

May questions and responses

Three-bin system

(Replies by Donna Peterson, ICC Waste minimisation Officer)

Chris asked if the three-bin system would be compulsory. What about people who had contractors in to mow their lawns and remove the green waste? Weren't they having to pay for a service they wouldn't use? How would old age pensioners be able to move the bins?

Under the proposed service, garden waste is collected weekly in the "organics" bin along with food waste. Residents who get contractors in to mow lawns will have the option of getting rid of the garden waste in their allocated "organics" bin or paying for the contractor to take it away. The "organics" bin also accepts food waste as well as the garden waste, so people without gardens will still be able to use the service. Pensioners and people with disabilities will be able to apply for an alternative service that might include a door-to-door service. For example the contractor would come on to their property and take the bins out to be emptied and return them to their door. - DP. Mary congratulated the Council on the proposed three-bin system.

Thank you Mary for your support of the proposed service. - DP

Vaughan asked whether the bins would be made from recycled materials? He also wanted to know what happened to the plastics 1 and 2 products people recycled, and what happened to the proceeds from the sale of those products?

Yes, the bins will have recycled content in them. The plastics were separated into their various grades (ie 1s, 2s, 3s), baled and transported to international markets to be remade into new plastic products. The proceeds from the sale of the recycled materials were returned to the contractor to help pay for their operation. - DP

Audrey asked where people living in townhouses would put their three big bins?

Residents in townhouse properties or sections with limited space could apply for an alternative service. The proposed alternative service could be a single wheelie bin that contained three pull-out crates. The crates would collect organics, recyclables and rubbish, and be emptied weekly. - DP

Lena asked about the logistics of the three-crate bin for townhouses and how people should dispose of things like bones?

Bones could be placed in the proposed "organics" bin along with other food waste such as dairy products, tea bags, coffee grounds, fish, vegetables peelings, rotten food etc. - DP

Invercargill Airport

What is being done at the Airport, in relation to parking, drop-off and pickup? What is the purpose and who is paying?

Barry Bouton, CEO, Invercargill Airport Ltd, replies:

Phase 1 : A new arterial road providing a new entry into the carpark has been completed and is operational.

Phase 2: Relocation of the exit paths and access to the terminal building (including drop-offs). Completion is due in mid-June (weather dependent)

Phase 3: Construction of a covered walkway extending from the terminal building in a straight line to the far side of the carpark. This will provide a lane for a 7-minute free passenger pick-up facility.

South City toilet

Richard asked if the Council was going to put a toilet in the South City Shopping Centre – and if so, when?

Paul Horner, ICC Building Assets Manager, replied:

An Exeloo toilet will be installed at South City. It will be placed in the car park near Subway and this will require some changes to the car park exit. Design work is under way for this at present and the toilet will be installed when the car park exit changes are carried out. The toilet has been purchased and is in storage in Invercargill awaiting installation.

Oreti River Bridge

Joe said the expansion plate on Oreti Bridge was vibrating because of missing bolts. The noise went through his house and neighbouring houses. He said he complained in October and again in March and while an engineer had visited, nothing had been done.

Tom Greenwood, ICC Roding and Solid Waste Manager, replied:

The contractors were tasked with this repair in March and they have been reminded to complete the repairs ASAP.