

Friday, 15 September 2023

He hui e whakahaeretia nei e Te Kaunihera ā-Rohe o Heretaunga

Administered by HDC - I whakahaeretia e te Kaunihera ā-Rohe o Heretaunga

HDC : Tangata Whenua Wastewater Joint Committee Meeting

Kaupapataka

Agenda

Te Rā Hui:
Meeting date: **Friday, 15 September 2023**

Te Wā:
Time: **1.00pm**

Te Wāhi:
Venue: **Council Chamber
Ground Floor
Civic Administration Building
Lyndon Road East
Hastings**

Te Hoapā:
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Te Āpiha Matua:
Responsible
Officer: **3 Waters Manager - Steve Cave**

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Hastings District Council : Tangata Whenua Wastewater Joint Committee - Terms of Reference

This Joint Committee is established between Hastings District Council and representation of Tangata Whenua.

Fields of Activity

To be actively involved in developing and monitoring Council's;

- Wastewater treatment and disposal system policies.
- Receiving, reviewing and recommending action on reports concerning the operation and performance of the Council's wastewater disposal system.
- Ocean discharge including alternative treatment and disposal options.
- Provision of advice in regard to the Trends, Technology, Discharge, Environmental and Monitoring Nine Yearly Review, in accordance with the Resource Management Act 1991 and Policies, Plans and Standards under the Act.
- To recognise and respect the role of Tangata Whenua as Kaitiaki, and, to satisfy their cultural concerns.
- To receive, review and recommend action on wastewater reports.
- To recommend the commissioning of reports and future Council actions on wastewater issues including;
- Options for further treatments.
- Options for methods of disposal.
- Monitoring effects on the environment.
- To co-ordinate and oversee education of the community on wastewater issues.

Membership (10 Members)

- Chair appointed annually by the Joint Committee from its members. The Chair position is to alternate annually between the Council and Tangata Whenua representatives.
- 5 Councillors and one Councillor Member (Alternate).
- 5 Tangata Whenua representatives, appointed by Council.

Quorum – 6 members including not less than 3 Councillor representatives

DELEGATED POWERS

Recommendation to the Performance & Monitoring Committee on matters within the Fields of Activity.

The Chair shall not have a casting vote.

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Agenda

Heamana

Chair: Councillor Ana Apatu

Deputy Chair: Marei Apatu

Ngā Mema o te Komiti

Committee

Members:

Ngā KaiKaunihera

Councillors: Henry Heke, Kellie Jessup, Simon Nixon and Kevin Watkins and Renata Nepe (Alternate)

Tangata Whenua members (up to 5 members - currently one vacancy)

Evelyn Ratima, Beverley Te Huia and Darlene Carroll

Tokamatua:

Quorum:

6 – including not less than 3 Councillors

Apiha Matua

Officer Responsible:

3 Waters Manager – Steve Cave

Te Rōpū Manapori me te

Kāwanatanga

Democracy &

Governance Services:

Lynne Cox (Ext 5632)

Te Rārangi Take

Order of Business

Apologies – Ngā Whakapāhatanga

- 1.0** At the close of the agenda no apologies had been received.
Leave of Absence had previously been granted to Councillor Jessup
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2.0 Conflict of Interest – He Ngākau Kōnatunatu

Members need to be vigilant to stand aside from decision-making when a conflict arises between their role as a Member of the Council and any private or other external interest they might have. This note is provided as a reminder to Members to scan the agenda and assess their own private interests and identify where they may have a pecuniary or other conflict of interest, or where there may be perceptions of conflict of interest.

If a Member feels they do have a conflict of interest, they should publicly declare that at the start of the relevant item of business and withdraw from participating in the meeting. If a Member thinks they may have a conflict of interest, they can seek advice from the General Counsel or the Manager: Democracy and Governance (preferably before the meeting).

It is noted that while Members can seek advice and discuss these matters, the final decision as to whether a conflict exists rests with the member.

Confirmation of Minutes – Te Whakamana i Ngā Miniti

- 3.0** Minutes of the HDC : Tangata Whenua Wastewater Joint Committee Meeting held Tuesday 6 June 2023.
(Previously circulated)
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- 4.0** **Nine Year Review: Community Consultation** **7**
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- 5.0** **Minor Items – Ngā Take Iti**
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- 6.0** **Urgent Items – Ngā Take Whakahihiri**
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Item 4

Te Rārangi Take

Report to HDC : Tangata Whenua Wastewater Joint Committee

Nā: David Mackenzie, Wastewater Manager
From:

Te Take: Nine Year Review: Community Consultation
Subject:

1.0 Executive Summary – Te Kaupapa Me Te Whakarāpopototanga

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is the present to the HDC: Tangata Whenua Wastewater Joint Committee the proposed community consultation approach to be used to “ascertain the views of the community of the effects of the current wastewater discharge” from the East Clive Wastewater Treatment Plant into Hawke Bay (Te Whanga a Ruawharo), as required by condition 27j of the wastewater discharge consent CD130214W (AUHT-120712-01).
- 1.2 The proposed community consultation approach is for a period of 20 working days in compliance with the Local Government Act, between 30th October 2023 – 24th November 2023.
- 1.3 In order to obtain meaningful feedback, the proposed community consultation approach will look to firstly educate and inform the community on the treatment process and cultural aspects at the East Clive Wastewater Treatment Plant.
- 1.4 The consultation will look to provide numerous opportunities for feedback through numerous channels (i.e. rates & public notices, radio, HB Today/Leader, My Hastings, displays, social media, myvoicemychoice etc).
- 1.5 Tangata whenua along with other targeted groups (community groups, industrial trade waste users, local fisheries, advocacy groups – i.e. Forest & Bird/HB Fish & Game) will be specifically notified to provide further opportunity for feedback.

- 1.6 Interactive drop-in sessions will take place at the Waiaroha education facility and at the East Clive Wastewater Treatment Plant during the annual open day to provide additional opportunities to collect feedback and to provide education of the treatment process and cultural aspects.
- 1.7 All feedback from the community consultation will be captured and will form part of the Nine Year Review report and be used to better understand community desires and any issues, as required by condition 27j of the wastewater discharge consent CD130214W (AUHT-120712-01).

2.0 Recommendations - Ngā Tūtohunga

- A) That the HDC : Tangata Whenua Wastewater Joint Committee Meeting receive the report titled Nine Year Review: Community Consultation dated 15 September 2023.
- B) That the HDC : Tangata Whenua Wastewater Joint Committee approve the proposed community consultation approach.

3.0 Background – Te Horopaki

Community Consultation Requirement

- 3.1 Condition 27j of the wastewater discharge consent CD130214W (AUHT-120712-01) specifically requires community consultation to “ascertain the views of the community of the effects of the current wastewater discharge” from the East Clive WWTP in Hawke Bay (Te Whanga a Ruawharo). Details of the consultation are required to be included in the Nine Year Review Report.

Community Consultation Approach

- 3.2 In order to obtain meaningful feedback, the proposed community consultation approach will look to firstly educate and inform the community on the treatment process and cultural aspects at the East Clive Wastewater Treatment Plant, including what makes up the wastewater in Hastings, the two distinct treatment processes for Domestic and Non-Separable Industry (DNSI) wastewater and treated Separated Industrial wastewater, details of the cultural process (transformation of kūparu, regaining mauri through the Rakahore channel, and cleansing through Papatuanuku and her sons), and discharge into Hawke Bay (Te Whanga a Ruawharo). All feedback will be captured and will form part of the Nine Year Review report and be used to better understand community desires and any issues, as required by condition 27j of the wastewater discharge consent CD130214W (AUHT-120712-01).
- 3.3 The target audience for this consultation is the whole of the Hastings community. The mediums used to engage with the community will be multifaceted to provide as much opportunity as possible for meaningful feedback (i.e. rates & public notices, radio, HB Today/Leader, My Hastings, displays, social media, myvoicemychoice etc.). Tangata whenua along with other targeted groups (advocacy groups – i.e. Forest & Bird, community groups, industrial trade waste users, local fisheries) will be specifically notified to provide further opportunity for feedback.
- 3.4 The annual East Clive Wastewater Treatment Plant open day (Saturday 18th November 2023) will be utilised to increase engagement, educate visitors of the treatment process and cultural aspects and to provide another opportunity for feedback. The Waiaroha education facility, as a specifically designed education space, will also provide an opportunity to host drop-in sessions for the public and also to host targeted groups where necessary to provide further opportunity for education and feedback.
- 3.5 The proposed community consultation approach is for a period of 20 working days in compliance with the Local Government Act, between 30th October 2023 – 24th November 2023. Which will be run on “myvoicemychoice”.

Wastewater Discharge Consent CD130214W

- 3.6 In June 2014 Hastings District Council (HDC) was granted a 35-year long-term consent for the discharge of treated Domestic and Non-Separable Industry (DNSI) wastewater and treated Separated Industrial wastewater from the East Clive Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP), through the long ocean outfall into Hawke Bay (Te Whanga a Ruawharo) – wastewater discharge consent CD130214W (AUHT-120712-01). The consent expires on 31 May 2049.
- 3.7 Condition 27 of the consent CD130214W (AUHT-120712-01) requires a Trends, Technology, Discharge, Environmental and Monitoring Review Report (*Nine Year Review Report*) on the 9th, 18th and 27th year anniversaries. Conditions 27a-j states what is required to be included in the report as a minimum (see attached consent). Condition 27, the requirement for the consent holder to undertake a thorough review every nine years, was one of the reasons on which a 35-year consent duration could be justified. It is important that at this interval the consent holder reviews the performance of the WWTP, and also undertakes community consultation to ensure that they are comfortable with the continuation of the current level of treatment, or whether there is a desire to increase the level of treatment that the East Clive WWTP provides.
- 3.8 Condition 29 of the consent CD130214W requires that HDC establishes, and retains the HDC : Tangata Whenua Wastewater Joint Committee, as a committee of the Hastings District Council under Clause 31, Schedule 7, Local Government Act 2002, a Council Committee, half of the members of which shall be Tangata Whenua representatives, whose functions include but are not limited to the receiving, reviewing and recommending action on reports such as the Annual Wastewater Compliance Report, involvement in the Nine Yearly Consent Review and more. This consent condition ensures the ongoing engagement of the consent holder with tangata whenua over matters relating to the East Clive WWTP.

Nine Year Review Report and Community Engagement

- 3.9 Condition 27j of the consent requires community consultation to ascertain the community's views of the effects of the current wastewater discharge from the East Clive WWTP in Hawke Bay (Te Whanga a Ruawharo). Feedback from the community consultation will be included into the Nine Year Review Report.

4.0 Next steps – *Te Anga Whakamua*

- 4.1 Undertake community consultation.
- 4.2 Incorporate feedback from consultation into the Nine Year Review Report.
- 4.3 Present the Nine Year Review Report to the HDC: Tangata Whenua Wastewater Joint Committee March 2024.

Attachments:

There are no attachments for this report.

Summary of Considerations - *He Whakarāpopoto Whakaarohanga*

Fit with purpose of Local Government - *E noho hāngai pū ai ki te Rangatōpū-ā-Rohe*

The Council is required to give effect to the purpose of local government as set out in section 10 of the Local Government Act 2002. That purpose is to enable democratic local decision-making and action by

(and on behalf of) communities, and to promote the social, economic, environmental, and cultural wellbeing of communities in the present and for the future.

[Link to the Council's Community Outcomes – Ngā Hononga ki Ngā Putanga ā-Hapori](#)

This proposal promotes that the overall wellbeing of communities in the present and for the future are considered through this report. The approval of this community consultation approach will help HDC understand what is important to the people of our community when it comes to wastewater treatment in Hastings and also ensure compliance with condition 27j of the wastewater discharge consent CD130214W (AUHT-120712-01).

Māori Impact Statement - Te Tauākī Kaupapa Māori

Given the intrinsic link for Māori with the land (whenua) and water (wai), it is important that Māori, particularly tangata whenua, have an opportunity to provide feedback through this community consultation.

Sustainability - Te Toitūtanga

N/A

Financial considerations - Ngā Whakaarohanga Ahumoni

Budget is allocated for this in the LTP

Significance and Engagement - Te Hiranga me te Tūhonotanga

This decision/report has been assessed under the Council's Significance and Engagement Policy as being of moderate significance largely due to the number of people affected by this decision.

Consultation – internal and/or external - Whakawhiti Whakaaro-ā-roto / ā-waho

Engagement will be undertaken with the Hastings community

Risks

Opportunity: The opportunity presented through this community consultation will enable the council to understand what is important to the people of our community when it comes to wastewater treatment in Hastings.

REWARD – Te Utu	RISK – Te Tūraru
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Feedback is meaningful from the community Increase understanding of wastewater treatment in Hastings Provides opportunity for all residents and customers to share/express their views 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Feedback may not be meaningful or useful Lack of understanding of wastewater treatment in Hastings 3 Waters Reform dominates the discussion Cultural aspects are not communicated accurately Community has consultation fatigue and this issue is not the most important thing to them right now

Rural Community Board – Te Poari Tuawhenua-ā-Hapori

N/A:

