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Official Information Request 8140007926  
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S7(2)(a) Privacy

Dear S7(2)(a)

**Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (LGOIMA)**

**Re: Landfills query**

Thank you for your information request dated 29 January 2021, for information about public landfills.

The specific details of your request and our response is below.

**1) How many public landfills do you have currently operating in your area.**

There are a number of private landfills in the Auckland region that are not available for use by the public. The public can use Redvale and Whitford landfills, which are owned and operated by private companies.

The Auckland region is served by an additional 10 commercial transfer stations and two Auckland Council transfer stations (Waitākere and Waiheke), which accept and treat waste before taking it to a landfill or recycling facility. Please see the [Rubbish and recycling](#) pages of our website for more information.

The only public landfill operated by Auckland Council is on Aotea / Great Barrier (Claris).

**2) What is the total remaining capacity of those landfills, in tonnes?**

The Aotea / Great Barrier landfill has a projected life of three to five years depending on tonnage of landfilling materials received.

Auckland Council does not have access to information on remaining capacity at privately operated landfills, but can confirm that Redvale Landfill is consented to receive waste until 2028 and Whitford landfill is consented to receive waste until 2041.

**3) At your district's current waste production rates, how long will that capacity last?**

Auckland Council's 2017 Waste Assessment has modelled demand for landfill space, which demonstrates there is sufficient capacity in existing landfills out to 2041. Our focus, however, is to continue progressing Auckland towards a goal of zero waste to landfill by 2040<sup>1</sup>.

<sup>1</sup> Auckland Waste Management and Minimisation Plan 2018

**4) How many kg of waste does your district generate per year, per head of population?**

The total waste to landfill in the 2019 calendar year was 1,523,564 tonnes.

Auckland has a population of 1,704,533 (based on demographic data provided by Auckland Council's research and evaluation unit) which means that for every Aucklander, 894 kilograms of waste is sent to landfill. This metric is made up waste from commercial activity and domestic refuse.

You might also be interested to know that Auckland Council's kerbside rubbish collections for the 2019 calendar year were 181,291 tonnes, or 12 per cent of the total waste generated. This 12 per cent does not include figures from commercial operators that collect kerbside waste.

**5) Do you have additional capacity either consented or in the pipeline? If so, what is the total additional capacity in tonnes, and how long would that last?**

One landfill is currently being considered through the resource consent process. This is an application made by a private landfill operator, Waste Management New Zealand Limited. The consent applications (BUN60339589) and private plan change (PC42) are for a landfill at 1232B State Highway 1, Wayby Valley (adjoining Dome Valley).

They have applied for 35-year consents for a (Class 1) landfill that will have a capacity of 25.8Mm<sup>3</sup>/year (there is no estimate of the tonnage this equates to in the assessment of environmental effects). Decisions on the consent applications and plan change are currently with a panel of independent commissioners who will shortly close the hearing. It is likely that a decision will be issued mid-2021.

The decision by Auckland Council to release the information contained in this response was made by Parul Sood – General Manager Waste Solutions.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review of this response by the Ombudsman. Information about how to make a complaint is available at [www.ombudsman.parliament.nz](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz) or freephone 0800 802 602.

If you have any further queries, please contact me on 09 301 0101 quoting official information request number 8140007926.

Yours sincerely



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