and pest control
- Winter morning protocol
(no putrescible before 7:30am May - August)

Landform & stability:

- Redesigned slopes, no increase in landfill height, compliant with airport overlay, **1-in-450 year seismic design**
- **Class 2 extension**: new lined cell with stormwater/leachate controls

WHAT STAYS THE SAME



Up to **650 truck movements/day** (no increase)

Noise and dust controls remain

Litter controls, wheel wash, roadside clean-ups continue

Gas-to-energy generation continues exporting to grid for NZ homes

Monitoring (odour, water, surface emissions) ongoing



HOW WE'RE RESPONDING TO COMMUNITY FEEDBACK



Strong feedback on odour, traffic, and closure expectations

In response, WM is:

- **Odour management:** new automated complaint system – every report logged and actioned fast.
- **Transparency:** regular Dairy Flat Newsletter updates; improved Redvale Community Liaison web page.
- **Support:** continued funding through the Dairy Flat Community Trust for local projects.
- **Engagement:** regular CLC meetings and one-on-one conversations.

We've listened and we're acting on what's been raised.



ENGAGEMENT AND NEXT STEPS



Feedback open until **7 November 2025**
www.wm.nz/consultation

20 October – Community Hui:
Dairy Flat Community Hall, 6.30 pm

One-on-one sessions available – email
submissions@wm.nz

After consultation closes:

1. WM reviews all feedback and technical inputs.
2. WM Board decides whether to approve proposal and apply for fast-track referral.
3. Independent expert panel reviews any application – further community input may follow.
4. Final decision by Government Ministers.

No final decision has been made – this consultation helps shape what happens next.





THANK YOU FOR SHARING YOUR VIEWS

**YOUR FEEDBACK HELPS US
MAKE SURE WASTE IS MANAGED SAFELY,
RESPONSIBLY AND WITH RESPECT FOR OUR
NEIGHBOURS**

Appendix G

Community Letter

To our neighbours around Redvale Landfill and Energy Park

Kia ora,

We want to update you on an important decision about Redvale Landfill and Energy Park.

After two earlier rounds of consultation with communities, customers, iwi and other stakeholders, WM New Zealand's management team is recommending moving forward with an extension of Redvale Landfill to 2036, subject to Board approval.

Reconsenting Redvale Landfill would provide the capacity Auckland needs to manage its waste once Redvale's current consent ends at the end of 2028, and before the Auckland Regional Landfill is expected to open in the mid-2030s.

Many residents have lived alongside the site for a long time and expected it to close once its current consent ends. We acknowledge those expectations and the feelings that surround this issue.

We know that for the local community, the way Redvale is managed matters greatly. This proposal includes important design and operational changes in response to feedback from the first two consultations, particularly around odour management. It also ensures the landfill will continue to operate to the highest environmental standards.

We are planning to seek consent through the Government's Fast-track Approvals Act, as we believe this is the only realistic pathway to have the solution in place on time. Please note that proceeding with a fast-track application remains subject to approval by our Board.

You can read the full details of our proposal at www.wm.nz/consultation

We welcome your views and encourage you to send any feedback to submissions@wm.nz by 7 November 2025.

We are also inviting you to a community meeting:

Redvale Community Hui
Monday 20 October, 6.30pm
Dairy Flat Community Hall
Corner of Postman Road and Dairy Flat Highway

This will be an opportunity to hear directly from the WM team, ask questions, and share your feedback in person.

Additionally, if you would like to arrange an in-person, phone, or online conversation with one of our team members, please let us know at submissions@wm.nz and we'll find a time that suits.

Thank you for taking the time to be part of this important discussion. We value your input as we work to ensure Auckland has a safe, reliable and locally managed solution for its waste during this transition period.

Ngā mihi,

The team at WM New Zealand