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**Request from:** Emma Dangerfield – Stuff NZ  
**Information requested:** Rubbish and Recycling  
**Response from:** Simon Bastion, Chief Executive

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15 November 2019

Emma Dangerfield  
Stuff.co.nz

Via Email:

Dear Emma,

**Official information request for recycling and refuse information for the Westland District.**

I refer to your official information request dated 12 November 2019 for recycling and refuse information for the Westland District.

There are certain items that need to be taken into consideration when reviewing the figures and information supplied below;

It must be recognised that the Westland District has a huge influx of tourists each year. The static population is approximately 8,500, but inputs to the waste stream from the 600,000 – 800,000 of tourist visitations strongly affects the percentages and per capita data.

Items that can be recycled in the Westland District are: Cardboard, Metal tins and cans, Paper and Plastic containers and bottles numbered 1, 2, 4 and 5.

**You have asked the following:**

**1. What is the diversion rate for your district?**

33%

**2. What is your volume of waste per capita to landfill?**

312 kg per resident. Please note this includes tourist inputs.

**3. What is your recycling rate per capita?**

910 tonnes per annum, this is approximately 107 kgs per resident.

**4. Where is your closest landfill?**

Butlers Landfill, approximately 20 kilometres south of Hokitika.

**5. Where is plastic, glass, metal and paper sent once collected?**

These materials are baled and transported to the recycling sorting centre in Christchurch, known as Enivorwaste.

**6. Do you offer kerbside service for both rubbish and recycling (urban/rural)?**

Kerbside dual collection is in urban Hokitika only.

**7. Do you accept drinking glasses or pyrex in recycling?**

No, this material is not accepted.

**8. Do you accept plastic plant pots?**

No, this material is not accepted.

**9. Do you accept soft plastics? (If yes, what happens to them?)**

No, this material is not accepted.

**10. Do you accept Tetra Pak cartons?**

No, this material is not accepted.

**11. Do you accept plastic milk bottle lids? (If yes, what happens to them?)**

If the lids are attached to bottles, they go with the recycling to the sorting centre in

**12. Do you have a food scraps and/or garden waste collection? (If yes, what happens to it?)**

Only green waste is accepted at the transfer stations. This is then composted.

There is no charge in supplying this information to you.

If you wish to discuss this decision with us, please feel free to contact Diane Maitland, Executive Assistant on [LGOIMA@westlanddc.govt.nz](mailto:LGOIMA@westlanddc.govt.nz), 03 756 9038.

Sincerely,



**Simon Bastion** | Chief Executive