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Landfill Preference at Caroline Terrace

After months of meetings and discussions with key stakeholders, various property owners and local iwi, the Buller District Council has selected a preferred site for the District's proposed landfill should or if Council decides to construct an In-District Landfill. The site located at Caroline Terrace was selected after a number of alternative sites around the region were examined.

"As we don't have a nearby landfill site we transport our residual refuse to the Nelson City Landfill" says Mayor, Pat McManus. This has been a good interim solution. However, as part of our Council and Community responsibility, we have noted in the Long Term Council Community Plan (LTCCP) our intention to develop a Landfill near to Westport, provided that it is the best economic and environmental solution to assist in Buller's Waste Management."

With Caroline Terrace identified as the current preferred site, the Council is now proceeding with the purchase of the site. The purchase of the site is still in the early stages of this process. The Council is still to consider short and long term options to determine the preferred method for disposing of Buller's solid waste. The purchase of the site provides some certainty to allow an option to construct a Landfill either now or when the circumstances change to make an In-District option preferable.

The site is still subject to planning consents and permits from both the Buller District Council and the West Coast Regional Council. Should the Council be unsuccessful at obtaining Resource Consents for this site or if other unforeseen engineering difficulties arise then alternative sites may need to be re-visited.

"We are aiming to talk further with property owners and other key stakeholders over the coming months to provide an update in the proposed Landfill development at Caroline Terrace," says Stephen Griffin, Manager of Operations.

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