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Dear Clare

WasteNet RFP Process – Recyclables Acceptance Services

Thank you for your letter of 12 December 2019 in which you advised that Invercargill City Council has instructed you to negotiate the closure of the RFP process for Contract 850 with the Southland and Gore District Council chief executives by 24 December 2019.

Your letter was considered by the Gore District Council's Emergency Committee when it met yesterday. The Committee noted the Invercargill City Council's continued refusal to entertain the recommendation from the Waste Advisory Group that Contract 850 – Request for Proposal – be awarded to Smart Environmental Limited. Accordingly, the Council concluded that there is little alternative but to end the process and not make a decision on awarding the contract to any tenderer.

The resolution passed by the Emergency Committee which has full delegated power from the Gore District Council was as follows:

THAT in light of the Invercargill City Council refusing to adopt the recommendation of the Waste Advisory Group in respect of awarding Contract 850 – Request for Proposal to Smart Environmental Limited, resolution 2019/50 of the Gore District Council made at its meeting on 4 June 2019 be rescinded,

THAT the Council agree to end the Request for Proposal process and in doing so reserve its right to pursue cost recovery against the Invercargill City Council,

AND THAT the Invercargill City and Southland District councils be notified of the Gore District Council's decision and note that discussions will be held with these two councils in the New Year to ascertain the future of recycling services beyond 2020.

I would appreciate if you could table this letter at tomorrow's meeting of the Waste Advisory Group. Thank you.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Stephen Parry', with a large, sweeping flourish at the end.

Stephen Parry
Chief Executive