



24 July 2023

File Ref: 5-IM-2

[REDACTED]  
Via email: [REDACTED]

Dear [REDACTED]

### Local Government Official Information Request

Thank you for your request for information from Council. All requests to the Council for information are required to be considered in accordance with the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (LGOIMA). More information about how the Council handles LGOIMA requests can be found in the Council's LGOIMA Request Policy, which is available on the Council's website.

Your request for information was received on 9 July 2023 and related to recycling at the Taihape Transfer Station. Our response is below:

1. I have indicated at my last recycle run, not sure of date, but it was on a weekend. The previous separate sections for different categories of recyclables had gone, and there was just one large container for all unsorted recyclables. Did this collection go direct to landfill, or was it subsequently sorted elsewhere and then recycled? I seek this information under the local government freedom of information provisions.

***Response:***

Generally, our waste transfer stations have individual containers for the public to sort its recycling into as outlined below:

- Glass is separated into different colours
- Paper and cardboard
- Metals, such as tins and cans
- Plastics

In relation to your comment that there was only one large container for all recycling this may occur when a particular bin is full, when that happens one container, without separate compartments, will be used to collect all recycling. This recycling is transferred to a recycling plant for processing where, if the recycling has been mixed, it will be correctly sorted into each material type and baled. All general rubbish that is collected is taken to landfill as mixed waste.

2. Is a copy of Rangitikei District Councils recycling policy available?

**Response:**

All information relating to recycling can be found on our website [www.rangitikei.govt.nz](http://www.rangitikei.govt.nz)

Below is a link to our current Waste Transfer Station booklet for your reference.

[RDC-Waste-Transfer-Stations-2022-23-A5-Booklet.pdf \(rangitikei.govt.nz\)](http://www.rangitikei.govt.nz/RDC-Waste-Transfer-Stations-2022-23-A5-Booklet.pdf)

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this decision. Information about how to make a complaint is available at [www.ombudsman.parliament.nz](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz) or freephone 0800 802 602.

Please note that it is our policy to proactively release our responses to official information requests, where appropriate. Our response to your request will be published shortly at <https://www.rangitikei.govt.nz/council/about/contact-us/official-information> with your personal information removed.

If you wish to discuss this decision with us, please feel free to contact Lisa Daniels on 06 327 0099.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Carol Gordon', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Carol Gordon

**Group Manager Democracy & Planning**