

Submission form

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Page 5, Introduction from the Mayor and Chief Executive

1st Para, We are informed that the plan costs "in excess" of \$3,000 which includes audit fees.

This cost for 271 pages of difficult reading with very few "plain english" explanations as to the financial tables is excessive, what is Council doing about looking to utilize its own staff to write further reports and what representations have been made to the Audit Dept to seek an explanation as to their excessive fees?

5th Para, What on earth is going on? Council is going to implement yet a further Sub-Process (at a high cost that the last one) of the rating system.

Ratepayers in the 08/09 year submitted overwhelmingly that they did not want a bar of Capital rating, what is the matter with Council's senior staff and Councillors, do they have a hearing problem or is it just local body arrogance to totally ignore those who have taken time, trouble and expense to submit their views?

It is suggested that Councillors and Senior staff look hard at page 157, p17 p18 which states "The Council is an elected body of representatives who assist in the running of the district.

Responsibilities of their role include - Providing representation of residents views.

We seek the following outcome - remove yet another revision of the rating system from this LTCCP

Page 17, Affordability 1, Current economic climate.

Para 3. A comment regarding the growing cost of Waste Management states that there will be a 48% increase in waste management rates in 07/10.

After reading pages 141-144 it is apparent that Council has totally mismanaged the whole waste question, indeed the policy and costs shown in the plan will confirm the Council as the biggest culprit regarding fly tipping in the area.

The whole idea financially of high temperature waste disposal is non viable.

Council needs to be moving now to seek remote locations that can be made into properly lined landfill locations. Partnerships with private enterprise in an area Council needs to explore with some urgency.

Page 18 Water, Providing leadership and support for the community in advocating against the aerial dropping of 1080 etc.

This comment suggests that Council has proven expertise in this area regarding the removal of BVTB for the West Coast district.

Brome To has been a huge threat to the base agricultural economy (indeed it underpins the main economy) for a number of years. The Annual Health Board in Wellington has done a fantastic job in removing this threat from most of the North Island and significant parts of the South Island.

ERMA had a full country wide review of 1080 undertaken a couple of years ago and the material was segregated for use with a range of life guards which the Health Dept was happy with.

One can only assume that Council has information which the AHB does not have or its Assuming that Westland residents are against aerial 1080 operations, which is a giant leap of incorrect proportions.

Suggest staff and councillors read the Science before they leap to conclusions from a misguided group of protesters.

Outcome required, (Page 17, Para 3) Waste Management

That Council totally reevaluate/reconsider its present approach to Waste Management, the need for suitable properly managed Landfills is now urgent.

The costs associated with the LTCCP explanation and 2009/10 situation may not be sustainable to Council and they are totally unacceptable to Ratepayers.

Outcome required for Page 18, Water, 1080 situation

Council to leave "leadership" relating to the 1080 Aerial dropping issue to those responsible for the removal of BVTB from the West Coast area, namely the Animal Health Board and its agents

Trying to reflect a position from a tiny group of ratepayers who have a totally flawed perspective on the issue only makes Council look foolish.

In addition all Councilors should read and ^{acquaint} ~~assist~~ themselves with the Science of this subject before making any decisions.

Page 55 Library

Council's vision for the service is bold and in some detail enlightened, however while supporting the nuts and bolts of the concept, allowing the future to be put at risk by possible capacious kindlands is a basic mistake.

Council should own the building that provides this service.

Page 59 Safer Community Council

As a law abiding ratepayer I totally support this function.

Page 63 on to 70 Councilors/Elderly Housing

Supported

Page 71, Swimming Pool

The Hikitike Swimming Pool is one of the most important and valued assets in the area, maintenance going forward is going to become more important given the relatively low profile Council has given this asset over recent years.

It is noted that an asset management plan is to be produced that will provide details for the future.

It would be to Council's advantage to include ratepayers in the details of such a plan as a large group of pool users may be able to assist in the production of an affordable "go forward" plan.

Required Outcome - Include ratepayers/pool users to provide ideas and input to the Asset Management Plan.

No difficulty and indeed support for Pages 75 to 129 also Pages 145 to 152.

Page 173 Local Govt Reorganisation Assumption

The only two places where the above subject is touched on is on Page 5, Mayor's Chief Executive Introduction and as above the Assumptions on Page 173.

The comments shown regarding "Risk" that reorganisation will result in higher costs are highly debatable, with the LTCCP for 3 District Councils and one Regional Council costing approx \$1.3 million dollars (including Audit costs) and the best supporting at least 45 councillors and goodness knows how many staff, one would wonder who can earth put these comments on page 173 without some form of evidence!

One before being into print surely must carry out some form of official survey as to the situation.

It is not inspiring to ratepayers seeing the Mayor and Chief Executive trying to get their retaliation in first before the issue is even a structured survey.

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Page numbers (Summary)

CHARGING FEES TO DUMP RUBBISH AT MANAGED LANDFILL SITES ENCOURAGES THE PUBLIC TO DUMP ILLEGALLY ELSEWHERE. THE CURRENT COUNCIL SLOGAN OF "ZERO WASTE TO LANDFILL" WILL CERTAINLY BE ACHIEVED BY INCREASING LANDFILL FEES BECAUSE SUCH WASTE IS INCREASINGLY BEING DUMPED ILLEGALLY FOR FREE ALONG ROADSIDES, IN STREAM GULLIES, AND IN ILLEGAL DUMPS ON PRIVATE LAND. I THINK THE MOST EFFECTIVE WAY TO STOP TRASHING OUR ENVIRONMENT IS TO RUN THE ENTIRE WESTLAND WASTE MANAGEMENT SYSTEM ON RATES REVENUE, WITH NO TIP CHARGES. WHY DOES OUR LTCCP NOT IMPLEMENT A RESPONSIBLE PACKAGING STRATEGY TO REDUCE NON-BIODEGRADABLE LANDFILL WASTE TO A MINIMUM? WHY IS THE PLANNED BUTLERS LANDFILL SITE LOCATED SO CLOSE UPSTREAM OF TOTARA LAKEON? SURELY A SITE LESS RISKY TO OUR PRECIOUS BIODIVERSITY TAONGA CAN BE FOUND.

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I am concerned that not 12 months into the refuse contract the Wighbridge prices are to increase by around 56% with the money from this be taken by the contractor (Mastgar). I believe ratepayers are entitled to know what this money is for. I am also concerned about the time line for implementing the price increase as it does not allow contractors time to put in place a price increase prior to the new fees being approved by council and implemented on July 1st 09

I feel that in a time of economic depression an increase of this magnitude in conjunction with the refuse rates is irresponsible and smaller increases over a period of years would have been more appropriate

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PLEASE SEE ATTACHED DOCUMENTS

Sandrine Carrara

From: Diane Maitland
Sent: Wednesday, 24 June 2009 8:45 a.m.
To: Sandrine Carrara
Subject: Submission attached
Attachments: SC451 C45109062320020.pdf

From: Sebastian Stapleton [mailto:SStapleton@mastagard.co.nz]
Sent: Tuesday, 23 June 2009 7:03 p.m.
To: Diane Maitland
Cc: Peter Anderson; Rob Daniel
Subject: FW: Message from C451 C45101780

Hello.

Please find the attached submission which has been posted to Council for your record.

Regards

Sebastian

From: scanner@mastagard.co.nz [mailto:scanner@mastagard.co.nz]
Sent: 23 June 2009 8:03 p.m.
To: Sebastian Stapleton
Subject: Message from C451 C45101780

24/06/2009

Westland District Council

22 June 2009

- a. Mastagard agree with and support Council's agenda to continue to divert waste from the landfill and to continually explore new recycling opportunities.
- b. The introduction of kerbside recycling has seen a significant volume (approximately 40mt per month) of recyclable product that would otherwise have been put in the landfill. This is now sent to Christchurch for sorting and recycling. The effect of this has been to extend the life of the Hau Hau Road landfill and in the future will maximise the life of the new Butlers Flat landfill.
- c. Mastagard agree and support the proposed introduction of the waste levy by Government as a mechanism to encourage recycling and to provide funding for new recycling and waste minimisation initiatives within the Westland District.
- d. Mastagard agree and support the proposed increases as set out in the waste disposal fees. Westland's charges for the disposal of waste have for a long time been unrealistically low, and did not encourage recycling.
- e. The increase in fees will be passed onto the individuals who generate waste, via the gate fees and in course by increases passed on to the waste generators (customers) by the waste collectors.
- f. It is important to note that recycling remains a free service (Mastagard has subsidised this recycling service since the prices crashed in the 3rd quarter of last year). By recycling remaining free and the cost of waste increasing there will be a strong incentive for business and individuals to reduce waste, which will naturally have a positive impact on the environment, lifespan of the new landfill, and will comply with the direction set by Central Government and within the Councils LTCCP.
- g. We feel that it is important that it is recognised that under the Westland district Council contract with Mastagard, the district has greatly improved its environmental responsibility and service level to ratepayers. This includes, upgrade of new facilities (remote bin sites and small transfer stations), new recycling collection, glass recycling collection and other service benefits.
- h. To date Mastagard has subsidised the low recycling returns and has not sought an increase from Council in our contract payment. This has seriously undermined Mastagard Westland Limited's profitability.
- i. The increase in transfer station fees will in part allow for Mastagard to continue subsidising the low recycling returns whilst not seeking additional payments from the Council on account of the low recycling returns and further of account of the annual review impending.
- j. Currently the transport method has not been decided by Council for taking the waste from the transfer stations to the landfill. Therefore the main transfer stations have not been able to be upgraded and landfills continue to operate at Hokitika, Franz Josef and Haast.
- k. Mastagard has managed and operated these landfills since the contract start date and has paid all related costs associated with the operations thereof. These costs have not been passed onto Council at this point, in lieu of the payment received for operation of the transfer station as described in the contract.

- I. Mastagard would like to make clear that were it to operate a commercial collection business it would operate at a separate business within the Mastagard group. I.e. in more direct terms, the collection business would have to account for disposal fees and stand on its own feet. This is in order to account for disposal revenue that would have otherwise have been collected under the current contract from any one of the other commercial operators. Mastagard is at no advantage in the commercial collection market despite what may be expressed from a biased and/or miss-informed view point.

Sebastian Stapleton for Mastagard Westland

**TO ALL WEST COAST PEOPLE WHO RECEIVE A COPY OF
OUR PUBLICATION
“RECYCLING WORKS”**

Dear Waste Exchange Client

7th July 2009

Last week we were advised that the Ministry for the Environment has not renewed their funding to the West Coast Waste Working Group (made up of the four local authorities and Department of Conservation). The Group's contract with the Waste Exchange has expired and will not be renewed as it is no longer able to be funded.

As a sign of goodwill on our behalf we will continue providing our Terranova Waste Exchange service free of charge to the West Coast people until the end of July 2009. Unfortunately, from August the 1st we will close the West Coast database and remove the West Coast material listings from our website.

Since starting our service in November 2005 we have diverted 2709 cubic meters (1313 tones) from landfill. We would like you to know that it has been a pleasure meeting and assisting West Coast people to decrease their volumes of re-useable waste from being land filled and also to provide groups with free resources from the waste stream.

Terranova Waste Exchange acknowledges the West Coast Regional Council who organized our contract with the West Coast Waste Working Group and Ministry for the Environment.

Cheers

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Diane Maitland

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Sent: Tuesday, 14 July 2009 02:32 p.m.
To: Diane Maitland
Subject: Submission for council meeting
Attachments: Submission_SWRubbishRemoval.doc; FranzLetterofSupport.doc; HariHari Letterof Suppot.doc

Hi Diane,

Attached is our submission for the Council Meeting on 16 July (pending supplementary agenda), as well as the Waste Management Committee Meeting on 23 July. Thank you for your assistance.

Kind Regards,

Cindy Oehmig

Cindy and Rainer Oehmig
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Mayor Maureen Pugh
Robin Reeves, Chief Executive Officer
Rob Daniel, Manager Operations
Councilors
Waste Management Committee
Westland District Council

14 July 2009

Request for additional opening hours at the Franz Josef Landfill

Dear Mayor, Managers, Councilors and Waste Management Committee,

South Westland Rubbish Removals is owned and operated by Rainer and Cindy Oehmig. We collect rubbish and recycling in Hari Hari, Whataroa, Okarito, Franz Josef and Fox Glacier, covering a 75 kilometre area. We have been proudly serving over 250 households and over 100 businesses for several years and were the first to offer kerbside recycling collection for private households and businesses on the West Coast. Through our initiative, the glacier region has the best recycling collection system for businesses on the coast. Over 95% of the businesses in Franz Josef and Fox Glacier separate their recycling, diverting several hundred tonnes from the landfill each year. During the 6 months of peak tourist season, we collect rubbish 7 days per week, servicing more than 5000 tourists per day. This is a considerable amount of rubbish.

The Franz Josef Landfill is now the only place we may dispose of rubbish; the other towns now serve as transfer stations.

Up until 2007, the Franz Josef Landfill was open 5 days per week, 3 hours per day. Council since reduced the hours to 3 days per week, 3 hours per day for a total of 9 hours per week. This did not pose a problem for us because council had always allowed us unlimited access to the landfill via a key.

When Mastagard was awarded the contract to manage the landfill in Franz Josef, they allowed us to keep the key on a good faith basis. Unfortunately, in January of this year, we were unjustly accused of a number of things that happened at the landfill. Although we were not the offending party, Mastagard changed the locks on the gate in April. Knowing that it is impossible for us to operate within the limited opening hours, they made a temporary arrangement to allow after-hours access at an additional cost, provided the site attendant is available, which has not always been the case.

When we are unable to access the landfill, we are left with full trucks bringing our operations to a halt. It is a complicated juggling act to collect rubbish from four different towns and still manage to arrive at the Franz Josef landfill during the limited opening hours:

Monday: 11 AM – 2 PM
Thursday: 11 AM – 2 PM
Saturday: 11 AM – 2 PM

This will be further complicated in summer months with increased tourist traffic and rubbish removal demands. We operate seven days per week and this leaves a gap of up to three days with no access which makes it impossible for us to dispose of the rubbish we collect. A Monday public holiday increases the gap to five days of no access.

With limited access to the landfill, we had to purchase another rubbish compactor to use as a temporary holding container. This has helped but still has not solved the problem. Regaining unlimited access to the landfill is the ultimate solution. As an alternative to this, and as a minimal cost solution, we respectfully request that a portion of the increased revenue generated from the recent waste increases be used to fund:

- An additional two hours per week landfill opening hours on Wednesdays 11 AM – 1 PM.
- Two hours any Tuesday which follows public holidays 8 AM – 10 AM

In order to continue to provide a rubbish removal service we must have more guaranteed access to the landfill. These are minimum requirements for us to operate our rubbish disposal service.

Attached are letters of support from Hari Hari Community Association and Franz Josef Community Forum. Fox Glacier Community Association previously sent a letter to WDC as well.

Our sincere thanks for considering this proposal.

Kind Regards,

Cindy and Rainer Oehmig

Franz Josef Community Forum

PO Box 86, Franz Josef, South Westland 7856



29th June, 2009

The Mayor and Councilors
Westland District Council
36 Weld Street
Private Bag 704
HOKITIKA

Dear Mayor and Councilors,

RE: South Westland Rubbish Removal - access to Franz Josef Landfill

I am writing on behalf of the Franz Josef Community Forum in support of South Westland Rubbish Removals request for increased and reasonable access to the Franz Josef Landfill.

We believe that:

- South Westland Rubbish Removal should have FULL access to the Franz Josef Landfill
- The original arrangement of FULL access be reinstated
- The rate increase of 90% is extremely unreasonable
- The rate increase of 90% will force costs to be transferred to us, the community

Sustainable local businesses like South Westland Rubbish Removal should be supported by council:

- Rainer and Cindy have initiated a sustainable recycling system in our area, at cost to themselves.
- A full time, professional rubbish removal business should not have a mere 9 hours per week to access the land fill.
- They should not be forced to purchase a second truck simply as a holding container when the landfill is closed.

Finally, we would like to know the reason behind the rate increase – why are the charges being increased so dramatically?

We offer full support to Rainer and Cindy in their application for increased access to the Franz Josef Landfill so they can continue this important service to the Glacier Region.

Kind regards,

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Hari Hari Community Association,
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Hari Hari 7884

6th July, 2009

The Mayor & Council
Westland District Council,
Hokitika

Dear Maureen & councilors,

The Hari Hari Community Association would like to support South Westland Rubbish Removal in their submission to get minor extensions to the opening hours at the Franz Joseph Landfill so that they may continue to provide their excellent service to South Westland residents.

As Council is aware Hari Hari as a community has long been dissatisfied with the general operation of Waste removal in South Westland and Hari Hari in particular has made submissions to Council in the Annual Plan & the LTCCP, through our local Councillor and directly to Glenyse Burn on this subject. Our main concerns have been since the Council has contracted out the management of its dumps to Mastaguard

Some of the reasons for the support that South Westland Rubbish Removal gets for their business is the restricted hours and cost to ratepayers of disposing rubbish at their local dumps. South Westland Rubbish Removal also provide free of charge bins at various localities in Hari Hari for the benefit of our community.

We believe that with a little common-sense and direction from Council that reason must prevail; a small concession by the contractors, Mastaguard, can only be to the benefit of all parties. The Hari Hari Community, who, being at the northern extremity of South Westland Rubbish Removal's run, would be the first to be affected should they be forced to make cut-backs because of being unable to store large quantities of rubbish until the Franz landfill opens.

We have been told by the Department of Conservation, Franz Joseph, that they have similar problems and to avoid storing rubbish their solution was to remove public bins which has solved nothing.

The waste management part of the Westland District Council business should be based on cost, sustainability and service and it would seem to this community that none of these criteria is being met at present.

Yours faithfully,

Lindsay B. Molloy,
Chairman 03 7533082 chaos1@xtra.co.nz