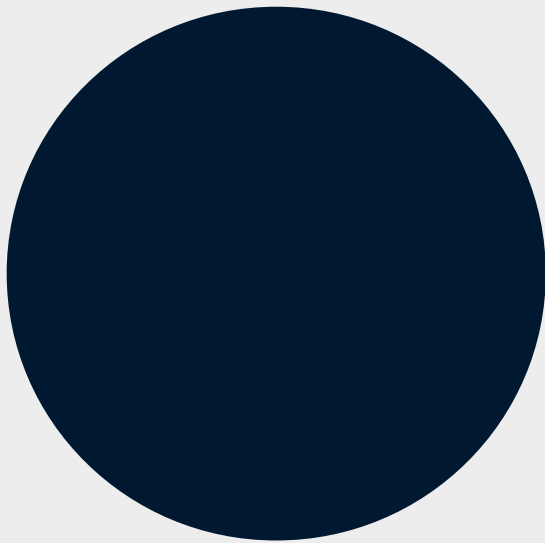


Waste Minimisation and Innovation Fund



Summary of key priorities



Of the Waste Minimisation &
Management Plan (WMMP) 2024

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Summary of the key priorities of the Waste Minimisation and Management Plan (WMMP) 2024.

Proposals should consider how they respond to the following key priorities of the WMMP 2024.

Empowering iwi and community partnerships	
1. Strengthen ways of working with mana whenua and deliver on Māori outcomes through waste initiatives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identify opportunities to work more closely with Māori, including the development of waste policy, programmes and projects. Deliver Māori outcomes through our work to manage and minimise waste.
2. Continue expanding and strengthening the Resource Recovery Network and its services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Establish eight more Community Recycling Centres and two Resource Recovery Parks by 2031, while continuing to support growth and service expansion of the existing 14 Community Recycling Centres.
Targeting specific activities and materials	
3. Target Construction and Demolition (C&D) Waste	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Work with businesses and within the council to design out and reduce C&D waste including options for mandatory site waste management plans.
4. Focus on five priority waste streams: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Organics (including food scraps, green waste, timber and cardboard/paper) Plastics Packaging Textiles biosolids 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identify source reduction and diversion opportunities for these waste streams Work to change consumer behaviours linked to these waste streams. Engage in early collaborative planning with mana whenua, communities and stakeholders for the future of biosolids after Puketutu Island rehabilitation is complete.
5. Strengthen our focus on disaster preparedness and climate change mitigation, adaptation and resilience	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identify actions to support our readiness for disasters in strengthening community access to and support from waste and resource recovery infrastructure and services.
Advocacy for future action	
6. Advocate for actions to move up the waste hierarchy including source reduction, re-use and right to repair	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Advocate to all sectors for actions, economic instruments, policy and regulation that will move Tāmaki Makaurau up the waste hierarchy.
7. Advocate for implementation of a container return scheme and other mandatory product stewardship schemes.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Advocate for implementation of the proposed beverage container return scheme, and other mandatory product stewardship or extended producer responsibility schemes.
Delivering direct action	
8. Support Aucklanders to use their kerbside recycling and food scraps bins effectively,	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Work to reduce contamination in household food scraps and recycling bins; and provide clear information to enable a smooth transition to rates-

and to shift to rates-funded collection services	funded kerbside services for residents who currently have a pay-as-you-throw rubbish service.
9. Transition to a fortnightly kerbside rubbish collection subject to a trial and further consultation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Support residents moving to a fortnightly rubbish collection as a trial in 2026, and regionally from 2028, noting that removal of food scraps will reduce up to 41 per cent of bin contents by weight.
10. Accelerate efforts to minimise operational wastes from the Auckland Council Group.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Work across the council to set and meet targets for significant operational waste streams including construction and demolition waste and soils
11. Address litter and illegal dumping to protect public health and the environment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Collaborate with communities to develop local solutions for hot spot areas and to prevent litter and reduce waste going into waterways and marine areas. Work with central government to support and implement more effective enforcement and compliance legislation
Across all priorities	
12. Partner with others to achieve a Zero Waste Auckland built on a circular economy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Work with everyone to achieve the Zero Waste goal including the community sector, the waste and recycling sector, businesses, retailers, academic institutions, schools, central government and other councils and individuals.

For more detailed information about Auckland Council's Waste Minimisation and Management Plan, please visit: [Waste Minimisation and Management Plan 2024 – Towards Zero Waste](#)