

Transfer Stations

In July/August we asked which services matter most, and where changes could be made, to help keep rates affordable. Your feedback has helped shape proposals to reduce service costs and the amount funded through rates.

This proposal includes potential savings and other details that may change your views.

Please tell us what you think.

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What we are proposing

After considering the feedback from the Community, the Council is proposing to close the Ongarue and Ōwhango transfer stations.

Note that due to contractual arrangements, these transfer stations may operate through until 2030.

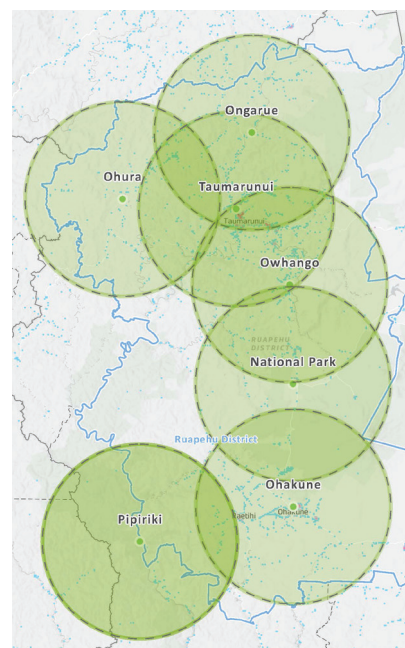
What we deliver

Council operates two main transfer stations and resource recovery centres in Taumarunui and Ohakune, as well as five small rural transfer stations in Pipiriki, Ōhura, Ongarue, Ōwhango, Waimarino (National Park).

As a part of considering advice the Council looked at the data showing the communities served by each transfer station, and what a “reasonable” distance to travel might be, settling on a figure of 20 kilometres.

The map on the right shows each transfer station in our District with a 20 kilometre buffer around each.

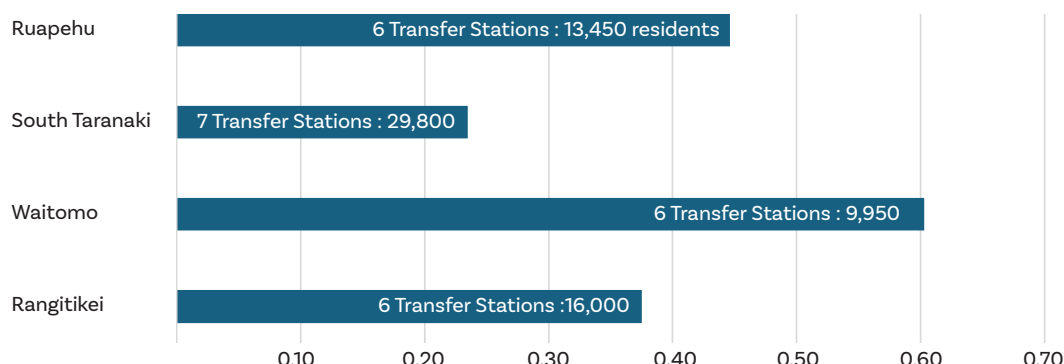
When compared with data showing where people live in the District, this shows that **most people served by the Ongarue and Ōwhango transfer stations are within 20 kilometres of another transfer station.**



How does our level of service stack up?

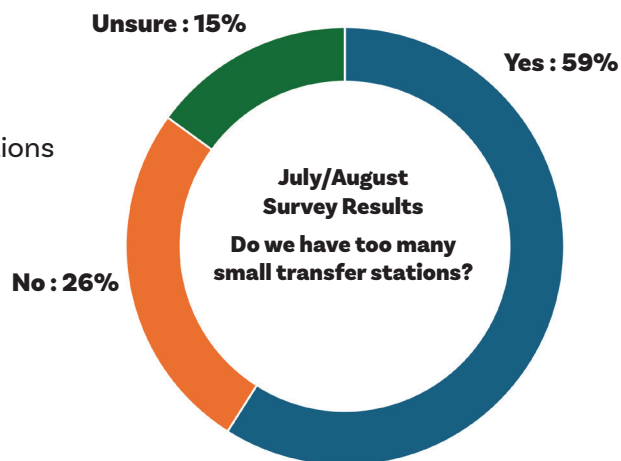
Council operates a relatively high number of transfer stations for our population size compared to our neighbouring rural councils.

Transfer Stations per 1,000 people



What you told us

In the July/August survey we asked the community if they thought Council operated too many small, rural transfer stations with a majority (59%) of people thinking we did.



What could you save

The estimated savings for closing these sites over ten years is:

- **Ongarue Transfer Station - \$220,000 over 10 years, and**
- **Ōwhango Transfer Station - \$500,000 over 10 years**

Questions

Given the costs to operate these transfer stations and their proximity to the Taumarunui transfer station:

1. Do you think the Council should continue to operate the Ongarue Transfer Station?

Yes ☐ No ☐ Unsure ☐

2. Do you think the Council should continue to operate the Ōwhango Transfer Station?

Yes ☐ No ☐ Unsure ☐

3. Where do you live?

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| ☐ Taumarunui | ☐ Ohura | ☐ Ongarue | ☐ Owhango | ☐ Ohakune |
| ☐ Waimarino | ☐ Rangataua | ☐ Raetihi | ☐ Waouru | ☐ Other |