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## Rātana Community Board

# Order Paper

**Tuesday 19 April 2016,  
6.30pm**

**Ture Tangata Office, Ihipera-Koria Street,  
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**Chair:** Maata Kare Thompson

**Deputy Chair:** Nadine Rawhiti

**Membership**

Tama (Ringa) Biddle

Bjorn Barlien

Cr Soraya Peke-Mason

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# Rangitikei District Council

## Ratana Community Board Meeting

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### The quorum for the Ratana Community Board is 2.

At its meeting of 28 October 2010, Council resolved that "The quorum at any meeting of a standing committee or sub-committee of the Council (including Te Roou Ahi Kaa, the Community Committees, the Reserve Management Committees and the Rural Water Supply Management Sub-committees) is that required for a meeting of the local authority in SO 2.4.3 and 3.4.3.

## **1 Welcome/Karakia**

## **2 Public Forum**

## **3 Confirmation of minutes**

### **Recommendation**

That the Minutes of the Ratana Community Board meeting held on 16 February 2016 be taken as read and verified as an accurate and correct record of the meeting.

## **4 Chair's report**

A verbal report will be provided.

### **Recommendation**

That the Chair's verbal report to the meeting of the Ratana Community Board of 19 April 2016 be received,

## **5 Council decisions on recommendations from the Board**

There were no recommendation from the Board to Council's meeting on 29 February 2016.

## **6 'What's new, what's changed...?' –Consultation Document for the 2016/17 Annual Plan**

His Worship the Mayor will provide a presentation and lead the discussion. Copies of the Consultation Document will be tabled at the meeting.

## **7 Other simultaneous consultations:**

- proposed 2016/17 Schedule of Fees and Charges
- proposed amendments to the dog control policy and associated bylaw
- review of class 4 Gambling venue policy

The Summary of Information documents for these three proposals are attached. The detailed proposals, including submission forms, are on the Council website. They are open for consultation at the same time as for 'What's new, What's changed...?'

## **8 Commentary on Te Roopu Ahi Kaa's meeting of 19 April 2016**

A verbal update will be provided at the meeting by Cr. Soraya Peke-Mason.

## **9 Remuneration for additional responsibilities**

A memorandum is attached

File: 3-OR-3-7

### **Recommendation**

EITHER

That the Ratana Community Board recommends to Council that the Board is not carrying out any additional responsibilities (as defined by the Remuneration Authority) and thus no additional payment is warranted

OR

That the Ratana Community Board recommends to Council that the Board is carrying out the following additional responsibilities (as defined by the Remuneration Authority):

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and recommends that an additional payment of \$..... be payable equally shared by the four elected Board members including the Chair (but excluding the appointed Councillor).

## **10 Update on urupa - signage and berm plan**

Arrangements have been made to update the sign with Nadine as the contact person. The latest berm plan is attached. One issue needing resolution is the access road to the envisaged extension beyond row 12.

## **11 Update on housing development**

An update will be provided at the meeting.

## **12 Update on water supply upgrade**

A report is attached.

File ref: 5-EX-3-2

### **Recommendation**

That the report 'Ratana Water Treatment Plant Update' be received.

## **13 Update on wastewater plant**

A report is attached.

File ref: 5-EX-3-2

**Recommendation**

That the report 'Ratana Wastewater Update' be received.

**14 Evaluating Horizons' One Plan implementation – part one: water quality**

A memorandum is attached.

File ref: 3-CC-1-5

**Recommendation**

That the memorandum 'Current Infrastructure projects/upgrades and other Council activities within the Ward' be received.

**15 General business**

**16 Next meeting**

Tuesday 20 June 2016, 6.30pm

**17 Whakamoemiti/Meeting closed**

# Attachment 1

# Rangitikei District Council

## Ratana Community Board Meeting

Minutes – Tuesday 16 February 2016 – 6:30 p.m.



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Present: Ms M Thompson  
Mr T Biddle  
Cr S Peke-Mason

Also Present: Mr Pai Maraku, Ratana Community representative on Te Roopu Ahi Kaa

In attendance: Mr R McNeil, Chief Executive, Rangitikei District Council

## **1 Public Forum**

Nil

## **2 Whakamoemiti**

Mr Biddle performed the opening Whakamoemiti

## **3 Apologies/Leave of absence**

That the apologies for absence from Ms N Rawhiti and Mr B Barlien be received.

Mr T Biddle / Cr S Peke-Mason. Carried

It was noted that His Worship the Mayor, Andy Watson was unable to attend due to another commitment.

## **4 Confirmation of order of business**

**Resolved minute number**      **16/RCB/001**      **File Ref**

That, taking into account the explanation provided why the item is not on the meeting agenda and why the discussion of the item cannot be delayed until a subsequent meeting, the matter of the Ratana IT Hub be discussed as a late item at this meeting.

Ms M Thompson / Mr T Biddle. Carried

## **5 Chair's report**

Ms Thompson outlined concern about the safety of the Tamariki Lane walkway, as there are loose boards on the bridge and it is used by motorcyclists.

The Chief Executive advised that he would refer the concerns to the Council's Roading department to see what improvement measures could be undertaken.

**Resolved minute number**      **16/RCB/002**      **File Ref**

That the Chair's Report to the Ratana Community Board meeting on 16 February 2016.

T Biddle/Cr S Peke-Mason. Carried

## **6 Confirmation of minutes**

**Resolved minute number**                      **16/RCB/003**                      **File Ref**

That the Minutes of the Ratana Community Board meeting held on 15 December 2015 be taken as read and verified as an accurate and correct record of the meeting.

Mr T Biddle / Cr S Peke-Mason. Carried

## **7 Council decisions on recommendations from the Board**

There were no recommendations from the Board's meeting on 15 December 2015 which required Council confirmation.

## **8 Commentary on Te Roopu Ahi Kaa's meeting of 9 February 2016**

Mr Pai Maraku provided a verbal update to the Board.

## **9 Reserving of Plots at Rātana Urupa**

It was agreed that this item lie on the table until the Board's April meeting.

## **10 Update on housing development**

The Chief Executive advised that Council is awaiting a progress update from the Waipu Trust.

## **11 Ratana Water Treatment Plant Update**

**Resolved minute number**                      **16/RCB/004**                      **File Ref**

That the report 'Ratana Water Treatment Plant Update' dated December 2015 be received.

Ms M Thompson / Mr T Biddle. Carried

## **12 Update on Wastewater Plant**

The requested report will be included in the Order Papers for the Board's meeting on 19 April 2016.

### 13 Proposed District Plan Changes

Resolved minute number                      16/RCB/005                      File Ref

The memorandum 'Proposed District Plan Changes' be received

Mr T Biddle / Cr S Peke-Mason. carried

### 14 Consultation - Draft Heritage Strategy

Resolved minute number                      16/RCB/006                      File Ref

The memorandum 'Consultation - Draft Heritage Strategy' be received

Cr S Peke-Mason / Mr T Biddle. Carried

### 15 Late items

The idea of establishing a Ratana Community ICT Hub was raised. Board members agreed that it was something worthy of further discussion, and that this would happen within the community with a report to a future meeting of the Board as appropriate.

### 16 Next meeting

Tuesday 19 April 2016, 6.30 pm

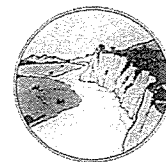
### 17 Closing Whakamoemiti

Mr Biddle performed the closing Whakamoemiti

Confirmed/Chair: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

# Attachment 2



**Rangitikei**  
DISTRICT COUNCIL

# SUMMARY OF INFORMATION

## PROPOSED FEES AND CHARGES, 2016/17

### Reason for the Proposal

The fees and charges set by the Council follow from the revenue and financing policy (part of the 2015/25 Long Term Plan). This policy expresses Council's view about how various services are to be funded, particularly the balance between the share to be funded by ratepayers (because there is advantage to everyone in having the service available and used) and the share to be funded by those making use of it (because the benefit from the service is primarily, or wholly, enjoyed by such people). In determining this balance, Council has regard for thinking in other councils, especially our neighbours.

All fees in 2016-2017 have been raised by 1.9%, the inflation factor used in setting Council's budgets for 2016/17. This inflation factor is different from cost-of-living adjustments, because there are significant elements in Council's expenditure whose costs have risen more sharply – particularly materials to support maintenance of roads and infrastructure. The Schedule shows the proposed fees alongside the 2015/16 fees.

The actual fees from applying this factor have been rounded to the nearest dollar except for solid waste fees which are rounded to the nearest 10c.

Some fees are set by regulation and thus are not changed during this review.

The notable changes are:

- Setting similar fees for use of all Council parks,
- Reducing fees for hall hire and being more flexible over short-term hire (with the objective of attracting greater use) and allowing discounts to non-profit community groups,,
- Altering library photocopying, faxing and scanning fees to reflect actual cost more accurately,
- Providing for the applicable charges under the Food Act 2014,
- Simplifying the fee structure for dog registration, and
- Introducing a volumetric fee structure for wastewater.

Discussions are in progress with the Ombudsman's office regarding the basis for charging for Land Information Memoranda.

Fees and charges for parks relate to exclusive use only. They have been set to encourage regular use by local sports clubs and organisations, and other non-profit community users.

Adjustment to rents in Council's community housing must be made in accordance with the requirements of section 24 of the Residential Tenancies Act 1986. Typically this means that a change to rents for existing tenants will not occur for two months after Council adopts the Schedule of Fees and Charges for the coming year.

Several Council-owned or administered facilities are managed by other organisations, which set their own fees (typically in consultation with the Council):

Marton Swim Centre .....	Nicholls Swim Academy
Taihape Swim Centre.....	Taihape Community Development Trust
Hunterville Town Hall.....	Hunterville Sports and Recreation Trust
Turakina Domain .....	Turakina Reserve Management Committee
Koitiata Hall .....	Koitiata Residents Association
Shelton Pavilion .....	Marton Saracens Cricket Club

## More Information

### Where to get a copy of the Statement of Proposal

The Statement of Proposal (i.e. the full proposed Schedule of fees and charges, 2016/17) is available for inspection at Council's libraries in Marton, Bulls and Taihape, and at the Council's Main Office in Marton. Copies are also available from the above locations, from the Council's website [www.rangitikei.govt.nz](http://www.rangitikei.govt.nz) or you may request a copy be posted to you by calling 0800 422 522.

### Period for Consultation

Written submissions on the Proposed Schedule of fees and charges may be made from **4 April to 12 noon 6 May 2016**. Submission forms are available from Council's libraries in Marton, Bulls and Taihape, from the Council's Main Office in Marton, from the Council's website [www.rangitikei.govt.nz](http://www.rangitikei.govt.nz) or you may request a form be posted to you by calling 0800 422 522.

Those who make a written submission may also choose to make an oral submission. Hearings of oral submissions are scheduled for **16 May 2016** at the Council Chambers in Marton. Please indicate on your submission form if you wish to speak to your submission.



**Rangitikei**  
COUNCIL

## SUMMARY OF INFORMATION

### DRAFT DOG CONTROL AND RESPONSIBILITY POLICY AND CONTROL OF DOGS BYLAW

#### Reason for the Proposal

A recent review of Rangitikei District Council's processes to meet its obligations under the Dog Control Act 1996 suggested that Council could tighten some of the provisions of its dog control policy to support the Animal Control Team in carrying out their duties under the Act. Whilst no change to the provisions in the Control of Dogs Bylaw is warranted, the opportunity is taken to make some minor wording changes.

#### Legislative Requirements

Under the Dog Control Act 1996, every council **must** have a dog control policy and **may** have a dog control bylaw. When a dog control bylaw is reviewed, the Act requires a council's dog control policy to be reviewed at the same time. In consulting on a proposed new dog control policy and bylaw, the Local Government Act 2002 requires the use of the Special Consultative Procedure.

#### What changes have been made?

The amendments suggested to the Dog Control and Owner Responsibility Policy relate primarily to enabling a discretionary power to neuter menacing dogs (rather than a mandatory one) and the introduction of a property inspection regime which ensures properties are regularly inspected prior to a menacing dog classification. In addition, the Policy's definition of "good owners" has been revised to better align with the Dog Control Act 1996. The Control of Dogs Bylaw has received minor wording changes to better align with the Local Government Act 2002.

#### Commencement

The proposed commencement date for the revised Dog Control and Responsibility Policy and Control of Dogs Bylaw is 20 days after the amendments to the Policy and Bylaw are adopted by Council and publicly notified following this period of consultation.

#### More Information

##### Where to get a copy of the Statement of Proposal

The Statement of Proposal contains the reasons for the proposal, and copies of the draft Policy and Bylaw. The Statement of Proposal is prepared in accordance with section 86 of the Local Government Act 2002. It is available for inspection at Council's libraries in Marton, Bulls and Taihape, and at the Council's Main Office in Marton. Copies are also available from the above locations, from the Council's website [www.rangitikei.govt.nz](http://www.rangitikei.govt.nz) or you may request a copy be posted to you by calling 0800 422 522.

### Period for Consultation

Written submissions on the Draft Dog Control and Responsibility Policy and Control of Dogs Bylaw policies may be made from **4 April to 12 noon 6 May 2016**. Submission forms are available from Council's libraries in Marton, Bulls and Taihape, from the Council's Main Office in Marton, from the Council's website [www.rangitikei.govt.nz](http://www.rangitikei.govt.nz) or you may request a form be posted to you by calling 0800 422 522.

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# SUMMARY OF INFORMATION

## DRAFT GAMBLING VENUE (CLASS 4) AND TAB VENUE POLICIES

### Reason for the Proposal

The Gambling Venue (Class 4) and TAB Venue policies are statutory policies required under S 103(5) of the Gambling Act 2003, and S 65(e) of the Racing Act 2003 (respectively). Under these Acts, Council is required to review these policies at least every three years. In determining its policies, the territorial authority must have regard to the social impact of gambling with the district.

### Legislative requirements

This review is required under the under S 103(5) of the Gambling Act 2003, and S 65(e) of the Racing Act 2003.

### Options considered

Council currently permits the establishment of new Class 4 venues in the District. New venues may apply for a licence to operate up to 9 gaming machines, providing that the total number of gaming machines in the District does not exceed 83. As part of the Gambling Venue (Class 4) policy review, Council considered whether to continue to allow the establishment of new Class 4 venues and whether to retain the current cap on gaming machines at 83, or whether to increase or decrease the maximum number of gaming machines permitted in the District.

Similarly, there are currently no standalone TAB venues in the District and Council's policy does not permit new venues to be established. During the review, Council considered whether it should permit new standalone TAB venues to be established.

### What changes have been made?

Council agreed not to make any changes to its existing Gambling Venue (Class 4) and TAB Venue Policies since the Social Impact Assessment provided little evidence of widespread or growing harm in the District from problem gambling. However, Council recognises that the community may have more information about the specific, local harm caused by problem gambling and it welcomes written and oral submissions from the public on this matter.

### More Information

#### Where to get a copy of the Statement of Proposal

The Statement of Proposal contains the reasons for the proposal, copies of the draft policies, and the social impact assessment of gambling within the district. The Statement of Proposal is prepared in accordance with section 86 of the Local Government Act 2002. It is available for inspection at Council's libraries in Marton, Bulls and Taihape, and at the Council's Main Office in Marton. Copies are also available from the above locations, from the Council's website [www.rangitikei.govt.nz](http://www.rangitikei.govt.nz) or you may request a copy be posted to you by calling 0800 422 522.

### Period for Consultation

Written submissions on the Draft Gambling Venue (Class 4) and TAB Venue policies may be made from **4 April to 12 noon 6 May 2016**. Submission forms are available from Council's libraries in Marton, Bulls and Taihape, from the Council's Main Office in Marton, from the Council's website [www.rangitikei.govt.nz](http://www.rangitikei.govt.nz) or you may request a form be posted to you by calling 0800 422 522.

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# Attachment 3

# Memorandum

**To:** Ratana Community Board  
**From:** Michael Hodder  
**Date:** 13 April 2016  
**Subject:** Remuneration of Elected Members of the Ratana Community Board  
**File:** 3-OR-3-7

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The Remuneration Authority has completed its review of remuneration for Local Government elected members. The following are the rates which will apply to the Ratana Community Board for the twelve-month period starting 1 July 2016:

Chair	\$4,120
Member	\$2,060

Appointed Councillors are not separately remunerated for membership of the Board. The Authority allows additional duty payments to Community Board members, from a total pool of \$618. Any such payments need to be –

- (i) for the whole Board including the Chair (but not the appointed Councillor) and
- (ii) for responsibilities beyond what the Authority defines as core – and excludes those defined as additional responsibilities for the Chair.

The Authority's analysis of the base role and additional responsibilities for Community Boards is attached as Appendix 1.

At its meeting on 31 March 2016, Council resolved to ask both Boards for their views on whether such payments should be made. It will consider those views at its meeting on 28 April 2016 and then make its recommendation to the Authority.

## Recommendation

EITHER

That the Ratana Community Board recommends to Council that the Board is not carrying out any additional responsibilities (as defined by the Remuneration Authority) and thus no additional payment is warranted

OR

That the Ratana Community Board recommends to Council that the Board is carrying out the following additional responsibilities (as defined by the Remuneration Authority):

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and recommends that an additional payment of \$..... be payable equally shared by the four elected Board members including the Chair (but excluding the appointed Councillor).

Michael Hodder  
Community & Regulatory Services Group Manager

# *Appendix 1*

# Community board members - base role description

The responsibilities considered part of the basic role for community members and the board chair.

## Representation and advocacy

- Representing and acting as an advocate for the interests of their community
- Considering and reporting on all matters referred to them by the council, or any matters of interest or concern to the community board
- Communicating with community organisations and special-interest groups in the community
- Bringing the views of their community to the attention of council
- Listening to the concerns of their community on issues pertaining to the community board
- Maintaining an overview of services provided by the council in the community, and commenting on any services delivered by the parent council
- Maintaining contact with various community representatives and other local stakeholders
- Championing causes which best relate to the interests of their community and campaigning for the improvement of the quality of life in their community.

## Governance

- Participating constructively and effectively in the good governance of the community board as a whole
- Understanding and ensuring that basic principles of good governance are a part of the approach of the community board
- Understanding and respecting the differing roles of community board chair and community board members; the roles of the parent council's Mayor, Deputy Mayor, committee chairs / portfolio holders and Councillors; and the very different roles of the managers and staff of the parent council with whom the community board might work
- Recognising that the governance role does not extend to operational matters or to the management of any implementation.
- Having a good understanding of the community board processes set out in the Standing Orders that determine how community board meetings are run and how decisions are made
- Developing and maintaining a working knowledge of council services, management processes, powers, duties and constraints
- Ensuring familiarity with agendas and other community board reports before meetings of the community board
- Being familiar with and complying with the statutory requirements of a community board member
- Identifying, being aware of and declaring any potential personal conflicts of interest, whether these are pecuniary or non-pecuniary.

Possible additional responsibilities of community board members:

- Undertaking any other responsibilities that are delegated to them by the council or are prescribed by Order in Council
- Preparing an annual submission to the council for expenditure within the community
- Participating in any relevant consultative processes with the local community and/or other organisations

- Representing the views and position of the community board to external parties, where delegated to do so, and with a clear understanding that only formal community board decisions can commit the community board to any particular course of action (and then only in matters where the community board is delegated to act)
- Participating, as needed, in the setting and monitoring of council policies, budgets, strategies and service delivery through annual and long-term planning processes.

## **Additional responsibilities of chairs**

- Chairing meetings of the community board
- Representing the community board to a high standard in the areas of activity and business delegated
- Promoting and supporting good governance by the community board
- Developing a clear understanding of the terms of reference of their community board, and of the scope and range of delegations in order to carry out the role of community board Chair
- Ensuring sufficient familiarity with parent council's Standing Orders and procedures that they can chair community board meetings and any other sessions for
- which they have responsibility
- Undertaking sufficient preparation before the meetings they are chairing to allow them to effectively carry out the role of chair.
- Ensuring meetings they chair operate within the powers delegated by the parent council as set out in the parent council's Delegation Manual
- Managing the progress of business during meetings, including ensuring adherence to the parent council's Standing Orders and to other statutory obligations and requirements
- Ensuring that all participants in meetings have an opportunity to make an appropriate contribution within the bounds of Standing Orders and due process
- Maintaining and ensuring due order and decorum throughout meetings they chair
- Commenting to the media (or other agencies) as the community board spokesperson, where delegated/ authorised to do so, on issues that pertain to the community board
- Liaising with appropriate council staff in respect of the areas of delegated council business for which the community board has responsibility
- Providing leadership to the community board in helping form a consensus that is representative of the community
- Working closely with other members of the community board to ensure smooth community board decision-making
- Keeping abreast of all issues facing the community board.

# Attachment 4



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If the information is relied on in support of Resource Consent it should be verified by independent survey.

# Attachment 5

# REPORT

SUBJECT:           **Ratana Water Treatment Plant Update**

TO:                 Ratana Board

FROM:             Joanna Saywell - Utilities Asset Manager

DATE:             12 April 2016

FILE:             6-WS-3-9

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## 1. General

Below are bullet points providing an update on progress for each of the key work elements of the Ratana Water Treatment Plant.

## 2. Building Construction

- KiwiSpanNZ Whanganui has submitted a building consent application for the process building. This is with Rangitikei District Council for processing.
- A number of requests have been received by the project manager from Council planners, for additional information. These have been responded to.
- KiwiSpanNZ has been instructed to prepare the base slab, but not pour it, while the building consent is being processed.
- In addition they have been requested to order the building kit, given the low risk of changes, noting that the structure has been designed by a chartered professional engineer.

## 3. Treatment Process

- Filtec has been advised of the delays to the building construction, but have continued with the fabrication of the component parts for the treatment process. These components are being stored both in Auckland at Filtec's head office, and in Marton at the offices of their electrical sub-contractor.
- As soon as the process building is completed, expected to be late May/early June Filtec will commence the installation of the process equipment. This is expected to take approximately 4 to 6 weeks.

## 4. Extension of Time for Completion

- Once KiwiSpan has building consent the detailed construction and installation plan will be updated. This will be used to determine if a request for an extension of time for completion of the project needs to be made to the Ministry of Health.

## **5. .Reservoir Construction**

- The reservoir is complete and has been tested. The minor leak in the floor of the reservoir resulting from an anchor bolt hole has been repaired and the tank made water tight.

### ***Bore***

- The bore construction/installation is complete with the exception of the new power supply, see below.
- A generator was used to fill the tank for testing for water tightness, and it was noted that the bore functioned as designed.

## **6. Power Supply**

- Easement documentation was sent to Ratana Dairylands and to Mr and Mrs Law, but has not yet been returned. This is being followed up.

## **7. Old Bore**

- No definitive response has been received yet on who owned the land on which the old bore and tank farm sit. Once this advice is to hand Council will be advised by way of a report and recommendation as to a proposed course of action.

## **8. Lease and Easement Agreements**

- A meeting was held at the Ratana Marae on 14 February 2016 and the lease and easement agreements were signed off.

## **9. Recommendation**

That this report be received.

Joanna Saywell  
Utilities Asset Manager

# Attachment 6

# REPORT

SUBJECT:           **Ratana Wastewater Update**

TO:                 **Ratana Community Board**

FROM:             Joanna Saywell - Utilities Asset Manager

DATE:             April 2016

FILE:              5-EX-3-2

## 1 Purpose

- 1.1 This report is a summary of recent activities undertaken for the Ratana Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP).

## 2 Recent Activity

- 2.1 The following table shows recent activity undertaken by the RDC Operations Team in addition to regular operations and maintenance activities.

**Table 1 – Recent Activities**

Activity	Comment
Aeration design and procurement	Additional aeration capacity is to be installed to assist with BOD removal. Design and procurement is currently in progress.
Flow meter procurement and installation	Inflow and outflow meters are in the process of being procured.  The measurement of these parameters will support plant operation and the resource consent renewal in 2018.
Targeted trickling filter analysis	Targeted testing of the trickling filter capability is being carried out by the plant operator. One suite of comprehensive testing has been completed and a further two sets of testing are planned.

### **3 Consent Renewal 2018**

- 3.1 The existing discharge consent the WWTP operates under expires in July 2018.
- 3.2 This financial year a meeting is to be organised with Horizons Regional Council's Consent Compliance Officer on site to discuss issues with the water quality at the WWTP outfall in the summer months.
- 3.3 To date the Consent Compliance Officer has signalled it is Horizons preference to remove the WWTP discharge from the Waipu Lake catchment in future. This advice is consistent with the One Plan, and is a strategic issue that will need to be addressed in the preparation for the consent renewal in 2018.

### **4 Recommendation**

- 4.1 That this report is received.

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# Attachment 7

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Dear Ross

## EVALUATING HORIZONS' ONE PLAN IMPLEMENTATION – PART ONE: WATER QUALITY

Starting this month, Horizons Regional Council will be looking at our progress on putting the *One Plan* into effect.

The first piece of evaluation work will look at progress in implementing coastal and freshwater quality rules, and focus on the topical and challenging issues of intensive land use and nutrient management.<sup>1</sup> This area has been chosen for early consideration because of its high public interest. Consenting of intensive agricultural land use is a new process, which has rightly remained in the spotlight as we put it in place.

This letter is to advise you of this evaluation work, and invite your views. While it is important to be clear about the evaluation's scope and purpose - this is not a Plan change and review process, and does not revisit community values or the Plan's framework itself. We are committed to an inclusive process, where interested groups with views on the past year's experience with the implementation of the *One Plan*'s nutrient management rules, are able to have a say. I invite you to send this letter on through any parts of your networks which may be interested, or otherwise to let them know about the work that is happening. Your comments will inform our understanding of what is important to people as we go through this process, and make sure that perspectives are fully taken into account.

In considering comments you may wish to make:

- The main focus is on rules for intensive land use consenting and nutrient management (and resulting *One Plan* water quality objectives). Other parts of the *One Plan* will be evaluated later.
- The evaluation is about progress achieved and problems experienced, in putting the new rules into effect. We want to know what's working (or what's not), and kick the tyres on any problems.
- Are you happy with progress, and Horizons' approach? We welcome comments on what any issues for you might be.

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<sup>1</sup> For background, see Report No. 15-265 *One Plan Evaluation: Proposed Framework and Scope* (8 December 2015). This report is available on Horizons website at [http://www.horizons.govt.nz/assets/Uploads/Events/Strategy\\_Policy\\_Committee\\_Meeting/2015-12-08\\_130000/Table-of-contents-Dec.pdf](http://www.horizons.govt.nz/assets/Uploads/Events/Strategy_Policy_Committee_Meeting/2015-12-08_130000/Table-of-contents-Dec.pdf).

- Social impact assessment and economic modelling are important parts of the work. Comments you may have on social or economic impact are relevant.
- As with the *One Plan*, evaluation work will continue to be informed and led by the freshwater science – understanding where we are, for example, against new national river and lake health bottom lines.
- We will be considering the *National Policy Statement on Freshwater Management* (NPSFM) and its requirements.

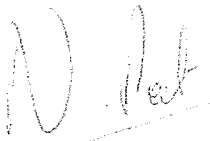
While it may seem early days to be evaluating where we are up to, we think this important to ensure that the process is being well managed, and to provide a clear picture for council and our community of any issues arising. This, in turn, supports all of us in making good decisions.

The focus at this stage is on how the *One Plan* is being put into effect. There will not be a formal submission process. If, at some future time, it was thought (perhaps because of implementation problems or new requirements through the NPSFM) that the *One Plan* itself needed to be reviewed or changed, this would be a publicly notified process, involving a full statutory consultation and review of the policy options.

The current piece of evaluation work is due to be completed by **August 2016**. If you have views or comments it would be helpful to receive these early. You are welcome to contact Claire Browning, Project Manager by email: [claire.browning@horizons.govt.nz](mailto:claire.browning@horizons.govt.nz) or phone: (06) 9522 824 to signal your group's interest in the work and ask any questions, or you may like to simply submit any views or comments in writing.

In the meantime, work to implement the *One Plan* continues. Input from the community is an important part of ensuring we are getting it right. I hope you feel encouraged to be involved.

Yours sincerely



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