Canterbury Regional Waste Management Agreement

Purpose

To work together towards promoting waste minimisation.

- To ensure optimum effectiveness of waste management.
- To pursue maximum efficiency in waste management.
- For the benefit of Canterbury's environment and people.

Guiding Principles

Working Together

- We will freely share non-confidential information and resources with Canterbury Councils and others where practicable.
- We will endeavour to ensure the coordination and compatibility of our waste management operations and services.
- We will support equitable access to waste management operations, regardless of district boundaries.

What We Will Do

- We will take responsibility for our actions to the wider environment and community both within and outside the region.
- We will lead by example, incorporating waste minimisation into our own operations.
- We will promote reduction as the preferred means of minimising waste.
- We will ensure that waste diversion is our primary aim in managing waste that is already created.
- We will recognise that waste disposal is the last resort and must be undertaken in an environmentally responsible manner.
- We will ensure economic/regulatory policies are consistent with and promote waste minimisation goals.
- We will consider the environmental, social and economic impacts from waste management.
- We will actively promote the principles of waste reduction at source, by working with and influencing industrial and commercial interests and central government.

How Will We Do It

- We will involve and support our community in waste management decision making and operations.
- We will encourage people to take responsibility for their own waste and meet the associated costs where practicable.
- We will ensure our community is informed and educated regarding waste management and waste minimisation.
- We will make decisions regarding waste management based on sound information where it is available, and will actively seek it when it is not.

Signatories (AUGUST 2000)

Ashburton District Council  Christchurch City Council
Hurunui District Council  Kaikoura District Council
Mackenzie District Council  Selwyn District Council
Timaru District Council  Waimakariri District Council
Waimate District Council