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**Request
from:**

For: Waste Management

**Response
by:**

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Dear [REDACTED]

OFFICIAL INFORMATION REQUEST RELATING TO WASTE MANAGEMENT

I refer to your official information request dated 21/04/20 for information relating to industrial plastics, household plastics, and tyres.

The information you requested is enclosed.

1. *Quantities of industrial plastic waste to landfill within your jurisdiction. Specifically, quantities of Motor Vehicle plastic components waste to landfill.*

Most non-metal car materials are chipped into chipped mixed material (known as "floc") which is then disposed of to landfill. The Tasman based Materials Recycling Facility (MRF) which sorts kerbside and commercial collections is not suitable for sorting car components. Council is unaware of any local facilities that would have the ability to extract or sort plastic car components.

2. *The quantities of any known industrial plastic waste, motor vehicle plastic storage and/or related plastic mountain, within your jurisdiction.*

While some car repairers may have a stock of plastic recyclable parts, council is unaware of any person(s) who are stockpiling plastic car parts for recycling, and no large storage areas of motor vehicle components has been brought to our attention.

3. *The landfill/s used to dispose of any of these plastics generated within your jurisdiction.*

The disposal of "floc" would be to the York Valley Landfill in Nelson.

4. *Quantities of Motor Vehicle Tyres to landfill within your jurisdiction.*

It is estimated that around 40,000 tyres per year is used in Nelson.

5. *The name of the landfill that is used for redundant tyres generated within your jurisdiction.*

York Valley landfill in Nelson accepts cut or shredded tyres from Nelson and Tasman.

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6. *The quantities of any known motor vehicle tyres storage/tyre mountain/s, within your jurisdiction.*

There are no known tyre mountains in Nelson, and Nelson does not have a tyre disposal service of the kind that often leads to tyre mountains.

7. *Quantities of household plastic waste to landfills within your jurisdiction.*

a) *categorized by type 1 & 2s and 3-7s.*

b) *what landfill in your jurisdiction are the plastics being disposed to?*

We estimate approximately 20-30 % of potential plastic residential recycling goes into refuse and therefore York Valley landfill. Separated household plastic does not go to landfill. The residential kerbside collection service recovers over 150 tonnes of plastic 1 & 2, and 100 tonnes of other plastic, per year. This material is sorted and sold. The same facility accepts recyclable plastics from the user-pays commercial recycling services. Therefore while some recyclable plastics will be mixed with general refuse in kerbside refuse bags and bins, separated plastics do not go to landfill.

Companies may dispose of their industrial waste materials directly to York Valley landfill but no company disposes entire loads of uncontaminated recycling to landfill.

8. *The quantities of any known storage/plastic mountains, within your jurisdiction.*

Companies that sort and sell commodities have fluctuating volumes of baled materials awaiting distribution or export. The volumes change with regular sales of commodities and there are no 'mountains' of recycling.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this response. Information about how to make a complaint is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or Freephone 0800 802 602.

If you wish to discuss this response with us, please feel free to contact me by email, margaret.parfitt@ncc.govt.nz.

Yours sincerely



Margaret Parfitt

Manager Transport and Solid Waste

OIA - Request for official Information from Local Council

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21st April 2020

Dear Sir or Madam

OIA - Official information request: For one year, 2019 -20

We are researching the development of a tyre recycling business in New Zealand.
We would be pleased to receive information on:-

- 1/ Quantities of Motor Vehicle Tyres to landfill within your jurisdiction.
- 2/ The name of the landfill that is used for redundant tyres generated within your jurisdiction.
- 3/ The quantities of any known motor vehicle tyres storage/tyre mountain/s, within your jurisdiction.

Please supply the following information under the [Official Information Act (OIA) / Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act (LGOIMA)]:

Yours faithfully

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OIA - Request for official Information from the Local Council

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We are researching the development of a plastic recycling business in New Zealand and would be pleased to receive the follow information.

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- 2/ Specifically, quantities of Motor Vehicle plastic components waste to landfill.
- 3/ The quantities of any known industrial plastic waste, motor vehicle plastic storage and/or related plastic mountain, within your jurisdiction.
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b) what landfill in your jurisdiction are the plastics being disposed to?

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