



# Memorandum

## File Ref

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**Subject** **Ratana Wastewater Disposal**

### 1. Purpose

The purpose of this memo is to provide an update on progress with respect to the Ratana wastewater discharge.

### 2. Background

The existing discharge of treated wastewater from the Ratana WWTP has been determined to have an adverse effect on the water quality at Lake Waipu. Consequently Horizons Regional Council applied for, and were granted, funding from the Freshwater Improvement Fund to improve the water quality in Lake Waipu.

A key element of this application was to provide Council with funding to remove the treated wastewater discharge from the lake and dispose of the treated wastewater to land. This funding is intended to match funding provided by Council.

### 3. Project governance and management

The application indicated that the project would be a partnership between the following groups:

- Rangitikei District Council
- Horizons Regional Council
- Nga Wairiki Ngati Apa
- Komiti o Nga Rahui – Ratana Communal Board of Trust (RCBOT)

Governance is projected to include representatives from Horizons Regional Council, Rangitikei District Council and at least one iwi representative.

The Governance members from Councils will be Councillors.

The Governance group is proposed to be run in a similar manner to the Manawatu Clean-Up Fund.

A terms of reference will be established.

Logan Brown is the Freshwater and Partnerships manager at Horizons will be the Project Manager and will provide support to the Governance group.

Therefore the Governance Group needs to be formed, and Council needs to determine the appropriate membership. The Governance Group can then meet and establish the terms of reference.

It is envisaged that the Governance Group will supercede the functions of the Council's community consultation group.

**4. Work to date**

The funding is available from 1 July 2018.

The first phase will be to obtain suitable land for irrigation and undertake the consenting process.

Suitable soil types have been identified and the amount of land required is currently being determined.

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