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Tēnā koe Jane

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Re: Waste to Energy Plant - Kaipara

Thank you for your email of 4 April 2024. Your specific request and our response are set out below.

Kaipara Mayor Craig Jepson, has recently claimed in a News article, dated 10 March 2024, that a proposed Waste to Energy Plant is closer to being built in Kaipara. For this WtE plant to be viable, it would require landfill/general waste from Auckland to be supplied to fuel this plant.

1) Has Auckland Council entered into any discussions/negotiations with the proposed Kaipara WtE plant to supply the plant with Aucklands landfill/general waste as fuel for the WtE plant?

Kaipara Mayor Craig Jepson has raised the proposed waste to energy plant with Auckland Mayor Wayne Brown for discussion, but no negotiations with Kaipara District Council or the plant's proponents have been entered into.

2) If Auckland Council have entered into negotiations/discussions of supplying, what is the time frame for waste to be sent to Kaipara?

At this time, no negotiations have been entered into and there is no proposed time frame for waste to be sent to Kaipara from Auckland.

3) If Auckland were to accept this proposal, what is the expected daily volume of waste & number of truck loads to Kaipara?

Auckland has existing infrastructure for disposal of waste from the region, detailed in the [Auckland Council Waste Assessment 2023](#). At this time, no negotiations have been entered into and there is no proposed or expected daily volume of waste and number of truck loads that would be sent to Kaipara from Auckland as opposed to existing destinations.

4) WtE plants are calorific in their waste requirements, if Auckland were to support the WtE plant, how would the councils waste minimisation goals be met & maintained?

The [Auckland Council Waste Assessment 2023](#), particularly [Appendix C](#), outlines the proposed position on energy from waste as developed from our review of this topic – summarised in section 12.13 of the [draft Waste Management and Minimisation Plan 2024](#). In short, our review of waste from energy notes the many forms that this may take – and that some proposals such as capturing landfill gas and energy from anaerobic digestion of food scraps may be appropriate. Other more complex proposals, such as the proposed Kaipara waste to energy plant, will have a variety of impacts that would need to be assessed for how they could ensure we meet and maintain our waste minimisation goals, which include our aspirational vision for Auckland to be Zero Waste by 2040.

*5) Roads north of Auckland are fragile & as experienced through Cyclone Gabrielle, road closures are a frequent occurrence
How would Auckland manage the backlog of waste, sitting around should roads close?*

As explained above, Auckland has existing infrastructure for disposal of waste from the region, detailed in the [Auckland Council Waste Assessment 2023](#). At this time, no negotiations have been entered into with Kaipara District Council and there is no proposed or expected volume of waste that would be sent to Kaipara from Auckland as opposed to existing destinations.

Decisions relating to the information that is being released to you were made by **Parul Sood, General Manager Waste Solutions**.

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If you have any further queries, please contact me on 09 301 0101 quoting official information request number 8140013480.

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