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I am writing in response to your official information request dated 7 August 2026 regarding the cost of transporting glass to the Visy Glass Recycling Plant in Auckland, any financial return received by Council from this recycling activity, and whether Council has explored alternative uses for recycled glass.

Tararua District Council's bulk glass is transported to the Visy Glass Recycling Plant in Auckland through an arrangement coordinated by Palmerston North City Council, which engages a transport provider on behalf of participating councils.

Council is charged a set rate of \$15.00 per tonne for glass recycling. This charge is inclusive of both transport and processing costs.

Council previously received rebate payments based on the tonnage of glass recycled. However, due to significant increases in transport costs over recent years, glass recycling now represents a small net cost rather than generating a financial return.

By comparison, the cost of transporting and disposing of glass at landfill is approximately \$488.00 per tonne.

Council has explored various local options for reusing recycled glass. However, glass collected through recycling streams commonly contains contamination, including items such as cigarette butts, bottle labels, bottle tops, and residual contents from containers. This contamination would significantly reduce the quality of any end product manufactured from the glass, and that removing this contamination to achieve a higher-quality recycled product would cost considerably more than the current recycling cost of \$15.00 per tonne.

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From: Allie Dunn

Sent: Monday, 10 August 2026 11:58 am

To: [REDACTED]

Subject: CM: Acknowledgement - Request for Information re Glass Recycling

Kia ora

This email acknowledges receipt of your request for information regarding the cost of transporting glass to the Visy Glass Recycling Plant in Auckland and the financial return, if any, received by Council. You also requested information on whether Council has investigated alternative uses for recycled glass, such as crushing the material and incorporating it into products for use in industries such as construction. We will endeavour to respond to your request as soon as possible and in any event no later than 4 September 2026, being 20 working days after the day your request was received. If we are unable to respond to your request by then, we will notify you of an extension of that timeframe.

As part of our commitment to openness and accountability, we are now proactively publishing copies of requests for information and the responses provided to these requests, on our website. In doing so, we will ensure we comply with the provisions of the Privacy Act 2020 and redact any personal / identifying information from any

response published.

If you have any questions about this, please don't hesitate to get in contact with me.

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