

Community Fact Sheet

Waste services in Warkworth and Wellsford

- Auckland Council currently owns two closed landfill sites in the Warkworth/Wellsford area located at 55 Lawrie Road, Warkworth and 141 Rustybrook Road, Wellsford.
- The two sites are leased to Northland Waste, who provide waste services to the public and operate commercial waste services.
- The Lawrie Road and Rustybrook Road sites are currently used as transfer stations by Northland Waste.
- A transfer station is a place that accepts and treats waste before bringing it to a landfill or recycling facility. Waste collectors and the public can bring waste items not suitable for kerbside collection to transfer stations.
- The leases for both sites commenced in 1998 and were due to expire on 30 September 2018.
- In 2017, the Council began a procurement process for waste and resource recovery services beyond 30 September 2018.
- In July 2018, the procurement process was cancelled, after site investigations showed substantial remediation was required on both sites.
- Remediation is required to prevent damage to the environment (e.g. leachate into the waterways) and for safety reasons.
- Residents were concerned at the potential loss of transfer station and waste services during site remediation.
- Auckland Council offered Northland Waste an extension to the lease on both sites through to the end of June 2019 to allow waste services to continue to be provided to the community, while an alternative solution is developed.
- This extension was accepted by Northland Waste.
- From July 2019, remediation works will be undertaken at both sites
- It is estimated these remediation works will take approximately two years.
- Limited waste and resource recovery services will be provided for residents and local businesses from the sites over this period.

- A Community Engagement programme was undertaken with the local community by the Waste Solutions department in October/November 2018.
- 24 groups were consulted across the Warkworth/Wellsford area to provide feedback on current and future waste service needs for the area.
- The feedback from these community engagement meetings has been compiled and shared with the Rodney Local Board.
- Council's Waste Solutions team is now working on a plan to ensure waste and resource recovery services are provided for local residents and businesses during the remediation period.
- Further information will be shared with the local community, via the Rodney Local Board.