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Thumbs Up New Zealand

Via email: [thumbsupnz@gmail.com](mailto:thumbsupnz@gmail.com)

Dear [REDACTED]

### Response to official information request for Council's recycling system

I refer to your request for official information received 28 September 2020 relating to a variety of questions relating to the Council's recycling system. We have processed your request under the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act (LGOIMA) 1987.

The questions you specified have been included as numbered headings in bold below, with our response following each heading.

**1. How many bins does each household in your Council have and what are these? i.e. combined recycling, landfill and greens OR additional paper and cardboard?**

Porirua has two recycling bin systems. Paper/cardboard/cans and plastic 1 & 2 are collected in yellow bins while mixed glass is collected in blue bins.

**2. What materials do you recycle? i.e. aluminium, paper, glass (which colours), plastics, compost, commercially compostable plastics, home compostable plastics etc.**

We recycle paper, cardboard, aluminium, plastic 1 & 2 and glass (clear, green and brown).

**3. Where do you recycle these materials? i.e. do you transport them somewhere? Name of the plant and location?**

The collection contractor collects all the material from kerbsides and transports (paper cardboard, aluminium and plastic 1 & 2) to OJ plant in Petone for sorting and recycling. The glass is exported to OI in Auckland for recycling.

**4. Do you stockpile materials? If so where, and what tonnage have you already collected?**

Porirua City Council does not stockpile any material.

**5. Have you long term contracts with recycling plants?**

Porirua City Council does not have any direct contracts with recycling plants.

**6. Have you long term contracts with Market (resale)? If so, who?**

No, we do not have any long-term contracts with market resale.

**7. Do you collect materials for other Councils to recycle? If so, who?**

No, we do not collect materials for other Councils.

**8. Are your local landfills running out of space? What landfills do you hold contracts with?**

Yes, landfills in the Wellington region are running out of space. Porirua City Council has its own Spicer Landfill so doesn't hold any landfill contracts.

**9. Do you have any figures on contaminated recyclables which end up in landfill?**

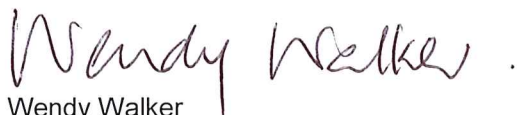
During August 2020, about 59 tonnes out of 185 tonnes of contaminated recyclables end up in the landfill.

**10. We would love to know what would help your Council recycle better. E.g. Do you need locals to wash their recyclables before putting in the bin? Labels to make it easier?**

Contamination of recycling is the biggest challenge Porirua is facing. We would like to have a huge education campaign for particular areas in Porirua.

If you wish to discuss this decision with us, please feel free to contact David Down, Manager Water & Waste ([David.down@poriruacity.govt.nz](mailto:David.down@poriruacity.govt.nz); 04 237 1503).

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