

Construction and demolition (C&D) materials are valuable commodities, but nationally they make up over a third of the materials that go into landfills. Around 57 tonnes are headed for disposal at the Green Island landfill every week (survey for Otago Waste Assessment, November 2022) and significant quantities also go to privately run landfills. A lot of this material could be re-used or recycled, through some changes to construction practices, including sorting waste on-site; and the 'waste' can be designed out before construction starts.

The Dunedin City Council (DCC) will work to build cross sector relationships and bring local industry players together, to facilitate collaborative action. Specific C&D actions will be included in the new Waste Minimisation and Management Plan (WMMP) being prepared during 2024.



What will I be doing?

- **Learning** - investigating what's already being done in Dunedin, and elsewhere.
- **Engaging** - through meetings, cross-sector events, and networking.
- **Supporting** - best practice case studies, offering constructive advice, and coordination.
- **Enabling** – provision of storage and re-use space, exploring other incentives to encourage behaviour change.
- **Planning** – pulling together supporting evidence for the design of new C&D sorting facilities and developing an effective and practical DCC strategy for C&D waste minimisation.

What outcomes do we want to achieve?

- Positive and productive relationships between businesses, key organisations, industry players and DCC.
- C&D actions, targets and funding considerations are embedded into the WMMP.
- Identification of local and regional opportunities for improved C&D drop off and processing.
- Cross sector interaction and learning is enabled and supported.



First steps

- Connect/reconnect and meet with local and regional industry contacts.
- Establish an online space for information sharing and advice on the DCC website.
- Plan informal networking and learning breakfast events - details to follow.