

10<sup>th</sup> July 2023

Tēnā koe Jimmy,

I refer to your request for official information dated 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2023, regarding litter bins. Please find our response below.

**Exactly how much money will be saved from removing bins around Auckland? I do not have time to through the 5 hour meetings or read all the documents, I would rather just ask and know.**

The decision for the bins to be removed is still in progress but the estimated savings figure from a 30% bin reduction across the city is \$1.36 million per annum (excluding removal costs).

**Since I'm here, how often do the bins in the Northshore get emptied?**

Auckland Council operates under a full facilities maintenance contract model. Full facilities contracts are outcome-based rather than prescriptive, this means all assets are to be maintained under specification at all times. It is the supplier's obligation to manage appropriate scheduling to meet the contract outcomes which is that bins get emptied before they get full or near overflowing, as opposed to following a specific schedule of works eg daily emptying schedule.

**How much does it cost per year to maintain empty those bins?**

We are unable to provide the cost for litter bin maintenance by Ventia in Devonport-Takapuna Local Board area as this is commercially sensitive.

**What is the cost for putting new bins in?**

The approximate cost for supply and installation of a standard rubbish bin is \$2,000.

**Where do these bins get emptied?**

Transfer Stations.

**How much does it cost to fix a broken bin?**

Costs vary depending on the extent of damage and type of bin. Repairs under \$1,000 are covered by our full facility maintenance contracts at no cost to council. Any repair over \$1,000 is quoted and works not done until approved by Council.

**Why were the particular bins chosen to be removed? What criteria did they meet and what is the criteria to remove a bin? I'm talking about on the Northshore.**

The review identified that there are currently over 10,000 bins throughout the Auckland region. Through careful assessment, it was determined that a 30% reduction in the number of rubbish bins has the potential to yield ongoing savings while still maintaining an acceptable level of quality in local parks, sports fields and town centres.

Criteria for removing bins is as follows;

- have multiple bins in close proximity to each other.
- are low usage areas and locations where users are more likely to carry out their own rubbish (pack in/pack out), and
- neighbourhood parks that receive active care and attention from residents.

Areas that need to be prioritised for bin retention (no or less reductions) include:

- places with amenities that encourage users to spend extended periods of time, such as shelters, toilets, destination or large-scale playgrounds, carparks and sports infrastructure.
- locations associated with activities that generate rubbish such as popular dog parks, BBQ areas and community venues.
- destination sites including popular beaches, centres of community events.

If you have any further questions please contact 09 301 0101.

Yours sincerely,

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