

## Attachment A: Retrieved Submission

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**Subject:** Submission regarding the WMMP

Kia ora koutou,

I have been trying at least five times, yesterday and today to put in a submission on the council website regarding the Waste Management Minimization Plan, but I have had no luck on getting onto the page and a range of error messages. Please can you consider this email as my submission.

I strongly support the council's plan to focus on minimizing waste in the next 6 years. Many years ago, when Wastebusters lost the contract for the Wānaka curbside household recycling, I was disappointed with the choice of an out of town, supposedly cheaper option. This led to a decidedly worse service - litter and recycling left behind on the street, recycling being driven to Queenstown in order to be recycled at an over worked recycle centre with no guarantee of the standards of the recycling streams.

I believe that in order to make the most of this WMMP the council needs to make the most of local knowledge, systems and frameworks in place already. By connecting with Wastebusters as a key partner, I believe the QLDC is more likely to achieve its aims. Wastebusters has already proved itself as a community led business which has strived towards the same goals of waste minimization and a circular economy - making important strides forward in not only the local area but also in nationwide policy. Therefore I strongly suggest the council recognize Wastebusters' need to expand its current location- in order to accommodate the increased demands of the expanded population in the area. Currently Wastebusters cannot house all the donations it receives and so is forced to send more than it wants to landfill. Please support and celebrate this important landmark of Wānaka recycling as part of your journey in waste minimization.

Many thanks for considering my submission.

Ngā mihi,

Katharine