

## Statement of Proposal

### Draft Waste Management and Minimisation Plan 2025–2031

#### Purpose of this document

This Statement of Proposal supports public consultation on the Draft Waste Management and Minimisation Plan (WMMP) 2025–2031.

Consultation will be undertaken using the Special Consultative Procedure under section 83 of the Local Government Act 2002, as required by the Waste Minimisation Act 2008.

The purpose of this document is to outline the proposal being consulted on and provide information to assist the community in making submissions.

#### Proposal

Gisborne District Council proposes to adopt the Draft Waste Management and Minimisation Plan (WMMP) 2025–2031 following consideration of submissions received through the consultation process.

The draft plan sets out the proposed direction for waste management and minimisation across Tairāwhiti over the next six years.

The plan establishes the strategic framework for reducing waste, improving resource recovery and supporting a more sustainable waste system for the region.

#### Background

Under the Waste Minimisation Act 2008, territorial authorities must adopt a Waste Management and Minimisation Plan and review that plan at least every six years.

In preparation for reviewing the plan, we completed a Waste Assessment in 2024, which examined the current waste situation in the region, including:

- waste generation and disposal
- resource recovery opportunities
- infrastructure and service challenges
- future opportunities for reducing waste

Following this assessment and engagement with the community, waste industry stakeholders, iwi and hapū, and internal Council teams, we prepared the Draft Waste Management and Minimisation Plan 2025–2031.

The draft plan reflects the issues identified through this process and proposes actions to improve waste minimisation and management across the region.





## Key issues

The Waste Assessment identified a number of challenges for the waste system in Tairāwhiti, including:

- increasing volumes of waste sent to landfill
- declining resource recovery and recycling rates
- increasing levels of illegal dumping
- reliance on waste processing and disposal facilities outside the region
- ongoing monitoring and management requirements for legacy landfill sites

Addressing these challenges will require a coordinated approach involving Council, communities, mana whenua, businesses and waste operators.

## Structure of the Draft Waste Management and Minimisation Plan

The Draft Waste Management and Minimisation Plan is structured in three parts:

### Where we are today

Background information on the current waste system in Tairāwhiti, informed by the Waste Assessment.

### Where we want to go

The vision, values and objectives that guide waste management and minimisation in the region.

### How we will get there

The action plan outlining the specific actions that will be taken to achieve the objectives of the plan, including how actions will be delivered, monitored and funded.

## Consultation process

Public consultation on the Draft Waste Management and Minimisation Plan will be open for a minimum of one month and will be undertaken using the Special Consultative Procedure under the Local Government Act 2002.

During this time the community is invited to review the draft plan and provide feedback by making a submission. Once the submission period has closed, submitters who have indicated that they wish to speak to their submission will be invited to attend a hearing.

## Consultation timeline

The following dates are relevant to the consultation process:

- Council resolved to undertake public consultation on the Draft Waste Management and Minimisation Plan on 12 March 2026.
- Consultation opens on **TBD**





- Submissions close on **TBD**
- Submissions will be heard by Council in May 2026
- The final Waste Management and Minimisation Plan will be presented to Council for adoption following consideration of submissions.

### How to make a submission

Submissions can be made:

- online via the Council website
- by email to: [wmmp2025@gdc.govt.nz](mailto:wmmp2025@gdc.govt.nz)
- by post to:  
Gisborne District Council  
PO Box 747  
Gisborne 4010  
New Zealand

Submission details will be available on the Council website during the consultation period.

### Documents available

The following documents are available to support consultation:

- Draft Waste Management and Minimisation Plan 2025 – 2031
- Statement of Proposal
- Gisborne District Council Waste Assessment 2024

These documents can be accessed on the Council website or at Council offices during the consultation period.

### What happens next

After consultation closes:

- Submissions will be reviewed and analysed by Council officers
- Submitters who wish to speak to their submission will be heard at a hearing
- Council will consider all submissions and any recommended amendments
- The final Waste Management and Minimisation Plan 2025 – 2031 will be presented to Council for adoption.

