

Draft Summary of Information for Consultation

Summary – Review of the Collection and Transportation of Waste Bylaw

Proposal: Reinstating the Bylaw in its current form

Wellington City Council has reviewed the Collection and Transportation of Waste Bylaw and recommends that it be reinstated in its current form after previously lapsing.

Your chance to have a say

Before making any final decisions, we'd like to know your views.

The closing date for submissions is **5pm, 15 August 2014**.

Use the attached form to make your submission.

Why has the bylaw been reviewed?

Under the Waste Minimisation Act 2008 and Local Government Act 2002, the Council is required to reinstate the Collection and Transportation of Waste Bylaw if the way it regulates relevant waste is to continue in operation. Council is also required to undertake public consultation on this, including whether any changes to the current Bylaw are needed.

What does the bylaw cover?

- The Collection and Transportation of Waste Bylaw regulates the collection, transport and disposal of a range of mixed liquid waste by private tanker companies (there are currently four companies licensed to do this work). The waste includes dirty water from grease traps, commercial car washes and septic tanks (from businesses and some households).
- None of this waste enters the Council's wastewater system and is disposed of at Transpacific's waste treatment plant in Petone.
- The bylaw requires companies to:
 - hold a licence to collect, transport or discharge this type of waste within the Wellington district (charged at \$185 annually)
 - keep records of all waste collected, transported and disposed of for three years (the Council can ask to see these records). This also covers other waste collected in the Wellington district but disposed of elsewhere.

Why reinstate the bylaw in its current form?

- In reviewing the bylaw, no complaints or issues have been identified with how it has worked to-date. There is no evidence that any of this waste enters the Council's wastewater system or is otherwise inappropriately disposed of.
- This waste is often diluted with water. While this can be problematic if not correctly handled, the waste is much less risky or toxic than other waste classified as hazardous or flammable.
- There are no recorded incidents of this waste being mishandled or disposed of other than at the Petone treatment plant.
- The requirement in the bylaw for companies to hold a licence means:
 - the Council knows which companies collect and transport the waste covered by this bylaw
 - the Council can check that waste is not disposed of inappropriately
 - the companies must comply with relevant legislation or risk their licences being revoked.

Full copies of the Collection and Transportation of Waste Bylaw are available from:

- Wellington.govt.nz
- Council libraries
- the Council's service centre, 101 Wakefield Street
- or phone 499 4444.

For further information, you can email us at [email address to come]

You can make a submission on our website, by email or by filling out the submission form and posting it to Wellington City Council, PO Box 2199, Wellington 6140 or drop it off at our service centre.

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