



Rethink Waste Whakaarohia

Drafting our region's new Joint Waste
Management and Minimisation Plan:

Waste matters!



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We are seeking your early input on our regional waste plan

- This is your opportunity to tell us what waste matters are important to you
- Formal public consultation on a new plan will happen in early 2025
- Getting this plan right supports real change both for community and Councils



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Why does waste matter?

- Whether it's avoiding generating waste, keeping plastic out of our natural environment or reducing harm by managing waste better – waste matters
- Waste isn't just about litter and landfills; it's about how we use limited resources.
- How we create waste is connected to climate change – as well as emissions from landfill, it takes a lot of energy to feed our 'take-make-waste' culture.
- Shifting towards 'rethink-reduce-reuse' actions can make a big difference.



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What is the Waste Plan?

- The Waste Plan is shared between Nelson City Council and Tasman District Council, and it must be reviewed every six years.
- The Waste Plan identifies regional strategic priorities and what actions the Councils could consider to meet them.
- Councils are required by law to have a Waste Plan, and central government provides funding to implement some of its actions.
- Our current Waste Plan was adopted in 2019 – you can find it here:

<http://www.nelson.govt.nz/council/plans-strategies-policies/strategies-plans-policies-reports-and-studies-a-z/nelson-tasman-jwmp/>)



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What's the national direction on waste?

- In March 2023, central government released Te Rautaki Para/ New Zealand Waste Strategy 2023
- Its vision is *'By 2050, Aotearoa New Zealand is a low-emissions, low-waste society, built on a circular economy'*
- It prioritises actions that reduce waste in the first place – reduce, reuse, recycling – before managing and disposing and recognizes the link with responding to the impacts of climate change



You can see the strategy here: <https://environment.govt.nz/what-government-is-doing/areas-of-work/waste/aotearoa-new-zealand-waste-strategy/>



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Key building blocks of the New Zealand Waste Strategy:

Linear economy

Technical and biological materials mixed up • Energy from finite sources



Circular economy

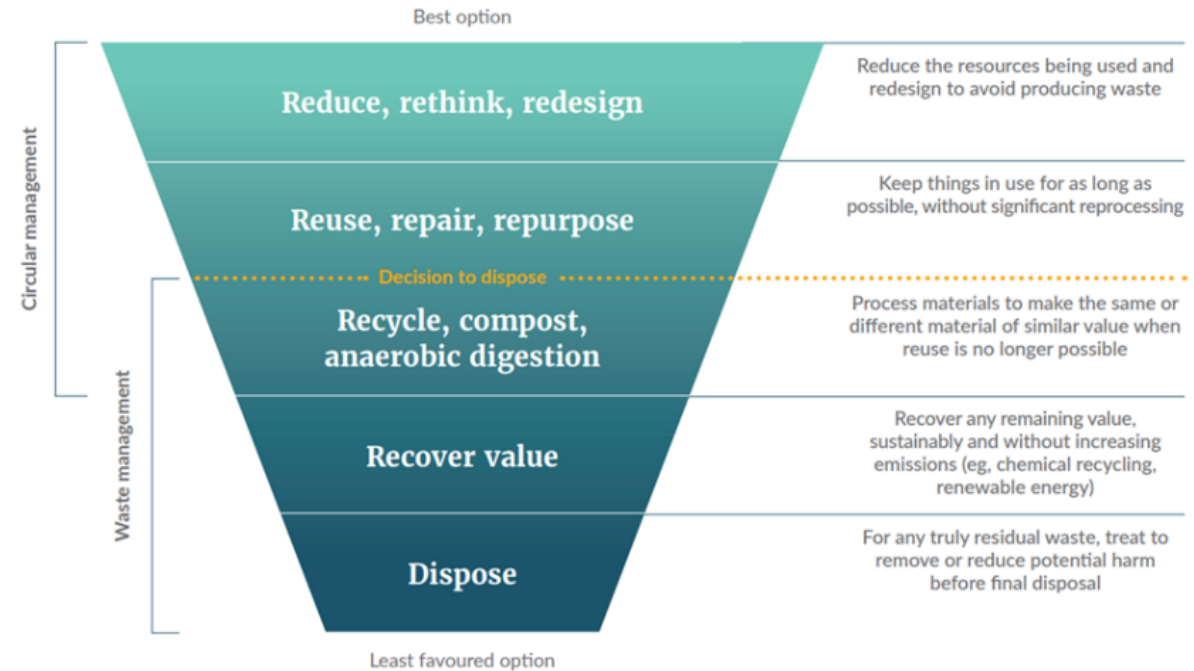
Energy from renewable sources

Biological materials

Technical materials



The **circular economy** is about changing our take-make-waste approach and finding ways to ‘design-out’ waste and create materials that can be captured and used again and again.



The **waste hierarchy** illustrates the best and least favoured options to reduce and manage waste. The top layers of the waste hierarchy represent a circular approach to managing materials. The layers below the yellow line is when something needs to be managed as waste.



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The New Zealand Waste strategy has three targets for its 'Phase One' by 2030:

- **Reduce the amount of material going into the waste management system by 10% per person**
- **Reduce the amount of material needing final disposal by 30% per person**
- **Reduce biogenic methane emissions by 30%**



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WASTE IN OUR REGION:

We've done a snapshot of the current situation with waste, including a gap analysis and forecast of future demand – we think these are the issues we need to consider (in no particular order):

- **Responding to climate change**
- **Cost of disposing and recycling**
- **Strengthening partnerships between Council and iwi**
- **Shift to a local circular economy**
- **Protecting our natural environment**
- **Improving diversion of resources from landfill, for example building and organic waste**
- **Protecting public health & safety**
- **Improving access to data**
- **Improving disaster waste management**

Do you agree or is there something else we should be thinking about?



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HOW YOU CAN GET INVOLVED:

- **Put your ideas and feedback on our Shape Nelson or Shape Tasman (links) page**
- **Email rethinkwaste@ncc.govt.nz**



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