

C WELSH Submission:

As a resident of Duncan Bay, I wish to oppose the transfer station proposed for Duncan Bay. I have attached a two-page document to this submission.

The reasons for this opposition are numerous and are outlined in brief detail below.

1. The access to the dump is via the DBRA recreational reserve.
 - a. The land crossed is DBRA land.
 - b. The track is an unformed road.
 - c. The track will get rutted then people will drive over the tended grass and make new tracks and so it goes on.
 - d. Further damage by large rubbish trucks will occur to the land structure.
 - e. DBRA residents have worked to make this an environmental haven with plantings.
2. Other areas with proposed transfer sites are positioned beside public highway and permanent roads. The proposed Duncan Bay site has dead end access though reserve, with H&S, wear and tear and further environmental issues.
3. A very high health and safety risk would be created to the reserve area, in Duncan Bay, if the proposed site is implemented. This is due to:
 - a. a significant increase in uncontrolled traffic moving back and forth through the reserve to the proposed transfer site, including large trucks, increasing a risk to health and safety of its uses.
 - b. The reserve is used by many families, friends and visitors for community celebrations and activities with the picnic tables and wide-open space.
 - c. The children of DB use this area as the only flat playground and play football/cricket/ride their bikes around this reserve. They also access the river from the DBRA reserve as do whitebaiters.
 - d. The reserve is also used by the DBRA Volunteer Fire Brigade for their training in order to respond to need.
4. The site will become an ideal breeding ground for bacteria, insects and vermin.
 - a. DBRA have invested considerable volunteer hours and funds into mitigating pests and vermin and your proposal will bring all that back to our bay.
 - b. Having the convenience of bins will inevitably have people dumping fish carcasses, filleting and bait waste in the bins which will create invasive odors.
 - c. It will have the effect of creating larger number of flies close to the DBRA reserve and picnic area used by residents and visitors.
 - d. This would be exasperated if regular refuse removal was not undertaken. Regular is considered as a minimum weekly but likely more often given the visiting publics use of these types of resources.
5. Effects on local fauna
 - a. bird life who nest in the area – Paradise ducks/Pekeko/Shags etc

- b. Mahinga Kai in the river which is collected by residents for consumption.
- 6. Rubbish, which inevitably does not quite make it into the bins, will be blown throughout an ecological sensitive environment affecting not only the aesthetics of the environment but the ecosystems of the river/lands and out to sea where it will affect the kai of the seas/blue penguins/dolphins who are often in the bay.
- 7. The proposed area is a high wind zone so bin lids will fly up (if not secured but even if they have clips it takes a person to secure them), bins could be subject to toppling. If this occurs who is to clean up the mess??? Or do we wait ten days for someone to bother to come over/do it ourselves... very cost effective.
- 8. The proposed area has been subject to flooding the past, as well as subject to king tides causing the area to be underwater. Flooding recently experienced washed through the proposed area which would cause inappropriately dumped rubbish to be washed out into bay and spread across surrounding shores. It should be noted that the recent floods have also changed the course of the river and it is closer to the site.
- 9. Aesthetically the proposed site will create an eyesore for the community as the majority of homeowners look out to that vista, also visitors. DBRA residents have gone to great trouble to create a natural environment embracing the native bush and this will totally detract from the natural beauty of the bay.
- 10. It is concerning that Duncan Bay residents will be charged for a waste station which will be predominately used by nonresidents, day trippers, boaties, campers from the Doc areas, trampers and Penzance and Tuna Bays residents.
- 11. This proposal is likely to be contrary to the initiative to reduce carbon emissions due to increase truck activity to collect and replace bins. Where currently residents dispose of rubbish in association with other planned trips such as shopping/work/returning home. So that is totally a moot point.
 - a. Duncan Bay residents have for many years taken their household scraps and recyclables out on either visiting Nelson or Blenheim or on return to their other properties in other areas.
 - b. In all our time in the bay there have only been two incidents known to me where 'others' have left rubbish and this has promptly been cleaned up by residents – this was in fact at the Harvey Bay Camp Ground.
 - c. The type of transfer station proposed is not the type required for Duncan Bay rather a green waste, as in the old burn pile, is of more importance to the area. Green waste alternative would reduce fire risk and the inappropriate spread of noxious plant species.
- 12. It is extremely disappointing that MDC did not notify us as residents of these proposed changes and that we were left to find out through social media connections. Further dissatisfaction is concerning the timeline for feedback and to be able to attend information meeting i.e. Rai Valley. When most residents are as bach owners from many distant locations including Christchurch and the North Island and further the problem for Nelson residents with road closures to Rai. The mad season of the onset of Christmas and work pressures at this time of the year for many as they are trying to ensure deadlines before the madness of Christmas is upon us. The setting of this date for the meeting has given no consideration to making it

accessible in fact one could say that you have chosen a timing that makes it most difficult for people to attend for the cited reasons above.

13. Tuna Bay and Penzance Residents Association have stated emphatically to the MDC councilor's in attendance at a unrelated meeting that they did not want nor require such facility in or near their bays.