

# Waste & Resource Efficiency update

**WasteMINZ - 28 May 2024**

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# New Government

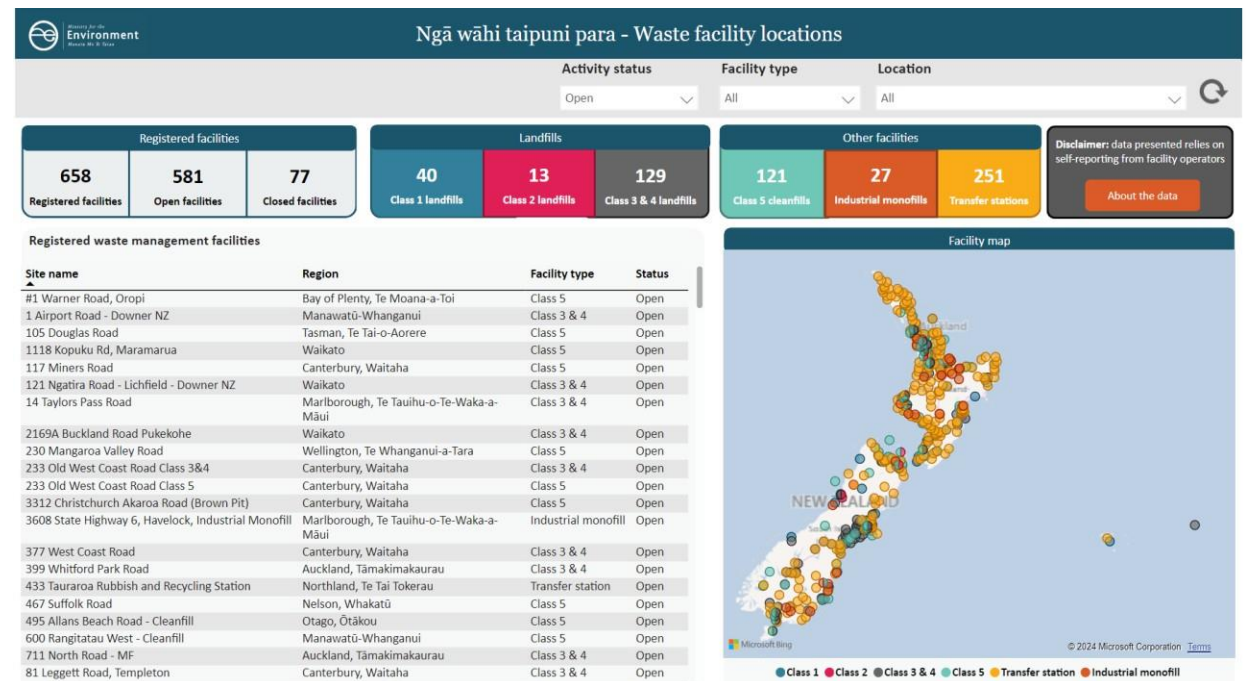
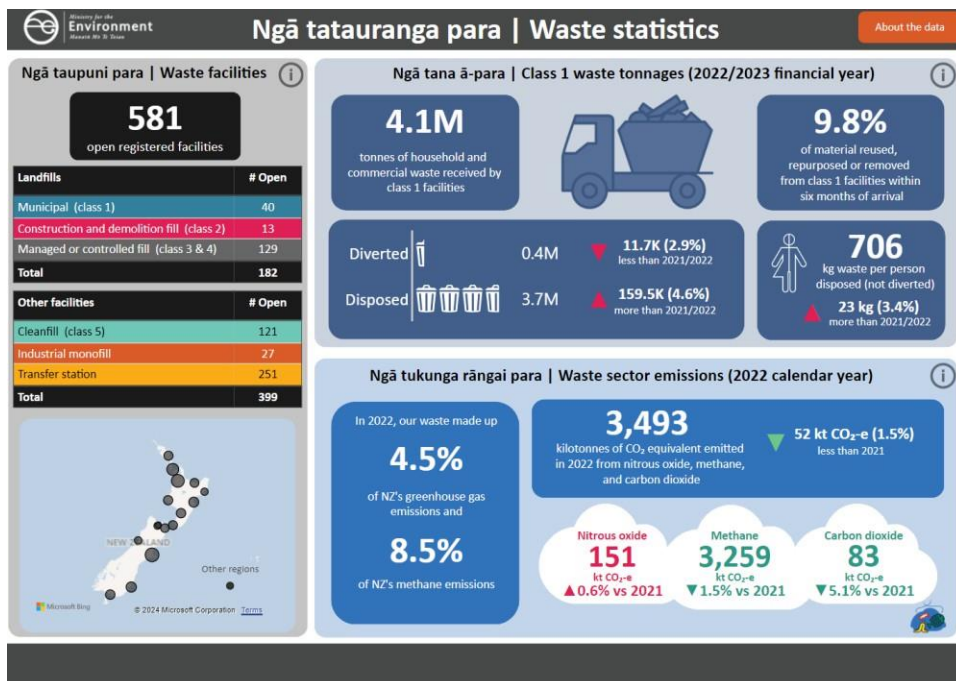


- New Ministers
- 100 day priorities and coalition agreements
- Cost of living is a key priority
- Waste Work programme is starting to emerge with some known focus areas
- Budget 2024 and Ministry for the Environment's cost savings.

# Waste data and reporting improvements

## National Waste Data Reporting Programme went live December 2023

- An Emission Reduction Plan (ERP) 1 action
- Responds to domestic & international reports that NZ's waste data is inadequate
- Improving waste data supports national reporting, the NZ Waste Strategy, Emissions Reduction Plans and other key areas.



# Waste Data Regulation Amendments

Take effect from 1 July 2024

## **Reporting activity source for materials**

- Construction and demolition
- Mixed industrial, commercial and institutional
- Heavy industrial
- Residential drop-off
- Residential kerbside collections
- Unusual activity
- Transfer stations – mixed activities

## **Revised volume-weight conversion factors for non-weighbridge sites**

## **Territorial authorities' reporting on waste, levy spending and waste minimization activities**

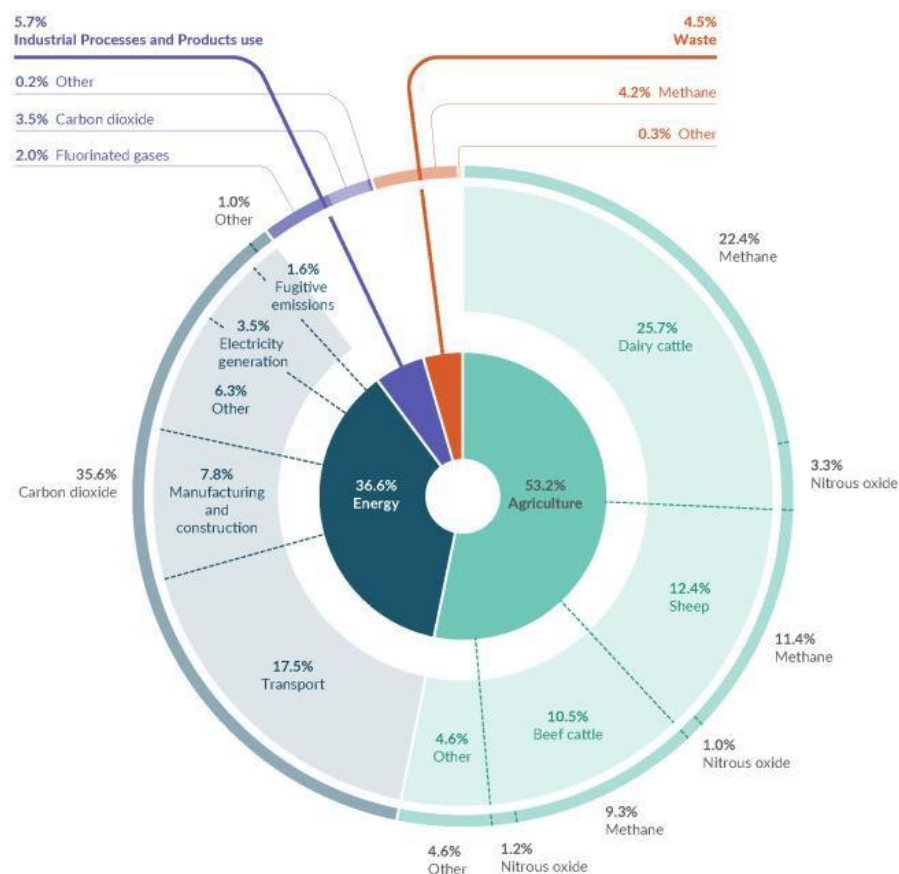
Fact sheets: <https://environment.govt.nz/facts-and-science/waste/improving-waste-data/>

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# The emissions reduction plan (1 & 2)

Waste disposal & treatment produces 4.5% of NZ's gross emissions and 8.5% of CH<sub>4</sub> emissions



- The Climate Change Commission released its final advice for ERP2 in December
- The Government will respond with ERP 2 (2026-2030) by the end of this year.
- ERP2 will set the direction and approach for emissions reductions across the economy to 2030
- Consultation is for ERP2 is likely to occur in June/July 2024
- Please do consider making a submission
- ERP 1 implementation continues.

# Vulnerable landfills and Contaminated Sites



- Vulnerable landfills are a priority area
- Working with Councils to identify and prioritise vulnerable landfills
- Funding remediation of vulnerable landfills through the CSRF
- Future funding sources being investigated

# Waste Emergency Management



- Working on clearer roles in Emergency Management legislation
- Improved disaster waste and debris management through consistent and standardised planning
- Waste Minimisation Act – options to include improvements



# Waste legislation update



## Waste Minimisation Act 2008

Public Act 2008 No 89  
Date of assent 25 September 2008  
Commencement see section 2

- Policy approval to initiate drafting instructions completed with last Government but not advanced
- Currently advising Minister Simmonds on potential scope for changes to the Waste Minimisation Act 2008 and Litter Act 1979.
- Likely interest in changes to ensure effective levy spend



# Waste Advisory Board nominations – close 31 May



## Call for nominations for Waste Advisory Board members

- Provides independent advice to the Minister for the Environment on matters relating to the Waste Minimisation Act 2008 and waste minimisation.
- The Minister for the Environment is seeking nominations for Waste Advisory Chair and Board members.
- For more information visit:  
<https://environment.govt.nz/news/call-for-nominations-for-waste-advisory-board-members/>
- Email your nomination to [nominations@mfe.govt.nz](mailto:nominations@mfe.govt.nz) by 5pm on Friday 31 May 2024.

# NZ ETS Unit Settings and Annual Regulatory Updates 2024

## Overview

Consultation is now open on the Government's annual review of auction settings and other regulations for the New Zealand Emissions Trading Scheme (NZ ETS).

The NZ ETS supports Aotearoa New Zealand to meet its emissions reduction goals by putting a price on greenhouse gas emissions. Businesses must provide to the government a New Zealand Unit (NZU) for every tonne of climate pollution they emit.

**Closes 14 Jun 2024**

Opened 15 May 2024

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### Contact

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**For more information:** <https://consult.environment.govt.nz/climate/nz-ets-unit-settings-and-regulatory-updates-2024/>



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# Kerbside Standardisation



## Recycle right at kerbside



- Kerbside Standard materials policy has been in place since 1 February 2024
- Great coverage of the policy changes in the media
- Next steps include a newly established 'Recycling Leadership Forum'
- The Forum will explore solutions for some of the challenging kerbside materials that were excluded from the standard list and other related kerbside topics.



# Remaining kerbside policies

## Kerbside policy package








- The standard materials policy is one of five kerbside policies that were announced in March 2023.
- Regulations have not been made for the other four policies.

## Next Steps

- Cabinet decisions are required on the remaining the kerbside policies.
- Considerations include the current economic context, waste minimisation and emissions abatement potential, and the timing for implementation including alignment with LTP processes.
- MfE will keep you up to date on the process and as any decisions are made.

# Tranche 3 of single-use and hard-to-recycle plastic phase outs

All other PVC and polystyrene food and beverage packaging (not previously captured in Tranche 1)

COMMON PRODUCTS OF EACH CATEGORY			
EASIER TO RECYCLE	 PET	<b>Polyethylene Terephthalate</b>	water bottles fizzy drink bottles
	 HDPE	<b>High-density Polyethylene</b>	milk bottles shampoo bottles laundry detergent containers
DIFFICULT TO RECYCLE	 PVC	<b>Polyvinyl Chloride</b>	vinyl tubing/pipe biscuit trays commercial cling wrap
POSSIBLE TO RECYCLE	 LDPE	<b>Low-density Polyethylene</b>	soft plastic products bread bags squeeze bottles plastic film
EASIER TO RECYCLE	 PP	<b>Polypropylene</b>	most temperature resistant containers takeaway containers ice-cream tubs
DIFFICULT TO RECYCLE	 PS	<b>Polystyrene</b>	yoghurt pots (six-packs) solo cups and CD cases expanded polystyrene cups (eg. styrofoam)
	 OTHER	<b>All other plastics</b>	toys compostable packaging (eg. Polylactic Acid) sippy cups CDs/DVDs and tenses

Easier to recycle (commonly collected by council recycling schemes) | Possible to recycle (sometimes recycled) | Difficult to recycle (not often recycled)

- Minister will take proposals to Cabinet in Q4 2024
- **Proposed in-force date previously communicated as mid -2025 has been pushed out, and would not be sooner than mid-2026**
- Pending Cabinet decisions, MfE would develop regulations Q1 2025
- Regulations will likely have some extensions and exemptions for certain products, and we will be continuing engagement throughout 2024 to understand progress and challenges towards phasing out these items

# Global plastics treaty



Turning off the tap sculpture, INC4 Plastics Treaty negotiations, Canada, April 2024

- In April 2024, Cabinet provided an updated negotiating position.
- In line with government priorities, Cabinet agreed a mandate for New Zealand to advocate at for a full lifecycle approach to addressing plastic pollution, guided by the waste hierarchy.
- At the recent INC4 negotiations in Canada, options for a range of potential control measures were considered.
- Such as: on problematic and avoidable plastic products, chemicals of concern in plastic products, production caps, product design, and transparency and labelling
- We will shortly have draft treaty text leading into of INC 5 in November.
- We will continue our engagement with a range of stakeholders as negotiations progress.

# Regulated Product Stewardship

Overview of six priority products and work to date

Priority products declared July 2020	Develop product stewardship scheme		Develop regulations		
	Co-design	Accredit	Public consultation	Decision on regulations	Regulations in force
<b>Tyres</b>	✓	✓	✓	✓	Tranche 1: March 2024 Tranche 2: Sept 2024
<b>Refrigerants</b>	✓	Application under review	✓	Pending	
<b>Agrichemicals and containers</b>	✓	✓	Pending		
<b>Farm plastics</b>	✓	✓	Pending		
<b>E-waste:</b>					
<b>Large batteries</b>	✓	Application under review	✓ Further consultation may be required		
<b>Other e-waste</b>	Stage 1 complete Stage 2 pending				
<b>Plastic packaging</b>	Underway due to be completed later this year				



# Container Return Scheme



The Government will be considering options for single-use beverage containers. The Minister is interested to hear views on the option of a scheme before she presents options.

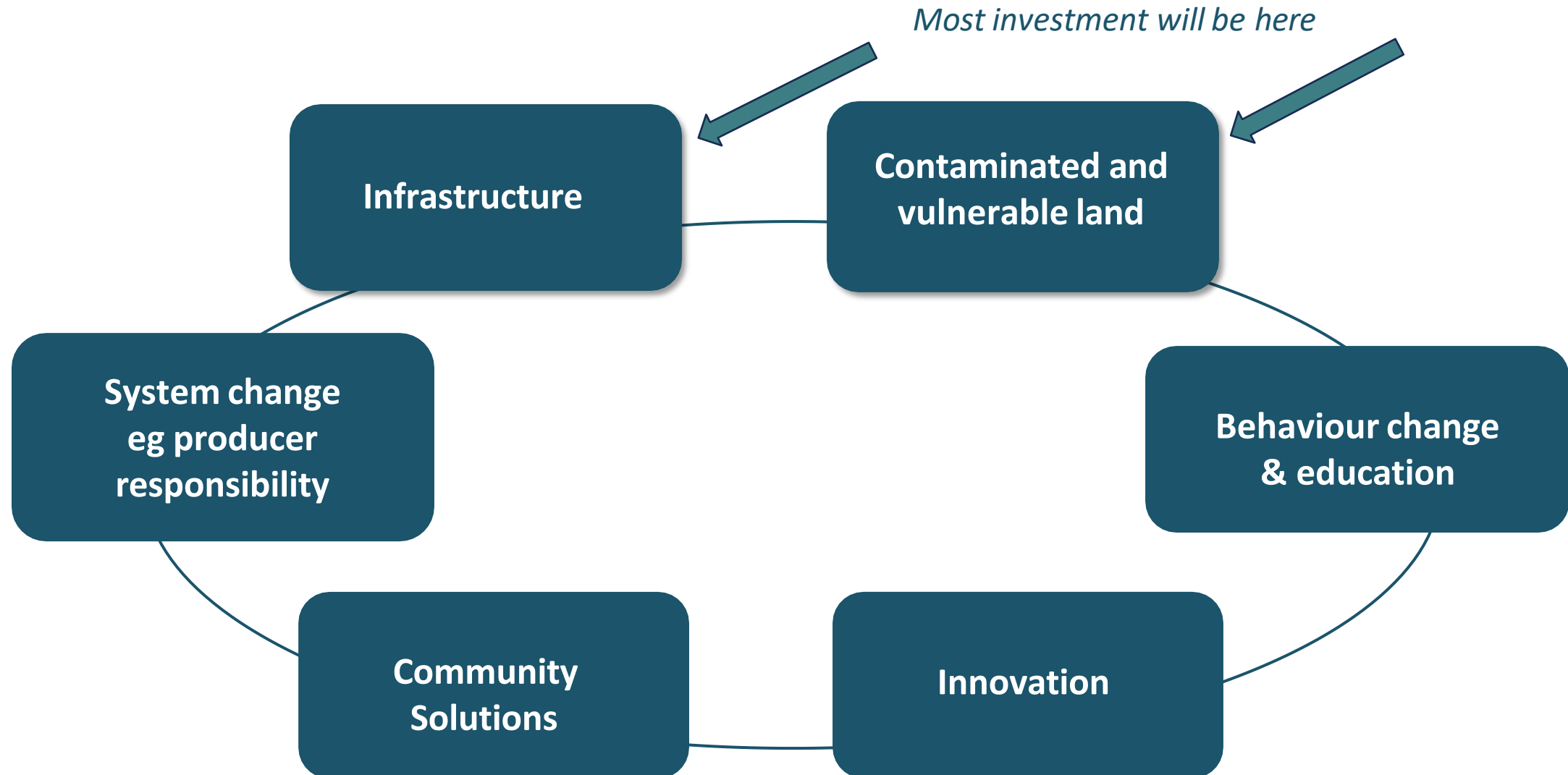
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# What will Government invest in?

Waste investment priorities and framework

# Waste investment - categories





# Priority waste streams & materials

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Construction & demolition

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Commercial and domestic organics

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Plastics

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Kerbside recyclables

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Priority products





# How will we invest?

Lessons learned and approach



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# Pātai | Questions?



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