



I refer to your official information request dated 8 March 2019 for:

'All communications between Housing New Zealand and Central Demolition in relation to the recycling plans/recommendations for HNZ housing on Rangiora Avenue and Clyde Crescent, over the last year.'

Please see the attached email chain between Housing New Zealand and Central Demolition. Contact details and names of private individuals have been withheld, in accordance with section 9(2)(a) of the Official Information Act 1982, to protect the privacy of natural persons.

I also include the following paragraph of Central Demolitions' Project Safety Plan. Although most of this document falls outside the scope of your request, the following paragraph from page 11 – task no. 8, mentions recycling:

Demolition materials will be loaded onto trucks for removal to an approved landfill. The demolition process will include consideration of and separation of all salvageable materials for recycling where appropriate. This process will continue until all materials as outlined in the scope have been removed from the site.

Housing New Zealand is responding to unprecedented demand for more state housing for those in need. In Palmerston North, we are building dozens of new warm and dry homes to help meet this demand.

To make way for new homes, we are working with a number of approved demolition companies that have active recycling processes. However, the health and safety of our tenants, staff, contractors and the general public must be considered. With some of our oldest stock, issues with contaminants such as lead paint and asbestos may result in a house being demolished and materials appropriately disposed of because safe recycling is not possible.

We also look to relocate homes, however, due to the size or condition of our homes and issues with contaminants, this is not always possible. In Palmerston North two homes are in the process of being relocated to a social services provider. Recycling companies are also free to approach our contractors should they wish to.

Housing New Zealand has made a commitment to recycling and waste reduction which is included in our latest Environment Strategy. The Summary can be viewed online at:

<https://www.hnzc.co.nz/publications/environment-strategy/>

Should you wish to contact Housing New Zealand for any further advice please contact the media team at media@hnzc.co.nz.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this decision. Information about how to make a complaint is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or freephone 0800 802 602.

Yours sincerely



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