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Waste Minimisation Fund  
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To whom it may concern

## **LETTER OF SUPPORT – MANAWATŪ DISTRICT COUNCIL AND ECOGAS APPLICATION TO THE WASTE MINIMISATION FUND FOR A LOWER NORTH ISLAND FOOD WASTE PROCESSING FACILITY**

This letter is to confirm that Ruapehu District Council is supportive of the application to the Waste Minimisation Fund by Manawatū District Council and Ecogas Limited Partnership.

Ruapehu is part of the Manawatū-Whanganui Local government Association Shared Services (MLASS) and find it invaluable on many fronts. The MWLASS forum enables information from the Chief Executive Officers level, down to operational staff, to consider the many activities being delivered and how Councils can support each other. Ruapehu operational staff regularly touch base and exchange information with Manawatū District Council.

Ruapehu has a number of communities such as Waiouru and Pipiriki that are provided waste collection and minimisation through shared services with other council waste contracts. Expanding the service for Manawatū would provide an opportunity to enhance the service provided to more Ruapehu communities.

Ruapehu District Council is a small rural council which currently has a residential kerbside food waste collection service. This service is currently part of a Ministry for Environment Behaviour Study to investigate barriers and looks at communication tools to change behaviour for food waste collection.

Council has its own Horizontal Composting Unit for food waste processing. An alternative facility to process Ruapehu District Council food waste would reduce risk to Council should its own facility experience downtime. A large-scale alternative plant would also enable Council to investigate the expansion of its services into the commercial food waste stream.

We look forward to further supporting this initiative should the application to the Waste Minimisation Fund be successful.

Yours sincerely,

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**CHIEF EXECUTIVE**

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