

Operations and Regulatory Committee



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Whakataka te hau

Karakia to open and close meetings

Whakataka te hau ki te uru

Cease the winds from the west

Cease the winds from the south

Kia mākinakina ki uta

Cease the winds from the south

Let the breeze blow over the land

Let the breeze blow over the ocean

Kia hī ake ana te atakura Let the red-tipped dawn come with a sharpened air

He tio, he huka, he hauhu A touch of frost, a promise of glorious day

Tūturu o whiti whakamaua kia tina. Let there be certainty

Tina! Secure it!

Hui ē! Tāiki ē! Draw together! Affirm!



Purpose of Operations and Regulatory Committee meeting

This committee attends to all matters in relation to resource consents, compliance monitoring and pollution incidents, biosecurity monitoring and enforcement.

Responsibilities

Consider and make decisions on resource consent applications pursuant to the *Resource Management Act* 1991.

Ensure adequate compliance monitoring of resource use consents and receive decisions on enforcement actions in the event of non-compliance, pursuant to the *Resource Management Act* 1991.

Consider and make decisions on monitoring and enforcement matters associated with plant and animal pest management.

Other matters related to the above responsibilities.

Membership of Operations and Regulatory Committee

Councillor S W Hughes (Chairperson)
Councillor B J Bigham
Councillor M J Cloke
Councillor D L Lean
Councillor D H McIntyre
Councillor C L Littlewood (ex officio)

Councillor D W Cram (Deputy Chairperson)
Councillor D M G Davey
Councillor D H McIntyre
Councillor N W Walker (ex officio)

Representative Members

Mr D Luke
<u>To be Appointed</u>:
2 Additional Iwi Reps
1 Federated Farmers Rep

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Date 22 November 2022

Subject: Resource consents issued under delegated

authority and applications in progress

Approved by: A D McLay, Director - Resource Management

S J Ruru, Chief Executive

Document: 3122875

Purpose

1. The purpose of this memorandum is to advise the Council of consents granted, consents under application and of consent processing actions since the last meeting. This information is summarised in attachments at the end of this report.

Executive summary

2. Memorandum to advise the Council of recent consenting actions made under regional plans and the Resource Management Act 1991, in accordance with Council procedures and delegations.

Recommendation

That the Taranaki Regional Council:

a) <u>receives</u> the schedule of resource consents granted and other consent processing actions, made under delegated authority.

Background

- 3. The attachments show resource consent applications, certificates of compliance and deemed permitted activities that have been investigated and decisions made by officers of the Taranaki Regional Council. They are activities having less than minor adverse effects on the environment, or having minor effects where affected parties have agreed to the activity. In accordance with sections 87BB, 104 to 108 and 139 of the Resource Management Act 1991, and pursuant to delegated authority to make these decisions, the Chief Executive or the Director Resource Management, has allowed the consents, certificates of compliance and deemed permitted activities.
- 4. The exercise of delegations under the Resource Management Act 1991 is reported for Members' information. Under the delegations manual, consent processing actions are to be reported to the Consents and Regulatory Committee.

- 5. In addition to the details of the activity consented, the information provided identifies the Iwi whose rohe (area of interest) the activity is in. If the activity is in an area of overlapping rohe both Iwi are shown. If the activity is within, adjacent to, or directly affecting a statutory acknowledgement (area of special interest), arising from a Treaty settlement process with the Crown, that is also noted.
- 6. Also shown, at the request of Iwi members of the Council, is a summary of the engagement with Iwi and Hapū, undertaken by the applicant and the Council during the application process. Other engagement with third parties to the consent process is also shown. The summary shows the highest level of involvement that occurred with each party. For example, a party may have been consulted by the applicant, provided with a copy of the application by the Council, served notice as an affected party, lodged a submission and ultimately agreed with the consent conditions. In that case the summary would show only 'agreed with consent conditions', otherwise reporting becomes very complicated.
- 7. The attachment titled 'Consent Processing Information' includes the figure 'Consent Applications in Progress' which shows the total number of applications in the consent processing system over the last twelve months. The number of applications for the renewal of resource consents is also shown. The difference between the two is the number of new applications, including applications for a change of consent conditions. New applications take priority over renewal applications. Renewal applications are generally put on hold, with the agreement of the applicant, and processed when staff resources allow. A consent holder can continue to operate under a consent that is subject to renewal. The above approach is pragmatic and ensures there are no regulatory impediments to new activities requiring authorisation.
- 8. The attachment also includes:
 - Applications in progress table the number of applications in progress at the end of
 each month (broken down into total applications and the number of renewals in
 progress) for this year and the previous two years
 - Potential hearings table outlining the status of applications where a hearing is anticipated and the decision maker(s) (e.g. a hearing panel) has been appointed
 - Consents issued table the number of consents issued at the end of each month for this year and the previous two years
 - Breakdown of consents issued. This is the number of consents issued broken down by purpose – new, renewals, changes or review
 - Types of consents issued, further broken down into notification types nonnotified, limited notified or public notified
 - Number of times that the public and iwi were involved in an application process for the year so far
 - Application processing time extensions compared to the previous years
 - Consent type process shows the notification type including applications submitted on and the pre-hearing resolution numbers
 - Applications that have been returned because they are incomplete.

Decision-making considerations

9. Part 6 (Planning, decision-making and accountability) of the *Local Government Act* 2002 has been considered and documented in the preparation of this agenda item. The recommendations made in this item comply with the decision-making obligations of the *Act*.

Financial considerations—LTP/Annual Plan

10. This memorandum and the associated recommendations are consistent with the Council's adopted Long-Term Plan and estimates. Any financial information included in this memorandum has been prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting practice.

Policy considerations

11. This memorandum and the associated recommendations are consistent with the policy documents and positions adopted by this Council under various legislative frameworks including, but not restricted to, the *Local Government Act* 2002, the *Resource Management Act* 1991 and the *Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act* 1987.

lwi considerations

12. This memorandum and the associated recommendations are consistent with the Council's policy for the development of Māori capacity to contribute to decision-making processes (schedule 10 of the *Local Government Act* 2002) as outlined in the adopted long-term plan and/or annual plan. Similarly, iwi involvement in adopted work programmes has been recognised in the preparation of this memorandum.

Legal considerations

13. This memorandum and the associated recommendations comply with the appropriate statutory requirements imposed upon the Council.

Appendices/Attachments

Document 3122731: List of non-notified & limited-notified consents

Document 3120492: Schedule of non-notified consents

Document 3122725: Schedule of limited-notified consents

Document 3120760: Consents processing charts for Agenda

| Coastal Perm | uit . | | | | | |
|--------------|---|----------------------------------|---|--------------------|----------------------------|----------|
| Consent | Holder | Subtype | Industry Primary | Industry Secondary | Purpose Primary | Activity |
| | | | 1 | | | Purpose |
| R2/2339-4.1 | New Plymouth District Council | Discharge (Coastal) | Local Government | Swimming Pools | | Review |
| R2/4573-2.1 | South Taranaki District Council | Structure - Protection (Coastal) | Local Government | | Seawall | Review |
| R2/6462-2.0 | Wai-iti Motor Camp Limited | Structure - Protection (Coastal) | Recreational | | Erosion protection | Replace |
| Discharge Pe | ermit | | | | | |
| Consent | Holder | Subtype | Industry Primary | Industry Secondary | Purpose Primary | Activity |
| | | J | , | ,, | , | Purpose |
| R2/0736-4.0 | Brian Ian Julian & Claire Burnadette Tungia Mathieson | Land/Water - Animal Waste | Agriculture | Farming - Dairy | Effluent disposal | Replace |
| R2/0840-3.0 | C & J Cathie Family Trust | Land - Animal Waste | Agriculture | Farming - Dairy | Effluent disposal | Replace |
| R2/0867-3.0 | Te Pohutukawa Farm Limited | Water - Animal Waste | Agriculture | Farming - Dairy | Effluent disposal | Replace |
| R2/1130-4.0 | Windy Ridge Farm Company Limited | Land - Animal Waste | Agriculture | Farming - Dairy | Effluent disposal | Replace |
| R2/1523-4.0 | CR & DE Coulton Trust Partnership | Land - Animal Waste | Agriculture | Farming - Dairy | Effluent disposal | Replace |
| R2/1886-3.0 | Collingwood Farm Family Trust | Land - Animal Waste | Agriculture | Farming - Dairy | Effluent disposal | Replace |
| R2/1971-4.0 | Wai-iti Motor Camp Limited | Water - Misc | Recreational | Waste Management | Wastewater - Sewage | Replace |
| R2/2130-3.0 | Eswyndale Farm Limited | Land - Animal Waste | Agriculture | Farming - Dairy | Effluent disposal | Replace |
| R2/2173-3.0 | Macklebo Farm Limited | Land - Animal Waste | Agriculture | Farming - Dairy | Effluent disposal | Replace |
| R2/2269-3.0 | James & Bronwyn Murdoch | Land - Animal Waste | Agriculture | Farming - Dairy | Effluent disposal | Replace |
| R2/2519-3.0 | Yates Family Trust | Land - Animal Waste | Agriculture | Farming - Dairy | Effluent disposal | Replace |
| R2/2712-3.0 | Saunders Family Trust | Land - Animal Waste | Agriculture | Farming - Dairy | Effluent disposal | Replace |
| R2/2715-3.0 | Estate of Edmond Alfred Bonner | Land - Animal Waste | Agriculture | Farming - Dairy | Effluent disposal | Replace |
| R2/2749-3.0 | Milkoad Limited | Land - Animal Waste | Agriculture | Farming - Dairy | Effluent disposal | Replace |
| R2/2883-3.0 | TR Jane Family Trust | Land - Animal Waste | Agriculture | Farming - Dairy | Effluent disposal | Replace |
| R2/2889-3.0 | GBG Farms Limited | Land - Animal Waste | Agriculture | Farming - Dairy | Effluent disposal | Replace |
| R2/2909-3.0 | Green Range Farms Limited | Land - Animal Waste | Agriculture | Farming - Dairy | Effluent disposal | Replace |
| R2/3023-3.0 | Grass to Gold Trust | Land - Animal Waste | Agriculture | Farming - Dairy | Effluent disposal | Replace |
| R2/3309-3.0 | The Tom Lance Trust | Land - Animal Waste | Agriculture | Farming - Dairy | Effluent disposal | Replace |
| R2/3517-3.0 | Cameron Richards Family Trust | Land - Animal Waste | Agriculture | Farming - Dairy | Effluent disposal | Replace |
| R2/3576-3.0 | Cardiff United Limited | Land - Animal Waste | Agriculture | Farming - Dairy | Effluent disposal | Replace |
| R2/3688-2.1 | | Land - DWI | * | Wellsite | • | Review |
| | NZEC Waihapa Limited | Land - DWI | Energy | | Exploration and Production | Review |
| R2/3712-3.0 | Bolton Walker Limited | Land - Animal Waste | Agriculture | Farming - Dairy | Effluent disposal | Replace |
| R2/4371-3.0 | Hickey Farms: John M Hickey Trust & Beverley A Hickey Trust | Land - Animal Waste | Agriculture | Farming - Dairy | Effluent disposal | Replace |
| R2/4517-3.0 | Hickey Farms: John M Hickey Trust & Beverley A Hickey Trust | Land - Animal Waste | Agriculture | Farming - Dairy | Effluent disposal | Replace |
| R2/6107-2.0 | The Tom Lance Trust | Land - Animal Waste | Agriculture | Farming - Dairy | Effluent disposal | Replace |
| R2/6651-2.0 | Energy Services International Limited | Water - Stormwater | Manufacturing and Processing | Energy Services | · | Replace |
| R2/10314-1.1 | Oaonui Water Supply Limited | Water - Industry | Private Water Supply | | Water Supply - Private | Review |
| R2/10942-1.1 | Panda Development Limited | Land - Stormwater | Property Development | | Subdivision | Change |
| R2/11031-1.0 | Sandford Bros Limited | Land - Industry | Transport | Trucking | Truck Wash | New |
| R2/11031-1.1 | Sandford Bros Limited | Land - Industry | Transport | Trucking | Truck Wash | Change |
| R2/11039-1.1 | Stockwell & Co Limited | Land - Animal Waste | Agriculture | Farming - Dairy | Effluent disposal | New |
| R2/11042-1.0 | Kelly Stewart & Darrin Cranson | Land - Misc | Property Development | Waste Management | Wastewater - Sewage | New |
| R2/11045-1.0 | • | Water - Stormwater | Property Development | | Subdivision | New |
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Operations and Regulatory Committee - Resource Consents Issued under delegated Authority and Applications in Progress

| Consent | Holder | Subtype | Industry Primary | Industry Secondary | Purpose Primary | Activity |
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| | | | | | | Purpose |
| R2/11052-1.0 | Todd Energy Limited | Land - DWI | Energy | Wellsite | Exploration and Production | New |
| R2/11056-1.0 | New Plymouth District Council | Water - Stormwater | Local Government | | Recreation | New |

| Consent | Holder | Subtype | Industry Primary | Industry Secondary | Purpose Primary | Activity Purpose | | |
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| Land Use Consent | | | | | | | | |
| Consent | Holder | Subtype | Industry Primary | Industry Secondary | Purpose Primary | Activity | | |
| | | | | | | Purpose | | |
| R2/5985-2.0 | Flaxwood Family Trusts No 1 & 2 & Flaxwood Trustees Limited | Structure - Culvert | Agriculture | Farming - Dairy | Access | Replace | | |
| R2/11009-1.0 | Tautaiao Developments Limited | Structure - Culvert | Property Development | | Access | New | | |
| R2/11046-1.0 | EB Developments Limited | Structure - Culvert | Property Development | | Subdivision | New | | |
| R2/11047-1.0 | EB Developments Limited | Structure - Culvert | Property Development | | Subdivision | New | | |
| R2/11048-1.0 | EB Developments Limited | Realign Waterway | Property Development | | Subdivision | New | | |
| R2/11049-1.0 | EB Developments Limited | Disturb | Property Development | | Subdivision | New | | |
| Water Permit | | | | | | | | |
| Consent | Holder | Subtype | Industry Primary | Industry Secondary | Purpose Primary | Activity Purpose | | |
| R2/0231-4.1 | Oaonui Water Supply Limited | Take Surface Water | Private Water Supply | | Water Supply - Rural | Review | | |
| R2/3388-3.2 | South Taranaki District Council | Take Groundwater | Local Government | | Water Supply - Municipal | Change | | |
| R2/11054-1.0 | EB Developments Limited | Divert | Property Development | | Subdivision | New | | |

| Water Permit | | | | | | | |
|--------------|-------------------------------|--------------------|------------------|--------------------|----------------------|----------|--|
| Consent | Holder | Subtype | Industry Primary | Industry Secondary | Purpose Primary | Activity | |
| | | | | | | Purpose | |
| R2/6628-2.0 | JW & MT Hamblyn Family Trusts | Take Surface Water | Agriculture | Farming - Dairy | Irrigation - Pasture | Replace | |

<u>R2/0736-4.0</u> Commencement Date: 19 Aug 2022

Brian Ian Julian & Claire Burnadette Tungia Expiry Date: 01 Dec 2027

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Review Dates: Jun 2023, Jun 2025

Activity Class: Controlled

Location: 455 Surrey Road, Tariki Application Purpose: Replace

To discharge farm dairy effluent onto land and after treatment in an oxidation pond system and constructed drain into an unnamed tributary of the Mangatengehu Stream if the land disposal area is unsuitable for effluent disposal

Rohe:

Ngāruahine (Statutory Acknowledgement)

Ngāti Ruanui

Taranaki (Statutory Acknowledgement)

Te Atiawa (Statutory Acknowledgement)

Engagement or consultation:

Te Kahui o Taranaki Trust

No return correspondence was received

No return correspondence was received

No return correspondence was received

Responded they had no comment to make

Response received

Comments from Te Kotahitanga

The proposed discharge to land is generally in accordance with the objectives and policies set out in the EMP specifically section Te Tai Awhi Nuku Inland and Coastal Whenua for intensive farming and discharges to land (Ob. TTAN1.1, 1.2, 1.8; Ob. TTAN9.1; Pol. TTAN9.1, 9.3, 9.4); however, as detailed above, the direct discharge to water is opposed.

Pukerangiora Hapū and Te Kotahitanga o Te Atiawa recommend:

- 1. The application is returned as incomplete in accordance the section 88 of the Resource Management Act 1991 processes;
- 2. Further information is requested in accordance with the section 92 of the Resource Management Act 1991 processes we look forward to receiving the further information requested as noted below;
- 3. The discharge to water is refused in accordance with section 104 of the Resource Management Act 1991.
- 4. Pukerangiora Hapū and Te Kotahitanga o Te Atiawa are identified as affected parties in accordance with the section 95 of the Resource Management Act 1991 processes.

Response and considerations during processing of application

We have provided below, a response to your comments, which hopefully provides a better understanding of the Taranaki Regional Council's (the Council) position and steps which will be taken during the assessment of this application.

The National Policy Statement for Freshwater Management (NPS-FM)

The NPS-FM contains a hierarchy of obligations (as expressed in the objective of the NPS-FM) that the Council must have regard to in its assessment of the effects of a proposed activity for which resource consent is sought. This means as part of its assessment of an application, the Council must consider whether a proposed activity will

- first, prioritise the health and well-being of a particular water body/freshwater ecosystem
- second, the health and needs of people and
- third, the ability of people and communities to provide for their social, economic and cultural wellbeing.

Similarly, the Council must have regard to the objectives and policies of the Regional Policy Statement for Taranaki (RPS) and the Regional Freshwater Plan for Taranaki (RFWP). The situation is more challenging in this case where the activity is a controlled activity.

Almost every application for a farming dairy effluent consent received is for a replacement of an existing activity, and a controlled activity under Rules 35 & 36 of the Regional Freshwater Plan for Taranaki. The Council must have regard to the NPS-FM, the RPS as well as the RFWP when considering a resource consent application. If an activity is described as a controlled activity, Council must grant a resource consent, and the power to impose conditions on the consent is restricted to the matters over which control is reserved (sections 87A and 104A of the Resource Management Act). Rules 35 and 36 of the RFWP do not include any matters of control that expressly allow for the consideration of matters such as those expressed in the NPS-FM objective. Given that the Council can only consider policies that relate to the matters over which the Council has reserved control through the plan itself, the Council is unable to take into account matters that fall outside this scope.

In terms of the notification assessment and when deciding whether a person is an affected person, the Council is limited in terms of matters that it can take into account when determining an application for a controlled activity.

R2/0231-4.1 Commencement Date: 25 Aug 2022

Oaonui Water Supply Limited Expiry Date: 01 Jun 2036

Review Dates: Jun 2025, Jun 2028, Jun

2031, Jun 2034

Activity Class: Discretionary

Location: Arawhata Road, Oaonui Application Purpose: Review

To take and use water from the Oaonui Stream for a rural community water supply scheme including the Maui Production Station

Review of Special Condition 9 pertaining to the measuring point along the Oaonui Stream

Rohe:

Taranaki (Statutory Acknowledgement)

<u>R2/0840-3.0</u> Commencement Date: 16 Sep 2022

C & J Cathie Family Trust Expiry Date: 01 Dec 2048

Review Dates: Jun 2024, Jun 2030, Jun

2036, Jun 2042

Activity Class: Controlled

Location: 68 Hone Road, Pihama Application Purpose: Replace

To discharge farm dairy effluent onto land

Rohe:

Ngāruahine (Statutory Acknowledgement) Taranaki (Statutory Acknowledgement)

Engagement or consultation:

Te Kahui o Taranaki Trust No return correspondence was received

Te Korowai o Ngāruahine Trust Response received

Comments from Ngāruahine

- Te Korowai notes that the existing consent (R2/0840-2) is to discharge animal waste to water. Te Korowai requests that TRC confirms whether this application is to renew the existing consent to discharge treated dairy farm effluent from an oxidation pond to the Mangatawa Stream or is an application to only discharge to land.
- In section 4.2 of the application, the applicant has indicated that there is a wetland within 100 metres of the discharge point, yet this is not indicated on the attached map. We would like the applicant to provide a copy of their most recent Riparian Management Plan (if available). This will assist us in assessing the potential impacts of the discharge activity on the Mangatawa River and its tributaries.
- Te Korowai opposes discharges of any type directly to water bodies within the rohe of Ngāruahine. This is regardless of whether the discharge is treated or untreated.
- Te Korowai will advocate for the fencing and riparian planting of all tributaries to the Mangatawa to provide the maximum protection available to this valued waterway. It is our expectation that this goes beyond the minimum requirements of TRC's riparian management plans.
- We recommend that this application is returned to the applicant as incomplete as per section 88 of the RMA. The information required is the location of the wetland referred to in section 4.2 of the application

Response and considerations during processing of application

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- second, the health and needs of people and
- third, the ability of people and communities to provide for their social, economic and cultural wellbeing.

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In terms of the notification assessment and when deciding whether a person is an affected person, the Council is limited in terms of matters that it can take into account when determining an application for a controlled activity.

The Council has also followed up with the consent holder to provide the Riparian Plan as requested by Ngāruahine. This will be sent through once we have a response.

R2/0867-3.0 Commencement Date: 16 Sep 2022

Te Pohutukawa Farm Limited Expiry Date: 01 Dec 2046

Review Dates: Jun 2028, Jun 2034, Jun

2040

Activity Class: Controlled

Location: 149 Sole Road, Ngaere Application Purpose: Replace

To discharge farm dairy effluent onto land, and until 1 December 2022 after treatment in an oxidation pond system and constructed drain, into the Ngaere Stream

Rohe:

Ngāti Ruanui

Engagement or consultation:

Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Ruanui Trust N

No return correspondence was received

R2/10314-1.1 Commencement Date: 25 Aug 2022

Oaonui Water Supply Limited Expiry Date: 01 Jun 2036

Review Dates: Jun 2025, Jun 2028, Jun

2031, Jun 2034

Activity Class: Discretionary

Location: Arawhata Road, Oaonui **Application Purpose:** Review

To discharge water and contaminants into the Oaonui Stream from sluicing a weir

Review of Special Condition 1 pertaining to sluicing a weir along the Oaonui Stream.

Rohe:

Taranaki (Statutory Acknowledgement)

<u>R2/10942-1.1</u> Commencement Date: 03 Nov 2022

Panda Development Limited Expiry Date: 01 Jun 2025

Review Dates:

Activity Class: Discretionary

Location: 70-74 Turuturu Road, Turuturu **Application Purpose:** Change

To discharge stormwater and sediment associated with earthworks onto land that may

reach water

Cancellation of consent condition fifteen, to enable road building and stabilization works to proceed between 1 May and 31 October

Rohe:

Ngāti Ruanui

Engagement or consultation:

Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Ruanui Trust No return correspondence was received

R2/11009-1.0 Commencement Date: 29 Aug 2022

Tautaiao Developments Limited Expiry Date: 01 Jun 2038

Review Dates: Jun 2026, Jun 2032 Activity Class: Discretionary

Location: 26 Olson Street, Egmont Village **Application Purpose:** New To install two culverts in an unnamed tributary of the Mangaoraka Stream

Rohe:

Te Atiawa (Statutory Acknowledgement)

Engagement or consultation:

New Plymouth District Council Consulted by applicant
Te Kotahitanga o Te Atiawa Trust Response received

Comments from Te Kotahitanga

After reviewing the application and aligning it with the provisions of Tai Whenua, Tai Tangata, Tai Ao, we provide the following comments:

- We do not support the direct discharge of stormwater to our awa (Pol. TTAN7.1, 7.2). We would wish to see low impact stormwater management systems used (e.g. wetlands, swales, rain gardens) utilised prior to any stormwater being discharged from the development to the awa (Pol. TTAN7.3, 7.4)

Recommendations:

- Further information is requested in accordance with section 92 of the Resource Management Act 1991
- If council are mindful to grant the application, conditions of consent are applied in accordance with section 108 of the Resource Management Act 1991. Alternatively, Puketapu and te Kotahitanga request to be identified as affected parties in accordance with processes under section 95 of the Act

Response and considerations during processing of application

Upon lodgement, the Taranaki Regional Council (Council) sent a copy of the application to Te Kotahitanga o Te Atiawa on 21 March 2022. Te Kotahitanga o Te Atiawa provided a response on behalf of Puketapu Hapū on 31 March 2022. Their comments have been used to inform the request for further information which was sent to the applicant on 7 April 2022.

<u>R2/11031-1.0</u> Commencement Date: 07 Sep 2022

Sandford Bros Limited Expiry Date: 01 Jun 2036

Review Dates: Jun 2024, Jun 2030 Activity Class: Discretionary

Location: 2118 Skeet Road, Auroa, Hāwera Application Purpose: New

To discharge truck wash water from the Sandford Bros Limited Depot to various land sites

Rohe:

Ngāruahine (Statutory Acknowledgement)

Engagement or consultation:

Allan Thomas Hughes Written approval provided
Andrew Graham Mead Written approval provided
Jill Corbett Written approval provided

Te Korowai o Ngāruahine Trust Response received

Comments from Ngāruahine

- Te Korowai advocates for daylighting of any piped streams as per Policies 5.8 and 5.10 of Te Uru Taiao o Ngāruahine.
- Te Korowai acknowledges this application is a new discharge permit to land moving from the applicants existing consent 6898-1; discharge to water. This aligns with bottom lines of Te Uru Taiao o Ngāruahine which opposes discharges of any type directly to water bodies within the rohe of Ngāruahine. This is regardless of whether the discharge is treated or untreated. We acknowledge and commend the applicant is moving from direct water discharge to land discharge to prioritise the protection and health of the Otākeho Stream.
- We acknowledge the applicant, or their consultant have read and understood Te Uru Taiao o Ngāruahine.
- The applicant has consulted early and requested comment from Te Korowai on their application. Unfortunately, we were unable to respond before the application was lodged with the council.
- While applicant has provided for buffer distances to protect receptors including those identified in Policy 1.9 of Te Uru Taiao o Ngāruahine, Te Korowai expects the applicant to fence and riparian plant all areas of the Otākeho and Kaupokonui Streams and their tributaries to a width of 20 metres.
- Any increase in riparian planting offers enhanced protection to the Otākeho and Kaupokonui Streams and their tributaries which is significant given the predicted increase in precipitation for the region.

Response and considerations during processing of application

The Consent Planner discussed the application with Ngāruahine and ran through the proposed consent conditions. Ngāruahine commented they had no problems with this and they are in support of the overall process. The Consent Planner included a number of consent conditions to mitigate any environmental effects that Ngāruahine agreed was required.

R2/11031-1.1 Commencement Date: 27 Oct 2022

Sandford Bros Limited Expiry Date: 01 Jun 2036

Review Dates:

Activity Class: Discretionary

Location: 2118 Skeet Road, Auroa, Hāwera **Application Purpose:** Change

To discharge truck wash water from the Sandford Bros Limited Depot to various land sites

Change to consent condition 3(a) relating to minimum land discharge area requirements

Rohe:

Ngāruahine (Statutory Acknowledgement)

Engagement or consultation:

Te Korowai o Ngāruahine Trust Responded they had no comment to make

<u>R2/11039-1.1</u> Commencement Date: 12 Sep 2022

Stockwell & Co Limited Expiry Date: 01 Dec 2047

Review Dates: Jun 2023, Jun 2029, Jun

2035, Jun 2041

Activity Class: Controlled **Application Purpose:** New

Location: 30 Cornwall Road, Stratford

To discharge farm dairy effluent onto land

Ngāruahine (Statutory Acknowledgement)

Ngāti Ruanui

Rohe:

Engagement or consultation:

Te Korowai o Ngāruahine Trust No return correspondence was received Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Ruanui Trust No return correspondence was received

<u>R2/11042-1.0</u> Commencement Date: 13 Sep 2022

Kelly Stewart & Darrin Cranson Expiry Date: 01 Jun 2032

Review Dates: Jun 2023, Jun 2025, Jun

2027, Jun 2029, Jun 2031 Activity Class: Discretionary

Location: 53 Ngakoti Street, Urenui **Application Purpose:** New

To discharge treated domestic effluent from a septic tank onto and into land within 25 metres of an unnamed tributary of the Punawhakakau Stream

Rohe:

Ngāti Mutunga

Engagement or consultation:

Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Mutunga Consulted by applicant
Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Mutunga Response received

Comments from Ngāti Mutunga

Thank you for sending this through to us and putting us in touch with the planner. We have looked at the application, make a site visit and discussed it with the land owner. We have also talked to the TRC planner about the proposed consent conditions and how this consent is going to be monitored.

We support the Resource Consent being given and would like a copy of the final Resource Consent when issued.

Response and considerations during processing of application

The applicant has consulted directly with Ngāti Mutunga regarding the proposed discharge. Ngāti Mutunga representatives visited the site, and discussed the proposal with the applicant. After reviewing the proposed conditions and monitoring programme, Ngāti Mutunga confirmed their support for the granting of the consent

<u>R2/11045-1.0</u> Commencement Date: 30 Sep 2022

EB Developments Limited Expiry Date: 01 Jun 2026

Review Dates:

Activity Class: Controlled

Location: Cunningham Lane, Oakura **Application Purpose:** New

To discharge stormwater and sediment from earthworks

Rohe:

Taranaki (Statutory Acknowledgement)

Engagement or consultation:

New Plymouth District Council Written approval provided
Ngāti Tairi Hapu Consulted by applicant
Oakura Pa Trustees Consulted by applicant

Te Kahui o Taranaki Trust No return correspondence was received

Te Kahui o Taranaki Trust Consulted by applicant

<u>R2/11046-1.0</u> Commencement Date: 30 Sep 2022

EB Developments Limited Expiry Date: 01 Jun 2037

Review Dates: Jun 2025, Jun 2031 **Activity Class:** Discretionary

Location: Cunningham Lane, Oakura **Application Purpose:** New

To install a culvert in an unnamed tributary of the Wairau Stream

Rohe:

Taranaki (Statutory Acknowledgement)

Engagement or consultation:

New Plymouth District Council Written approval provided Ngāti Tairi Hapu Consulted by applicant Oakura Pa Trustees Consulted by applicant

Te Kahui o Taranaki Trust

No return correspondence was received

Te Kahui o Taranaki Trust Consulted by applicant

R2/11047-1.0 Commencement Date: 30 Sep 2022

EB Developments Limited Expiry Date: 01 Jun 2037

> Review Dates: Jun 2025, Jun 2031 **Activity Class:** Discretionary

Location: Cunningham Lane, Oakura **Application Purpose:** New

To install a culvert in the Wairau Stream

Rohe:

Taranaki (Statutory Acknowledgement)

Engagement or consultation:

New Plymouth District Council Written approval provided Ngāti Tairi Hapu Consulted by applicant Oakura Pa Trustees Consulted by applicant

Te Kahui o Taranaki Trust No return correspondence was received

Te Kahui o Taranaki Trust Consulted by applicant

R2/11048-1.0 Commencement Date: 30 Sep 2022

EB Developments Limited Expiry Date: 01 Jun 2037

> Review Dates: Jun 2025, Jun 2031 **Activity Class:** Discretionary **Application Purpose:** New

Location: Cunningham Land, Oakura

To realign a waterway and reclaim a river bed

Rohe:

Taranaki (Statutory Acknowledgement)

Engagement or consultation:

New Plymouth District Council Written approval provided Ngāti Tairi Hapu Consulted by applicant Oakura Pa Trustees Consulted by applicant

Te Kahui o Taranaki Trust No return correspondence was received

Te Kahui o Taranaki Trust Consulted by applicant

<u>R2/11049-1.0</u> Commencement Date: 30 Sep 2022

EB Developments Limited Expiry Date: 01 Jun 2037

Review Dates: Jun 2025, Jun 2031 **Activity Class:** Discretionary

Location: Cunningham Lane, Oakura

To disturb a waterway

Application Purpose: New

Rohe:

Taranaki (Statutory Acknowledgement)

Engagement or consultation:

New Plymouth District Council Written approval provided
Ngāti Tairi Hapu Consulted by applicant
Oakura Pa Trustees Consulted by applicant

Te Kahui o Taranaki Trust No return correspondence was received

Te Kahui o Taranaki Trust Consulted by applicant

R2/11052-1.0 Commencement Date: 05 Oct 2022

Todd Energy Limited Expiry Date: 01 Jun 2039

Review Dates: Jun Annually Activity Class: Discretionary Application Purpose: New

Location: McKee-D wellsite, 1444 Otaraoa

Road, Tikorangi

To discharge contaminants to land via deep well injection

Rohe:

Te Atiawa (Statutory Acknowledgement)

Engagement or consultation:

Otaraua Hapu Trust Consulted by applicant
Te Kotahitanga o Te Atiawa Trust Consulted by applicant
Te Kotahitanga o Te Atiawa Trust Response received

Comments from Te Kotahitanga

Thank you for providing a copy of the application. Otaraua Hapū, the Te Atiawa hapū with mana whenua over the application site, and Te Kotahitanga o Te Atiawa, the post settlement governance entity for Te Atiawa, have now reviewed.

The application property is in close proximity and could affect tributaries of the Waitara River. The Waitara River and its tributaries are scheduled statutory acknowledgement to Te Atiawa under the Te Atiawa Claims Settlement Act 2016.

Otaraua and Te Kotahitanga encourage and are supportive of early and meaningful engagement. We commend Todd Energy on their engagement on this kaupapa. Otaraua Hapū are comfortable with the proposal and will continue to engage with Todd Energy.

Response and considerations during processing of application

Te Kotahitanga o Te Atiawa confirmed that a hui was being held between Te Atiawa and Otaraua representatives on 22 September 2022. Advice from this hui was provided to Council on 27 September 2022. A summary of which is provided below:

- the proposal has the potential to affect tributaries of the Waitara River which are in close proximity to the application site. Te Atiawa has a strong cultural, traditional, spiritual and historical relationship with the Waitara River and its tributaries; which is recognised through their statutory acknowledgement for those areas
- the iwi and hapū commend Todd Energy for their early engagement, and are comfortable with the proposal.
- Otaraua and Te Kotahitanga will continue to engage with Todd Energy following the granting of the consent

R2/11054-1.0 Commencement Date: 30 Sep 2022

EB Developments Limited Expiry Date: 01 Jun 2037

Review Dates: Jun 2025, Jun 2037 Activity Class: Discretionary

Location: Cunningham Lane, Oakura **Application Purpose:** New

To divert water, associated with the realignment of a waterway

Rohe:

Taranaki (Statutory Acknowledgement)

Engagement or consultation:

New Plymouth District Council Written approval provided Ngāti Tairi Hapū Consulted by applicant Öakura Pā Trustees Consulted by applicant

Te Kahui o Taranaki Trust No return correspondence was received

Te Kahui o Taranaki Trust Consulted by applicant

R2/11056-1.0 Commencement Date: 31 Oct 2022

New Plymouth District Council Expiry Date: 01 Jun 2033

Review Dates:

Activity Class: Discretionary

Location: 130 Coronation Ave, New Plymouth Application Purpose: New

To discharge stormwater and sediment associated with earthworks required for the site establishment of the Tūparikino Active Community Hub (the 'Sports Hub')

Rohe:

Te Atiawa (Statutory Acknowledgement)

Engagement or consultation:

Te Kotahitanga o Te Atiawa Trust No return correspondence was received

<u>R2/1130-4.0</u> Commencement Date: 19 Sep 2022

Windy Ridge Farm Company Limited Expiry Date: 01 Dec 2049

Review Dates: Jun 2025, Jun 2031, Jun

2037, Jun 2043

Activity Class: Controlled

Application Purpose: Replace

Location: 132 Goodwin Road, Okato

To discharge farm dairy effluent onto land

Rohe:

Taranaki (Statutory Acknowledgement)

Engagement or consultation:

Te Kahui o Taranaki Trust No return correspondence was received

R2/1523-4.0 Commencement Date: 30 Aug 2022

CR & DE Coulton Trust Partnership Expiry Date: 01 Dec 2046

Review Dates: Jun 2028, Jun 2034, Jun

2040

Activity Class: Controlled

Location: 24 Brewer Road, Strathmore

To discharge farm dairy effluent onto land

Application Purpose: Replace

Rohe:

Ngāti Maru

Engagement or consultation:

Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Maru (Taranaki) Trust No return correspondence was received

R2/1886-3.0 Commencement Date: 24 Aug 2022

Collingwood Farm Family Trust Expiry Date: 01 Dec 2046

Review Dates: Jun 2028, Jun 2034, Jun

2040

Activity Class: Controlled Application Purpose: Replace

Location: 235 Waitangi Road, Waverley

To discharge farm dairy effluent onto land

Rohe:

Ngaa Rauru Kiitahi

Engagement or consultation:

Te Kaahui o Rauru No return correspondence was received

R2/1971-4.0 Commencement Date: 07 Sep 2022

Wai-iti Motor Camp Limited Expiry Date: 01 Jun 2039

Review Dates: Jun 2023, Jun 2025, Jun 2027, Jun 2029, Jun 2031, Jun 2033, Jun

2035, Jun 2037

Activity Class: Discretionary

Location: 30 Beach Road, Wai-iti **Application Purpose:** Replace

To discharge treated domestic wastewater via soakage trenches onto and into land at the Wai-iti Beach Motor Camp

Rohe:

Ngāti Mutunga (Statutory Acknowledgement)

Engagement or consultation:

Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Mutunga Applicant provided application

Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Mutunga Response received

Comments from Ngāti Mutunga

Thank you for sending this through. We have met with the applicant on two occasions and he has provided us with a copy of his application and supporting documents.

I would like to discuss this application with the Consenting officer when one is appointed as I have some questions for TRC as follows:

- We have not received an AEE for the application to renew the septic tank system have we missed this
 and if not is TRC going to require the applicant to provide one
- Does the TRC think that the current consent conditions and levels of monitoring will be acceptable under the National Policy Statement for Freshwater.

Response and considerations during processing of application

Consent Planner discussed the application with Pou Taiao.

Recommended conditions requiring a monitoring bore to be installed, adding groundwater monitoring to the program.

Ngāti Mutunga confirmed acceptance of the draft conditions before the application was granted.

R2/2130-3.0 Commencement Date: 08 Sep 2022

Eswyndale Farm Limited Expiry Date: 01 Dec 2046

Review Dates: Jun 2028, Jun 2034, Jun

2040

Activity Class: Controlled

Location: Garsed Road, Kakaramea Application Purpose: Replace

To discharge farm dairy effluent onto land

Rohe:

Ngāti Ruanui

Engagement or consultation:

Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Ruanui Trust Responded they had no comment to make

<u>R2/2173-3.0</u> Commencement Date: 14 Sep 2022

Macklebo Farm Limited Expiry Date: 01 Dec 2046

Review Dates: Jun 2028, Jun 2040, Jun

2034

Activity Class: Controlled
Application Purpose: Replace

Location: Upper Taumaha Road, Manutahi To discharge farm dairy effluent onto land

Rohe:

Ngāti Ruanui

Engagement or consultation:

Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Ruanui Trust Responded they had no comment to make

R2/2269-3.0 Commencement Date: 16 Sep 2022

James & Bronwyn Murdoch Expiry Date: 01 Dec 2046

Review Dates: Jun 2028, Jun 2034, Jun

2040

Activity Class: Controlled

Location: 342 Hukatere Road North, Patea To discharge farm dairy effluent onto land **Application Purpose:** Replace

Rohe:

Ngaa Rauru Kiitahi (Statutory Acknowledgement) Ngāti Ruanui (Statutory Acknowledgement)

Engagement or consultation:

Te Kaahui o Rauru No return correspondence was received
Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Ruanui Trust No return correspondence was received

R2/2339-4.1 Commencement Date: 22 Aug 2022

New Plymouth District Council Expiry Date: 01 Jun 2032

Review Dates: Jun 2026 Activity Class: Discretionary

Location: Tisch Avenue, New Plymouth Application Purpose: Review

To discharge public swimming pool wastewater and filter backwash wastewater via an ocean outfall into the Tasman Sea

Review of special condition 2 being the removal of the daily discharge limit from the indoor children's pool and spa sand treated filter backwash.

Rohe:

Te Atiawa (Statutory Acknowledgement)

R2/2519-3.0 Commencement Date: 22 Aug 2022

Yates Family Trust Expiry Date: 01 Dec 2045

Review Dates: Jun 2027, Jun 2033, Jun

2039

Activity Class: Controlled

Location: 44 Suffolk Road South, Norfolk

To discharge farm dairy effluent onto land

Application Purpose: Replace

Rohe:

Te Atiawa (Statutory Acknowledgement)

Engagement or consultation:

Te Kotahitanga o Te Atiawa Trust Response received

Comments from Te Kotahitanga

Thank you for providing a copy of the application. The application has been reviewed by Pukerangiora Hapū and Te Kotahitanga o Te Atiawa.

The proposed discharge to land is generally in accordance with the objectives and policies set out in the Te Kotahitanga o Te Atiawa environmental management plan Tai Whenua, Tai Tangata, Tai Ao (EMP), specifically the section Te Tai Awhi Nuku (Inland and Coastal Whenua) for intensive farming and discharges to land (Ob. TTAN1.1, 1.2, 1.8; Ob. TTAN9.1; Pol. TTAN9.1, 9.3, 9.4; Ob. TTOM1.1). Discharge to land is generally in accordance with the EMP and is supported by Pukerangiora Hapū and Te Kotahitanga o Te Atiawa as this practice can and must be avoided.

For the Taranaki Regional Council to give consideration to the values of Pukerangiora Hapū and Te Kotahitanga o Te Atiawa, we recommend:

- 1. Further information is requested in accordance with section 92 of the Resource Management Act 1991 processes.
- 2. Pukerangiora Hapū and Te Kotahitanga o Te Atiawa are identified as affected parties in accordance with section 95 of the Resource Management Act 1991 processes.

Response and considerations during processing of application

We have provided below, a response to your comments, which hopefully provides a better understanding of the Taranaki Regional Council's (the Council) position and steps which will be taken during the assessment of this application.

The National Policy Statement for Freshwater Management (NPS-FM)

The NPS-FM contains a hierarchy of obligations (as expressed in the objective of the NPS-FM) that the Council must have regard to in its assessment of the effects of a proposed activity for which resource consent is sought. This means as part of its assessment of an application, the Council must consider whether a proposed activity will

- first, prioritise the health and well-being of a particular water body/freshwater ecosystem
- second, the health and needs of people and
- third, the ability of people and communities to provide for their social, economic and cultural wellbeing.

Similarly, the Council must have regard to the objectives and policies of the Regional Policy Statement for Taranaki (RPS) and the Regional Freshwater Plan for Taranaki (RFWP). The situation is more challenging in this case where the activity is a controlled activity.

Almost every application for a farming dairy effluent consent received is for a replacement of an existing activity, and a controlled activity under Rules 35 & 36 of the Regional Freshwater Plan for Taranaki. The Council must have regard to the NPS-FM, the RPS as well as the RFWP when considering a resource consent application. If an activity is described as a controlled activity, Council must grant a resource consent, and the power to impose conditions on the consent is restricted to the matters over which control is reserved (sections 87A and 104A of the Resource Management Act). Rules 35 and 36 of the RFWP do not include any matters of control that expressly allow for the consideration of matters such as those expressed in the NPS-FM objective. Given that the Council can only consider policies that relate to the matters over which the Council has reserved control through the plan itself, the Council is unable to take into account matters that fall outside this scope.

In terms of the notification assessment and when deciding whether a person is an affected person, the Council is limited in terms of matters that it can take into account when determining an application for a controlled activity.

<u>R2/2712-3.0</u> Commencement Date: 15 Sep 2022

Saunders Family Trust Expiry Date: 01 Dec 2046

Review Dates: Jun 2028, Jun 2034, Jun

2040

Activity Class: Controlled

Location: 114 Cheal Road, Ngaere Application Purpose: Replace

To discharge farm dairy effluent onto land

Rohe:

Ngāti Ruanui

Engagement or consultation:

Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Ruanui Trust Responded they had no comment to make

R2/2715-3.0 Commencement Date: 30 Aug 2022

Estate of Edmond Alfred Bonner Expiry Date: 01 Dec 2046

Review Dates: Jun 2028, Jun 2034, Jun

2040

Activity Class: Controlled

Location: 83 Skinner Road, Stratford **Application Purpose:** Replace

Rohe:

Ngāti Maru (Statutory Acknowledgement) Ngāti Ruanui (Statutory Acknowledgement)

To discharge farm dairy effluent onto land

Engagement or consultation:

Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Maru (Taranaki) Trust

Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Ruanui Trust

No return correspondence was received Responded they had no comment to make

<u>R2/2749-3.0</u> Commencement Date: 14 Sep 2022

Milkoad Limited Expiry Date: 01 Dec 2046

Review Dates: Jun 2028, Jun 2034, Jun

2040

Activity Class: Controlled

Location: 226 Kaharoa Road, Whenuakura **Application Purpose:** Replace To discharge farm dairy effluent onto land

Rohe:

Ngaa Rauru Kiitahi (Statutory Acknowledgement)

Ngāti Ruanui (Statutory Acknowledgement)

Engagement or consultation:

Te Kaahui o Rauru No return correspondence was received
Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Ruanui Trust Responded they had no comment to make

R2/2883-3.0 Commencement Date: 22 Aug 2022

TR Jane Family Trust Expiry Date: 01 Dec 2045

Review Dates: Jun 2027, Jun 2033, Jun

2039

Activity Class: Controlled

Location: 466 Tariki Road, Tariki Application Purpose: Replace

To discharge farm dairy effluent onto land

Rohe:

Ngāti Maru

Te Atiawa (Statutory Acknowledgement)

Engagement or consultation:

Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Maru (Taranaki) Trust No return correspondence was received
Te Kotahitanga o Te Atiawa Trust Response received

Comments from Te Kotahitanga

Thank you for providing a copy of the application. The application has been reviewed by Pukerangiora Hapū and Te Kotahitanga o Te Atiawa.

The proposed discharge to land is generally in accordance with the objectives and policies set out in the Te Atiawa environmental management plan Tai Whenua, Tai Tangata, Tai Ao (EMP), specifically the section Te Tai Awhi Nuku (Inland and Coastal Whenua) regarding intensive farming and discharges to land (Ob. TTAN1.1, 1.2, 1.8; Ob. TTAN9.1; Pol. TTAN9.1, 9.3, 9.4; Ob. TTOM1.1). Discharge to land is generally in accordance with the EMP and is generally supported by Pukerangiora Hapū and Te Kotahitanga o Te Atiawa.

For the Taranaki Regional Council to give consideration to the values of Pukerangiora Hapū and Te Kotahitanga o Te Atiawa, the following is recommended:

- Further information is requested in accordance with section 92 of the Resource Management Act 1991 processes.
- 2. Pukerangiora Hapū and Te Kotahitanga o Te Atiawa are identified as affected parties in accordance with section 95 of the Resource Management Act 1991 processes.

Response and considerations during processing of application

We have provided below, a response to your comments, which hopefully provides a better understanding of the Taranaki Regional Council's (the Council) position and steps which will be taken during the assessment of this application.

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- third, the ability of people and communities to provide for their social, economic and cultural well-

Similarly, the Council must have regard to the objectives and policies of the Regional Policy Statement for Taranaki (RPS) and the Regional Freshwater Plan for Taranaki (RFWP). The situation is more challenging in this case where the activity is a controlled activity.

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In terms of the notification assessment and when deciding whether a person is an affected person, the Council is limited in terms of matters that it can take into account when determining an application for a controlled activity.

R2/2889-3.0 Commencement Date: 19 Aug 2022

GBG Farms Limited Expiry Date: 01 Dec 2045

Review Dates: Jun 2027, Jun 2033, Jun

2039

Activity Class: Controlled **Application Purpose:** Replace

Location: 956 Pukearuhe Road, Waiiti

To discharge farm dairy effluent onto land

Rohe:

Ngāti Tama

Engagement or consultation:

Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Tama No return correspondence was received

<u>R2/2909-3.0</u> Commencement Date: 22 Aug 2022

Green Range Farms Limited Expiry Date: 01 Dec 2045

Review Dates: Jun 2027, Jun 2033, Jun

2039

Activity Class: Controlled

Location: 318 Kaimata Road North, Kaimata **Ap**

To discharge farm dairy effluent onto land

Application Purpose: Replace

Rohe:

Ngāti Maru

Te Atiawa (Statutory Acknowledgement)

Engagement or consultation:

Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Maru (Taranaki) Trust Te Kotahitanga o Te Atiawa Trust No return correspondence was received

Response received

Comments from Te Kotahitanga

Thank you for providing a copy of the application. The application has been reviewed by Pukerangiora Hapū and Te Kotahitanga o Te Atiawa.

The proposed discharge to land is generally in accordance with the objectives and policies set out in the EMP specifically section Te Tai Awhi Nuku Inland and Coastal Whenua for intensive farming and discharges to land (Ob. TTAN1.1, 1.2, 1.8; Ob. TTAN9.1; Pol. TTAN9.1, 9.3, 9.4).

For the Taranaki Regional Council to give consideration to the comments provided, Pukerangiora Hapū and Te Kotahitanga o Te Atiawa recommend:

- Further information is requested in accordance with the section 92 of the Resource Management Act 1991 processes.
- 2. Pukerangiora Hapū and Te Kotahitanga o Te Atiawa are identified as affected parties in accordance with the section 95 of the Resource Management Act 1991 processes.

Response and considerations during processing of application

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In terms of the notification assessment and when deciding whether a person is an affected person, the Council is limited in terms of matters that it can take into account when determining an application for a controlled activity.

<u>R2/3023-3.0</u> Commencement Date: 08 Sep 2022

Grass to Gold Trust Expiry Date: 01 Dec 2046

Review Dates: Jun 2028, Jun 2034, Jun

2040

Activity Class: Controlled

Location: 41 Urupa Road, Ohangai Application Purpose: Replace

To discharge farm dairy effluent onto land

Rohe:

Ngāti Ruanui

Engagement or consultation:

Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Ruanui Trust Responded they had no comment to make

R2/3309-3.0 Commencement Date: 16 Sep 2022

The Tom Lance Trust Expiry Date: 01 Dec 2046

Review Dates: Jun 2028, Jun 2034, Jun

2040

Activity Class: Controlled

Application Purpose: Replace

Location: 123 Parahaki Road, Waverley

To discharge farm dairy effluent onto land

Rohe:

Ngaa Rauru Kiitahi

Engagement or consultation:

Te Kaahui o Rauru No return correspondence was received

<u>R2/3388-3.2</u> Commencement Date: 06 Oct 2022

South Taranaki District Council Expiry Date: 01 Jun 2028

Review Dates:

Activity Class: Discretionary

Location: Egmont Street and Taranaki Road, Application Purpose: Change

Patea

To take and use groundwater from four bores (known as Bore 1, Bore 4, Bore 5 and 6) for Pātea Township water supply purposes

Change of consent conditions to add Bore and remove reference to the Brannigan bore which has been decommissioned

Rohe:

Ngāti Ruanui (Statutory Acknowledgement)

Engagement or consultation:

Andrea Mary Burling Written approval provided

Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Ruanui Trust No return correspondence was received

Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Ruanui Trust Applicant provided application

R2/3517-3.0 Commencement Date: 28 Sep 2022

Cameron Richards Family Trust Expiry Date: 01 Dec 2046

Review Dates: Jun 2028, Jun 2034, Jun

2040

Activity Class: Controlled

Location: 145 Bayly Road, Huinga **Application Purpose:** Replace

To discharge farm dairy effluent onto land

Rohe:

Ngāti Maru Ngāti Ruanui

Engagement or consultation:

Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Maru (Taranaki) Trust

Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Ruanui Trust

No return correspondence was received No return correspondence was received

R2/3576-3.0 Commencement Date: 16 Sep 2022

Cardiff United Limited Expiry Date: 01 Dec 2047

Review Dates: Jun 2023, Jun 2029, Jun

2035, Jun 2041

Activity Class: Controlled Application Purpose: Replace

Location: 137 Ronald Road, Cardiff

To discharge farm dairy effluent onto land

Rohe:

Ngāruahine (Statutory Acknowledgement)

Engagement or consultation:

Te Korowai o Ngāruahine Trust Response received

Comments from Ngāruahine

- Te Korowai notes that the discharge is to land only and not a dual discharge application. We would like the applicant to provide a copy of their most recent Riparian Management Plan (if available). This will assist us in assessing the potential impacts of the discharge activity on the Waingongoro River and its tributaries.
- Te Korowai will advocate for the fencing and riparian planting of all tributaries to the Waingongoro to provide the maximum protection available to this valued waterway. It is our expectation that this goes beyond the minimum requirements of TRC's riparian management plans.

Response and considerations during processing of application

We have provided below, a response to your comments, which hopefully provides a better understanding of the Taranaki Regional Council's (the Council) position and steps which will be taken during the assessment of this application.

The National Policy Statement for Freshwater Management (NPS-FM)

The NPS-FM contains a hierarchy of obligations (as expressed in the objective of the NPS-FM) that the Council must have regard to in its assessment of the effects of a proposed activity for which resource consent is sought. This means as part of its assessment of an application, the Council must consider whether a proposed activity will

- first, prioritise the health and well-being of a particular water body/freshwater ecosystem
- second, the health and needs of people and
- third, the ability of people and communities to provide for their social, economic and cultural wellbeing.

Similarly, the Council must have regard to the objectives and policies of the Regional Policy Statement for Taranaki (RPS) and the Regional Freshwater Plan for Taranaki (RFWP). The situation is more challenging in this case where the activity is a controlled activity.

As you are aware, almost every application for a farming dairy effluent consent received is for a replacement of an existing activity, and a controlled activity under Rule 36 of the Regional Freshwater Plan for Taranaki. The Council must have regard to the NPS-FM, the RPS as well as the RFWP when considering a resource consent application. If an activity is described as a controlled activity, Council must grant a resource consent, and the power to impose conditions on the consent is restricted to the matters over which control is reserved (sections 87A and 104A of the Resource Management Act). Rules 35 and 36 of the RFWP do not include any matters of control that expressly allow for the consideration of matters such as those expressed in the NPS-FM objective. Given that the Council can only consider policies that relate to the matters over which the Council has reserved control through the plan itself, the Council is unable to take into account matters that fall outside this scope.

You will be aware that, with few exceptions, when a dairy consent involving a discharge to water is replaced, the Council only allows the water discharge to continue until 1 December 2022, then the only discharge allowed is to land.

In terms of the notification assessment and when deciding whether a person is an affected person, the Council is limited in terms of matters that it can take into account when determining an application for a controlled activity.

The Council has also followed up with the consent holder to provide the Riparian Plan as requested by Ngāruahine. This will be sent through once we have a response.

R2/3688-2.1 Commencement Date: 25 Aug 2022

NZEC Waihapa Limited Expiry Date: 01 Jun 2034

> Review Dates: Jun 2023, Jun 2024, Jun 2025, Jun 2026, Jun 2027, Jun 2028, Jun 2029, Jun 2030, Jun 2031, Jun 2032, Jun

2033

Activity Class: Discretionary **Application Purpose:** Review

Location: Waihapa-D wellsite, Cheal Road,

Ngaere, Stratford

To discharge waste drilling fluids, produced water, hydraulic fracturing fluids, including return fluids, and stormwater from hydrocarbon exploration and production operations by deepwell injection at the Waihapa-D wellsite

Review of consent to update all the consent conditions

Rohe:

Ngāti Ruanui (Statutory Acknowledgement)

R2/3712-3.0 Commencement Date: 01 Sep 2022

Bolton Walker Limited Expiry Date: 01 Dec 2046

Review Dates: Jun 2028, Jun 2034, Jun

2040

Activity Class: Controlled **Application Purpose:** Replace

To discharge farm dairy effluent onto land

Rohe:

Ngāti Ruanui

Engagement or consultation:

Location: 309 Ball Road, Alton

Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Ruanui Trust No return correspondence was received

R2/4371-3.0

Hickey Farms: John M Hickey Trust &

Beverley A Hickey Trust

Commencement Date: 22 Sep 2022

Expiry Date: 01 Dec 2046

Review Dates: Jun 2028, Jun 2034, Jun

2040

Activity Class: Controlled

Application Purpose: Replace

Location: 377 Kohi Road, Waverley

To discharge farm dairy effluent onto land

Rohe:

Ngaa Rauru Kiitahi

Engagement or consultation:

Te Kaahui o Rauru No return correspondence was received

R2/4517-3.0

Hickey Farms: John M Hickey Trust &

Beverley A Hickey Trust

Commencement Date: 22 Sep 2022

Expiry Date: 01 Dec 2046

Review Dates: Jun 2028, Jun 2034, Jun

2040

Activity Class: Controlled

Location: 125 Medlicott Road, Waverley

To discharge farm dairy effluent onto land

Application Purpose: Replace

Rohe:

Ngaa Rauru Kiitahi

Engagement or consultation:

Te Kaahui o Rauru No return correspondence was received

<u>R2/4573-2.1</u> Commencement Date: 19 Aug 2022

South Taranaki District Council Expiry Date: 01 Jun 2034

Review Dates: Jun 2028 **Activity Class:** Discretionary

Location: Patea River Mouth, Patea **Application Purpose:** Review

To occupy the coastal marine area of the Patea River mouth with the following existing structures the:

- River Mouth Training Groynes, comprising the North mole (west) and South mole (east);
- Rock Training Wall;
- Mana Bay Seawall;
- Wave Guide Wall; and
- Carlyle Beach Rock Protection Works

Review of consent to delete one condition and to insert an additional four conditions pertaining to structure upkeep and maintenance, effects on the surrounding environment, monitoring plan requirements, and investigation requirements in the event that an issue is identified

Rohe:

Ngaa Rauru Kiitahi (Statutory Acknowledgement)

Ngāti Ruanui (Statutory Acknowledgement)

<u>R2/5985-2.0</u> Commencement Date: 09 Sep 2022

Flaxwood Family Trusts No 1 & 2 & Flaxwood Expiry Date: 01 Jun 2039

Trustees Limited

Review Dates: Jun 2027, Jun 2033 **Activity Class:** Discretionary

Location: 84 Ohanga Road, Onaero **Application Purpose:** Replace

To use a culvert in the Motukara Stream for farm access purposes

Rohe:

Ngāti Mutunga

Engagement or consultation:

Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Mutunga No return correspondence was received

R2/6107-2.0 Commencement Date: 16 Sep 2022

The Tom Lance Trust Expiry Date: 01 Dec 2046

Review Dates: Jun 2028, Jun 2034, Jun

2040

Activity Class: Controlled

Location: 28 Kohi Road, Waverley **Application Purpose:** Replace

To discharge farm dairy effluent onto land

Rohe:

Ngaa Rauru Kiitahi

Engagement or consultation:

Te Kaahui o Rauru No return correspondence was received

<u>R2/6462-2.0</u> Commencement Date: 07 Sep 2022

Wai-iti Motor Camp Limited Expiry Date: 01 Jun 2039

Review Dates: Jun 2027, Jun 2033 **Activity Class:** Discretionary

Location: 30 Beach Road, Waiiti **Application Purpose:** Replace

To continue to occupy the coastal space associated with boulder riprap toe protection in the coastal marine area on the Wai-iti Beach foreshore

Rohe:

Ngāti Mutunga (Statutory Acknowledgement)

Engagement or consultation:

Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Mutunga Applicant provided application

Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Mutunga Response received

Comments from Ngāti Mutunga

Thank you for sending this through. We have met with the applicant on two occasions and he has provided us with a copy of his application and supporting documents.

I would like to discuss this application with the Consenting officer when one is appointed as I have some questions for TRC as follows:

• We have not received an AEE for the application to renew the septic tank system – have we missed this and if not is TRC going to require the applicant to provide one

• Does the TRC think that the current consent conditions and levels of monitoring will be acceptable under the National Policy Statement for Freshwater.

Response and considerations during processing of application

Consent Planner discussed the application with Pou Taiao.

Recommended conditions requiring a monitoring bore to be installed, adding groundwater monitoring to the program.

Ngāti Mutunga confirmed acceptance of the draft conditions before the application was granted.

<u>R2/6651-2.0</u> Commencement Date: 23 Sep 2022

Energy Services International Limited Expiry Date: 01 Jun 2040

Review Dates: Jun 2028, Jun 2034

Activity Class: Controlled

Location: 730 Rawhitiroa Road, Rawhitiroa **Application Purpose:** Replace

To discharge treated stormwater into an unnamed tributary of the Mangimangi Stream

Rohe:

Ngāti Ruanui (Statutory Acknowledgement)

Engagement or consultation:

Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Ruanui Trust No return correspondence was received

<u>R2/6628-2.0</u> Commencement Date: 19 Sep 2022

JW & MT Hamblyn Family Trusts Expiry Date: 01 Jun 2032

194 Egmont Road, RD 2, New Plymouth 4372 Review Dates: Jun 2023, Jun 2026, June

2029

Activity Class: Discretionary

Location: 115 Faull Road, Waitara **Application Purpose:** Replace To take and use water from the Waitara River for pasture irrigation purposes

Rohe:

Te Atiawa (Statutory Acknowledgement)

Engagement or consultation:

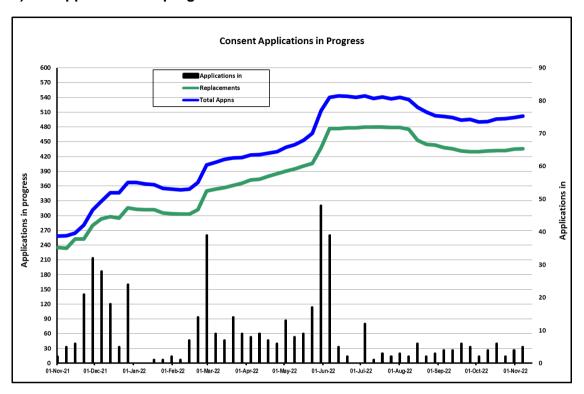
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Fish & Game New Zealand Served Notice
Methanex Motunui Limited Served Notice

Te Kotahitanga o Te Atiawa Trust Submitter - withdrawn

Te Kotahitanga o Te Atiawa Trust Applicant provided application
Te Runanga o Ngati Maru (Taranaki) Trust Applicant provided application

Consent Processing Information

1) Applications in progress



2) Month Ending

| | Ju | ly | Au | ıg | Se | pt | Oc | ct | No | οv | De | :C | Ja | n | Fe | b | Ma | ar | Ар | r | Ma | ıy | Ju | ın |
|-----------|-------|-----|-------|-----|-------|-----|-------|-----|-------|-----|-------|-----|-------|-----|-------|-----|-------|-----|-------|-----|-------|-----|-------|-----|
| | Total | R |
| 2022/2023 | 540 | 479 | 520 | 453 | 490 | 430 | 499 | 435 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 2021/2022 | 310 | 274 | 310 | 277 | 276 | 246 | 258 | 235 | 311 | 280 | 367 | 313 | 354 | 304 | 403 | 350 | 423 | 372 | 439 | 390 | 466 | 406 | 542 | 480 |
| 2020/2021 | 196 | 157 | 187 | 157 | 221 | 182 | 221 | 180 | 263 | 219 | 257 | 216 | 262 | 217 | 300 | 229 | 297 | 259 | 293 | 258 | 271 | 238 | 312 | 271 |

R = Replacements

3) Potential Hearings

Nil

4) Consents Processed (running totals)

| | July | Aug | Sept | Oct | Nov | Dec | Jan | Feb | Mar | April | May | June |
|-----------|------|-----|------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-------|-----|------|
| 2022-2023 | 7 | 53 | 82 | 86 | | | | | | | | |
| 2021-2022 | 17 | 37 | 87 | 114 | 123 | 136 | 152 | 162 | 184 | 202 | 218 | 225 |
| 2020-2021 | 20 | 38 | 53 | 75 | 94 | 116 | 131 | 154 | 178 | 209 | 247 | 269 |

5) Breakdown of consents processed

| | New | Replace | Change | Review | Totals |
|----------------------------|-----|---------|--------|--------|--------|
| 2022-2023 - to end October | 18 | 60 | 3 | 5 | 86 |
| 2021-2022 Total | 54 | 149 | 16 | 6 | 225 |
| 2021-2021 Total | 71 | 148 | 39 | 11 | 269 |

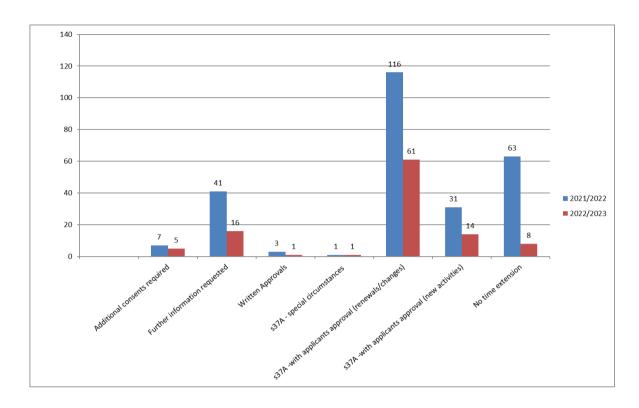
6) Types of consents issued - year to date comparison

| | Agricultural | Centra/Local Government | ergy | Forestry | Other | Tota public notifi | ally | Agricultural | Centra/Local Government | Energy | Forestry | Other | Total Li Notif | | Agricultural | Centra/Local Government | Energy | Forestry | Other | Total No | - | Grand Total |
|--------------------------|--------------|----------------------------|--------|----------|-------|--------------------------|------|--------------|----------------------------|---------|----------|-------|-------------------|---|--------------|----------------------------|---------|----------|-------|----------|-----|-------------|
| | | Public | ally N | otified | | % | | | | Limited | | | % | | | Nor | n Notif | ied | | % | | |
| July 2020 to June 2021 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0.7% | 2 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.4% | 1 | 146 | 20 | 44 | 6 | 50 | 98.9% | 266 | 269 |
| July 2021 to June 2022 | 0 | 0 | 8 | 0 | 0 | 3.6% | 8 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.4% | 1 | 132 | 36 | 18 | 3 | 27 | 96.0% | 216 | 225 |
| July 2022 to end October | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.0% | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.0% | 1 | 58 | 6 | 2 | 0 | 19 | 98.8% | 85 | 86 |

7) Involvement with third parties for applications processed year to date

| | Consultation/ Involved (number of parties) | Number of Affected Party Approvals (written) | Totals |
|-----------------------------------|--|--|--------|
| Councils | 1 | 6 | 7 |
| DOC | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Environmental/Recreational Groups | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Fish & Game | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Individuals/Neighbours/Landowners | 0 | 6 | 6 |
| Network Utilities | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Non Govt Organisations | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Other Govt Departments | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| lwi/hapu | 121 | 0 | 121 |
| Totals - October 2022 | 122 | 12 | 134 |

8) Application processing time extensions used 2021/2022 versus 2022/2023



9) Consent type process

| | Last 10 year average 2013 - 2022 | July 2021 to June 2022 | October 2022 |
|---|--|---------------------------|--------------|
| Total consents granted | 347 | 225 | 86 |
| Publically Notified | 9 | 8 | 0 |
| Limited-notified | 10 | 1 | 1 |
| Non-notified | 330 | 216 | 85 |
| Applications submitted on (in opposition and to be heard) | 13 | 9 | 1 |
| Application Pre-hearing resolution (%) | 7 81% | 8 89% | 1 100% |
| Hearings (no. of applications) | 1 (6) | 1 (1) | 0 (0) |
| Appeals (no. of applications) | 1 (6) | 0 (0) | 0 (0) |
| Total current consents | 4714 | 4372 | 4430 |

10) Applications returned incomplete under Section 88

For the 2022-2023 financial year, 9 applications have been returned incomplete under S88 of the RMA for insufficient information. Two of those applications have since been resubmitted by the applicant.

11) Deemed Permitted Activities issued

Nil



Date 22 November 2022

Subject: Consent Monitoring Annual Reports

Approved by: A J Matthews, Director - Environment Quality

S J Ruru, Chief Executive

Document: 3119055

Purpose

1. The purpose of this memorandum is to advise Council of 19 tailored compliance monitoring reports, for the 2021-2022 reporting year.

Executive summary

- 2. The Council considers the regular reporting of comprehensive and well-considered compliance monitoring is vital to undergird:
 - Community standing and reputation enhancement for companies that consistently
 attain good or high levels of environmental performance. Informed feedback is
 appropriate and valuable, and assists a proactive alignment of industry's interests
 with community and Resource Management Act 1991 expectations.
 - A respectful and responsible regard for the Taranaki region's environment and our management of its natural resources. Reporting allows evaluation and demonstration of the overall rate of compliance by sector and by consent holders as a whole, and of trends in the improvement of our environment.
 - The Council's accountability and transparency. Reporting gives validity to investment in monitoring and to assessments of effective intervention.
- 3. This compliance monitoring report has been submitted to the consent holder for comment and confirmation of accuracy prior to publication. All reports provide environmental performance and administrative compliance ratings for each consent holder in relation to their activities over the period being reported. Recommendations pertaining to each site or programme are set out in the relevant report. These recommendations may include continuation of existing monitoring programmes in the case of acceptable environmental performance, or alternatively amendments as appropriate.
- 4. A total of 19 tailored compliance monitoring reports have been completed for the 2021-2022 reporting year. The reports were assigned an overall environmental rating of 18 high and one improvement required. (Table 1).

Table 1 List of annual reports with overall environmental performance rating

| | Report Name | Performance Rating | Document Number |
|----|---|-----------------------|--------------------|
| 4 | Groundworkx Taranaki Ltd Monitoring Programme Biennial Report 2020-2022 | 1 X high | 3080540 |
| 5 | Central Greenwaste & Firewood Monitoring Programme Annual Report 2021-2022 | 1 X high | 3105589 |
| 11 | STDC Closed Landfills Monitoring Programme Annual Report 2021-2022 | 1 X high | 3086958 |
| 16 | Cheal Petroleum Ltd Cheal Production Station Monitoring Programme Annual Report 2021-2022 | 1 X high | 3086943 |
| 17 | WestSide New Zealand Ltd Rimu Production Station Monitoring Programme Annual Report 2021- 2022 | 1 X high | 3086926 |
| 28 | Todd Generation Taranaki Ltd McKee Power Plant Monitoring Programme Annual Report 2021- 2022 | 1 X high | 3086798 |
| 31 | NPDC Closed and Contingency Landfills Monitoring Programme Annual Report 202-2022 | 1 X high | 3087534 |
| 32 | SDC Water Supplies Monitoring Programme Annual Report 2021-2022 | 1 X high | 3103991 |
| 35 | Greymouth Petroleum Ltd - Southern Sites Monitoring Programme Annual Report 2021-2022 | 1 X high | 3088325 |
| 38 | Oaonui Water Supply Ltd Monitoring Programme Annual Report 2021-2022 | 1 X improvmt req | 3093940 |
| 39 | Cold Creek Community Water Supply Ltd Monitoring Programme Annual Report 2021-2022 | 1 X high | 3105567 |
| 40 | Tamarind New Zealand Onshore Ltd Sidewinder Production Station Monitoring Programme Annual Report 2021-2022 | 1 X high | 3087593 |
| 50 | NPDC Crematorium SH3, New Plymouth Monitoring Programme Annual Report 2021-2022 | 1 X high | 3088766 |
| 55 | Westside New Zealand Ltd Deep Well Injection Monitoring Programme Annual Report 2021-2022 | 1 X high | 3086145 |
| 64 | Beach Energy Resources Kupe Production Station Monitoring Programme Annual Report 2021- 2022 | 1 X high | 3099595 |
| 72 | Greymouth Petroleum Limited - Deep Well Injection | 1 X high | 3094873 |
| 77 | Cheal Petroleum Deep Well Injection Monitoring Programme Annual Report 2021-2022 | 1 X high | 3099829 |
| 79 | Todd Petroleum Mining Company Limited KGTP Monitoring Programme Annual Report 2021-2022 | 1 X high | 3108352 |
| 88 | Taranaki Galvanizers Monitoring Programme Annual Report 2021-2022 | 1 X high | 3098310 |

5. For reference, in the 2021-2022 year, consent holders were found to achieve a high level of environmental performance and compliance for 876 (88%) of a total of 998 consents monitored through the Taranaki tailored monitoring programmes, while for another 97 (10%) of the consents a good level of environmental performance and compliance was achieved. A further 24 (2%) of consents monitored required improvement in their performance, while the remaining one (<1%) achieved a rating of poor (Table 2).

Table 2 Historical annual environmental and compliance performance ratings from July 2012 to June 2022. Please note that the breakdown of consents that achieved 'Improvement required' or 'Poor' levels of environmental performance and compliance were not reported separately prior to 2017-2018.

| Year | High | Good | Improvement Required | Poor | | | |
|-----------|------|------|----------------------|------|--|--|--|
| 2012-2013 | 59% | 35% | 6% | | | | |
| 2013-2014 | 60% | 29% | 11% | | | | |
| 2014-2015 | 75% | 22% | 3% | | | | |
| 2015-2016 | 71% | 24% | 5% | | | | |
| 2016-2017 | 74% | 21% | 5% | | | | |
| 2017-2018 | 76% | 20% | 3% | 1% | | | |
| 2018-2019 | 83% | 13% | 3% | 1% | | | |
| 2019-2020 | 81% | 17% | 2% | 0% | | | |

| Year | High | Good | Improvement Required | Poor |
|-----------|------|------|----------------------|------|
| 2020-2021 | 86% | 11% | 2.5% | 0.5% |
| 2021-2022 | 88% | 10% | 2% | <1% |

6. Ministry for the Environment (MfE) Best Practice Guidelines for Compliance, Monitoring and Enforcement under the Resource Management Act 1991 recommend that councils provide regular reports to the public on compliance monitoring and enforcement activities. Council public reporting of these activities provides public transparency around how rules/policies are being enforced and how council responds to non-compliance. The Council has been providing annual compliance reports to consent holders and the public for over three decades. Copies of individual compliance reports are available on request, or via the Taranaki Regional Council website.

Recommendations

That the Taranaki Regional Council:

 a) receives the compliance monitoring reports listed in Table 1 and notes any specific recommendations therein.

Discussion

7. During the reporting period, overall compliance with resource consent requirements remained high for the majority of these consent holders. Only one consent holder, Oanui Water Supply Ltd., required improvement. Detailed information around the performance of all of these consented activities is set out in the relevant compliance report, copies of which are available on the Council's website.

22-4 Groundworkx Taranaki Ltd Monitoring Programme Biennial Report 2020-2022

- 8. Groundworkx Taranaki Ltd (the Company) operates a cleanfill and green waste facility located on Victoria Road at Stratford, in the Patea catchment
- 9. During the monitoring period, Groundworkx Taranaki Ltd demonstrated a high level of environmental performance and high level of administrative performance.
- 10. The Company holds one consent to discharge cleanfill into land and one consent to discharge green waste and any resulting contaminated stormwater and leachate to land in a different area of this site. These consents include a total of 20 conditions setting out the requirements that the Company must satisfy.
- 11. The Council's monitoring programme for the period under review included four inspections. The monitoring showed that the site was well managed. Any unauthorised materials brought on to the site were addressed appropriately, in a timely manner. Although not a requirement of the consent, proactive waste diversion strategies were being implemented at the site. There were no unauthorised incidents recording non-compliance in respect of this consent holder during the period under review, and no significant effects were found in the receiving environment.
- 12. The consent to discharge cleanfill expired on 1 June 2022. An application for the re-issue of this consent was received on 7 December 2021 and the Council has exercised its

discretion to allow the Company to continue to operate under the terms and conditions of the existing consent until a decision has been made on the application as provided for in Section 124 of the *Resource Management Act* 1991 (RMA).

22-5 Central Greenwaste & Firewood Monitoring Programme Annual Report 2021-2022

- 13. Central Greenwaste and Firewood (the Company) operates a green waste collection and composting operation located at Victoria Road, Stratford, in the Patea catchment.
- 14. The Company collects green waste from domestic sources in the Stratford urban area and then composts it at its Victoria Road site. The principal components of green waste collected are lawn clippings and material from garden pruning.
- 15. During the monitoring period, the Company demonstrated a high level of environmental performance, while improvement was required in their administrative performance.
- 16. The Company held consent 6876-1, which included a total of 11 conditions setting out the requirements that the consent holder must satisfy. This consent covers the discharge of green waste, stormwater and leachate to land. The consent was originally held by the Central Taranaki Employment Trust. It was subsequently transferred to Greenwaste 2007, then to Greenwaste 2008 and again to Central Greenwaste 2012. On 21 September 2017, the consent was transferred to Central Greenwaste and Firewood. The consent expired on 1 June 2022. An application for the re-issue of the consent was received on 28 June 2022 in the name of Westend Hire Ltd.
- 17. The Council's monitoring programme for the period under review included four inspections that focussed on assessing the materials being accepted for composting, general site operation, stormwater and leachate control, and odour. The programme liaison and management in the latter part of the period under review included an investment of time by the Council related to advising the Company on the requirements for an application to renew the consent.
- 18. As in previous years, the monitoring showed the site was compliant with consent conditions at the time of the inspections during the period under review. There were no unauthorised incidents recording noncompliance in respect of this consent holder during the period under review.
- 19. During the monitoring period, the Company demonstrated a high level of environmental performance and an improvement was required in their administrative performance. This is due to the expiry of the consent on 1 June 2022. Although two applications have been submitted, a satisfactory application for re-issue of this consent is yet to be received, therefore an improvement in the administrative performance of the Company is required.

22-11 STDC Closed Landfills Monitoring Programme Annual Report 2021-2022

- 20. South Taranaki District Council (STDC) holds consents to cover the discharge of leachate and stormwater from seven closed landfills. The landfills are at Kaponga and Manaia in the Waiokura catchment, Patea in the Patea catchment, Opunake in the Otahi catchment, Hawera in the Tangahoe catchment, Otakeho in the Taikatu catchment, and Eltham in the Waingongoro catchment.
- 21. During the monitoring period, STDC demonstrated a high level of environmental performance and high level of administrative performance.

- 22. This report details the results of the monitoring undertaken and assesses the environmental effects of STDC's activities at the Eltham, Hawera, Manaia, Opunake, and Patea landfills. Triennial monitoring of the Kaponga and Otakeho closed landfills was not scheduled to take place during the year under review.
- 23. To monitor compliance with these conditions during the 2021-2022 year, Council staff conducted ten inspections and collected 33 discharge and receiving environment samples.
- 24. In terms of overall environmental and compliance performance by the consent holder over the last several years, this report shows that the consent holder's performance remains at a high level.

22-16 Cheal Petroleum Ltd Cheal Production Station Monitoring Programme Annual Report 2021-2022

- 25. Cheal Petroleum Ltd (the Company), a subsidiary of Tamarind NZ Onshore Ltd, operates a petrochemical production station located on Mountain Road at Ngaere, in the Waingongoro catchment. The Cheal Production Station processes oil and gas from the Cheal group of wellsites.
- 26. During the monitoring period, Cheal Petroleum Ltd demonstrated an overall high level of environmental performance and a high level of administrative performance.
- 27. The Company holds three resource consents in relation to the Cheal Production Station, which include a total of 42 conditions setting out the requirements that the Company must satisfy. The Company holds one consent to take and use groundwater for water flooding purposes, one consent to discharge stormwater and treated wastewater onto land in circumstances where it may subsequently enter an unnamed tributary of the Mangawharawhara Stream, and one consent to discharge emissions related to production activities into the air at the site.
- 28. The Council's monitoring programme for the year under review included four inspections, six water samples collected for physicochemical analysis, and two ambient air quality analyses. Stormwater system inspections showed that discharges from the sites complied with consent conditions. Receiving water sampling showed that the discharges complied with consent conditions. No adverse effects were observed in the tributary of the Mangawharawhara Stream at the time of monitoring.
- 29. There were no adverse effects on the environment found as a result of the exercise of the air discharge consent. Ambient air quality monitoring at the site showed that levels of carbon monoxide, combustible gases, PM₁₀ particulates, and nitrogen oxides were all below levels of concern at the time of sampling. No offensive or objectionable odours were detected beyond the boundary during inspections.

22-17 WestSide New Zealand Ltd Rimu Production Station Monitoring Programme Annual Report 2021-2022

- 30. Cheal Petroleum Ltd (the Company), a subsidiary of Tamarind NZ Onshore Ltd, operates a petrochemical production station located on Mountain Road at Ngaere, in the Waingongoro catchment. The Cheal Production Station processes oil and gas from the Cheal group of wellsites.
- 31. During the monitoring period, Cheal Petroleum Ltd demonstrated an overall high level of environmental performance and a high level of administrative performance.

- 32. The Company holds three resource consents in relation to the Cheal Production Station, which include a total of 42 conditions setting out the requirements that the Company must satisfy. The Company holds one consent to take and use groundwater for water flooding purposes, one consent to discharge stormwater and treated wastewater onto land in circumstances where it may subsequently enter an unnamed tributary of the Mangawharawhara Stream, and one consent to discharge emissions related to production activities into the air at the site.
- 33. The Council's monitoring programme for the year under review included four inspections of the Rimu Production Station, six water samples collected for physicochemical analysis, and two ambient air quality analyses. The monitoring showed that the site was generally tidy and well managed and that the stormwater discharge was not having a significant adverse effect on the water quality of the unnamed tributary of the Manawapou River.
- 34. There were no adverse effects on the environment found as a result of the exercise of the air discharge consent. Ambient air quality monitoring at the site showed that levels of carbon monoxide, combustible gases, PM₁₀ particulates, and nitrogen oxides were all below levels of concern at the time of sampling. No offensive or objectionable odours were detected beyond the boundary during inspections, and there were no complaints in relation to air emissions from the site.

22-28 Todd Generation Taranaki Ltd McKee Power Plant Monitoring Programme Annual Report 2021-2022

- 35. Todd Generation Taranaki Ltd (the Company) operates the McKee Power Plant on Otaraoa Road near Tikorangi, bridging the Waitara and Onaero catchments. Located to the south of the McKee Production Station (which processes oil and gas from the McKee and Mangahewa groups of wellsites), the McKee Power Plant was completed and commissioned during the 2012-2014 period. The 100 MW electricity generating facility provides both peak and base load power for the national grid.
- 36. During the monitoring period, Todd Generation Taranaki demonstrated an overall high level of environmental performance and a high level of administrative performance.
- 37. Todd Generation holds five resource consents, which include a total of 41 conditions setting out the requirements that the Company must satisfy. The Company holds one consent to allow it to take and use water, two consents to discharge wastewater/stormwater into the Mangahewa Stream and Waitara River, one consent to discharge emissions into the air at the site, and one consent to install and use an outlet structure.
- 38. The Council's monitoring programme for the year under review included four inspections and six water samples collected for physicochemical analysis. The Company provided water abstraction data as required by consent conditions.
- 39. Stormwater system inspections showed that discharges from the site complied with consent conditions at the time. Receiving water inspections and sampling showed that the discharges were not causing any adverse effects on the Mangahewa Stream at the time of monitoring.

22-31 NPDC Closed and Contingency Landfills Monitoring Programme Annual Report 2021-2022

- 40. The New Plymouth District Council (NPDC) maintains two closed landfills, one at Inglewood and one at Okato. Both of these sites are now used as transfer stations and are held in reserve to accept refuse, if required, as a contingency. The Inglewood landfill is an active cleanfill (inert materials) site, located on King Road at Inglewood, in the Waiongana catchment. The Okato landfill is an active cleanfill and green waste disposal site; located on Hampton Road at Okato, in the Kaihihi catchment. NPDC also maintains Marfell Park (Marfell) landfill in the Huatoki catchment. This landfill does not accept any waste for disposal (even cleanfill) and the site has been fully reinstated to a park.
- 41. During the monitoring period, NPDC demonstrated a high level of environmental performance and high level of administrative performance.
- 42. NPDC holds seven resource consents in relation to these landfills, which include a total of 62 conditions setting out the requirements that they must satisfy. NPDC holds three consents to discharge leachate and stormwater into various streams, two consents to discharge contaminants onto and into land, and two consents to discharge emissions into the air.
- 43. The Council's monitoring programme for the year under review included six inspections, two discharge samples, 11 receiving water samples, two biomonitoring surveys of receiving waters, and one ambient air quality analysis.
- 44. Overall during the year, NPDC demonstrated a high level of environmental and administrative performance for the three landfills discussed in this report.

22-32 SDC Water Supplies Monitoring Programme Annual Report 2021-2022

- 45. The Stratford District Council (SDC) operates three water treatment plants (WTPs) in the Stratford District that supply water to Stratford, Midhirst, and Toko.
- 46. During the monitoring period, SDC demonstrated a high level of environmental performance and high level of administrative performance.
- 47. Stratford District Council hold three resource consents, which allow them to take and use water, three consents to discharge backwash onto land and into water, and three consents for land use permits, to allow for repair and maintenance of structures and to dam water behind concrete weirs. These consents include a total of 59 conditions setting out the requirements that SDC must satisfy.
- 48. The Council's monitoring programme for the year under review included an annual inspection of all of SDC's water treatment plants, weirs and discharges, a review of abstraction and discharge data, and collection of a sample from the Stratford WTP backwash pond.
- 49. The monitoring showed that SDC's activities were being carried out in compliance with their consent conditions. As in previous years, the monitoring indicated that there were no adverse environmental effects to the surrounding environment due to their activities. There were no unauthorised incident/s recording non-compliance in respect of this consent holder during the period under review.

22-35 Greymouth Petroleum Ltd - Southern Sites Monitoring Programme Annual Report 2021-2022

50. Greymouth Petroleum Ltd (GPL) operates the Kaimiro Production Station located at Inglewood, in the Waiongana catchment, and the associated Ngatoro-A satellite wellsite

- also located at Inglewood, in the Waitara catchment. Radnor Production Station is also operated by GPL and this is located at Midhirst in the Patea catchment.
- 51. During the monitoring period, Greymouth Petroleum Ltd demonstrated a high level of environmental performance and a high level of administrative performance.
- 52. GPL hold eight resource consents relating to production activities at the southern sites during the monitoring period, which included a total of 132 conditions setting out the requirements that GPL must satisfy. GPL held two consents to allow it to take and use water, three consents to discharge treated stormwater and wastewater into the Mangaoraka and Ngatoro Streams, and three consents to discharge emissions into the air.
- 53. The Council's monitoring programme for the year under review included four inspections each of the Kaimiro and Radnor production stations and the Ngatoro-A satellite site; and an annual inspection of associated wellsites. Six water samples each were collected from the Kaimiro Production Station and the Ngatoro-A site for physicochemical analysis, while two biomonitoring surveys of receiving waters and two ambient air quality surveys were carried out in relation to the Kaimiro Production Station.
- 54. The results of biomonitoring carried out in the Mangaoraka Stream, indicated that the discharges were not having a significant adverse effect on the water quality downstream of the Kaimiro Production Station.
- 55. There were no adverse effects on the environment resulting from the exercise of the air discharge consents. Ambient air quality monitoring at the Kaimiro Production Station showed that levels of carbon monoxide, combustible gases, PM₁₀ particulates, and nitrogen oxides were all below levels of concern at the time of sampling. No offensive or objectionable odours were detected beyond the boundary during inspections.

22-38 Oaonui Water Supply Ltd Monitoring Programme Annual Report 2021-2022

- 56. The Oaonui Water Supply Ltd (OWSL) operates a rural water supply scheme located on Arawhata Road, Oaonui. The site lies within the Oaonui catchment.
- 57. During the monitoring period, OWSL demonstrated an improvement required for environmental performance and high level of administrative performance.
- 58. The Company holds one resource consent, which allows it to take and use water, one consent to discharge stormwater into the Oaonui stream and one consent to use and maintain a weir and water intake structure. These consents include a total of 26 conditions setting out the requirements that the Company must satisfy.
- 59. The Council's monitoring programme for the year under review included one inspection, a review of water abstraction data, two macroinvertebrate surveys, and various stream gaugings.
- 60. The monitoring showed that OWSL were compliant for their weekly volume of 28,000 m³/day and were compliant 98% of the time for their abstraction rate. However, OWSL still had a number of breaches as a result of the sluicing, which saw the stream drop below 151 L/s for short periods of time and continued to operate. This is an ongoing issue that OWSL continue to work on and make refinements to their operations.
- 61. As in previous years, the monitoring indicated improvement required in the operation of the sluicing of the weir. There were no unauthorised incidents recording non-

compliance in respect of this consent holder during the period under review. However, an abatement notice is currently active for consent 10314-1 and work is ongoing by OWSL to find solutions to continue to minimise the effect of this activity. This has also resulted in consent 10314-1 being reviewed by the Council to have regard to the objectives and policies of the National Policy Statement for Freshwater Management (NPSFM) 2020.

22-39 Cold Creek Community Water Supply Ltd Monitoring Programme Annual Report 2021-2022

- 62. The Cold Creek Community Water Supply Ltd (CCCWSL) operates a rural water supply scheme located on Cold Stream, Kiri Road, in the Taungatara catchment.
- 63. During the monitoring period, CCCWSL demonstrated a high level of environmental performance and high level of administrative performance.
- 64. CCCWSL holds three resource consents, which include a total of 24 conditions setting out the requirements that they must satisfy. CCCWSL holds one consent to allow it to take and use water, one consent to discharge filter backwash and one consent to maintain a weir.
- 65. The Council's monitoring programme for the period under review included one inspection, one discharge sample, three river gaugings, two macroinvertebrate surveys, one fish survey and a review of water abstraction and stream flow data.
- 66. The monitoring showed that CCCWSL complied with consent conditions in regards to discharge standards and abstraction rates. There were no unauthorised incidents recording non-compliance in respect of this consent holder during the period under review.
- 67. The results of the biomonitoring surveys and the fish survey found no evidence of adverse environmental effects as a result of the discharge, intake weir and fish pass structure or the water abstraction

22-40 Tamarind New Zealand Onshore Ltd Sidewinder Production Station Monitoring Programme Annual Report 2021-2022

- 68. Tamarind New Zealand Onshore Ltd (the Company), holds consents for a hydrocarbon production station located on Upper Durham Road at Inglewood, in the Waitara catchment. The Sidewinder Production Station, previously operated by TAG Oil (NZ) Ltd, processes condensate and gas from the Company's adjacent Sidewinder wellsite.
- 69. During the monitoring period, Tamarind New Zealand Onshore Ltd demonstrated a high level of environmental performance and a high level of administrative performance.
- 70. The Company holds three resource consents in relation to the Sidewinder Production Station, which include a total of 43 conditions setting out the requirements that the Company must satisfy. The Company holds one consent to discharge treated stormwater and production water from hydrocarbon exploration and production operations at the Sidewinder site into the Piakau Stream, and two consents to discharge emissions related to production activities into the air at this site.
- 71. The Council's monitoring programme for the year under review included four inspections and two ambient air quality analyses.

72. Visual inspections of the stormwater system and receiving waters indicated that the discharge from the site was unlikely to be causing any adverse effects in the Piakau Stream.

22-50 NPDC Crematorium SH3, New Plymouth Monitoring Programme Annual Report 2021-2022

- 73. The New Plymouth District Council (NPDC) operates a crematorium located on Junction Road, New Plymouth. NPDC holds one resource consent, which includes a total of 22 conditions setting out the requirements that they must satisfy.
- 74. During the monitoring period, NPDC demonstrated a high level of environmental performance and high level of administrative performance.
- 75. The Council's monitoring programme for the year under review included four compliance monitoring inspections, focusing on process control and possible visible emissions and odours.
- 76. There were a total of 449 cremations carried out at the NPDC crematorium during the 2021-2022 monitoring period. A total of 777 cremations were performed in the Taranaki region between the NPDC and Abraham's crematorium during the 2021-2022 monitoring period.
- 77. NPDC is in the process of replacing the Newton cremator and completion of this work is anticipated to occur in the 2022-2023 monitoring period.

22-55 Westside New Zealand Ltd Deep Well Injection Monitoring Programme Annual Report 2021-2022

- 78. Westside New Zealand Ltd (the Company) currently operates the Manutahi, Rimu, Kauri and Pohutukawa wellsites located between Hawera and Patea, in South Taranaki. Each wellsite contains varying numbers of producing wells and associated production infrastructure.
- 79. During the monitoring period, the Company demonstrated a high level of environmental performance and high level of administrative performance.
- 80. The Company held three resource consent for DWI activities during the review period, which included a total of 45 conditions setting out the requirements that the Company must satisfy.
- 81. The Council's monitoring programme for the year under review included four inspections, two injectate samples and two groundwater samples collected for physicochemical analysis. The monitoring programme also included a significant data review component, with all injection data submitted by the Company assessed for compliance on receipt.
- 82. The monitoring showed that the Company's DWI activities were being carried out in compliance with the conditions of the applicable resource consents. There is no evidence of any issues with any injection well currently in use or the ability of the receiving formation to accept injected fluids. The results of groundwater quality monitoring undertaken show no adverse effects of the activity on local groundwater resources.
- 83. Inspections undertaken during the monitoring year found sites being operated in a professional manner and there were no unauthorised incidents reported in relation to the Company's DWI consents.

22-64 Beach Energy Resources Kupe Production Station Monitoring Programme Annual Report 2021-2022

- 84. Beach Energy Resources NZ (Kupe) Ltd (the Company) operates a hydrocarbon production station located on Inaha Road at Manaia, in the Inaha and Kapuni catchments. The Kupe Production Station processes oil and gas from the offshore Kupe wells.
- 85. During the monitoring period, Beach Energy Resources NZ (Kupe) Ltd demonstrated a high level of environmental performance and high level of administrative performance.
- 86. The Company holds 14 resource consents in relation to the Kupe facilities, which include a total of 154 conditions setting out the requirements that the Company must satisfy. The Company holds one consent to allow it to take and use groundwater, one consent to discharge stormwater into the Kapuni Stream, one consent to install groundwater bores, two consents to discharge emissions into the air from the production station, four coastal consents relating to the offshore facilities, and five consents which covered activities during the development phase of the Kupe project.
- 87. The Council's monitoring programme for the year under review included four inspections, seven samples collected for physicochemical analysis, two biomonitoring surveys of receiving waters, and two ambient air quality analyses. The consent holder provided data on flaring, water abstraction and stormwater discharges.
- 88. Site inspections found that the stormwater systems were constructed and maintained in accordance with consent conditions and were operating effectively.

22-72 Greymouth Petroleum Limited - Deep Well Injection

- 89. Greymouth Petroleum Ltd and its subsidiaries (the Company) operate a number of wellsites across the Taranaki region, with major fields located in the Tikorangi and Kaimiro areas. Each wellsite contains varying numbers of producing wells and associated production infrastructure.
- 90. During the monitoring period the Company demonstrated an overall high level of environmental and administrative performance.
- 91. The Company held eight resource consents for DWI activities during the review period, which include a total of 139 conditions setting out the requirements that the Company must satisfy. Five of the eight consents were exercised during the period being reported.
- 92. The Council's monitoring programme for the year under review included five annual inspections, one injectate sample and 13 groundwater samples collected for physicochemical analysis. The monitoring programme also included a significant data review component, with all injection data submitted by the Company assessed for compliance on receipt.
- 93. The monitoring showed that the Company's DWI activities were being carried out in compliance with the conditions of the applicable resource consents. There is no evidence of any issues with any injection well currently in use, or the ability of the receiving formation to accept injected fluids. The results of groundwater quality monitoring undertaken show no adverse effects of the activity on local groundwater resources. Inspections undertaken during the monitoring year found sites being operated in a professional manner. There was one slight exceedance of the consented daily volume recorded at the Kaimiro –G wellsite during the monitoring period.

22-77 Cheal Petroleum Deep Well Injection Monitoring Programme Annual Report 2021-2022

- 94. Cheal Petroleum Ltd (the Company) operate a number of wellsites located within their Cheal oil and gas field, south of Stratford. Each wellsite contains varying numbers of producing wells and associated production infrastructure.
- 95. During the monitoring period, the Company demonstrated a high level of environmental performance and high level of administrative performance.
- 96. The Company held four resource consents for DWI activities during the review period, which included a total of 68 conditions setting out the requirements that the Company must satisfy. All four consents were exercised during the period.
- 97. The Council's monitoring programme for the year under review included four annual site inspections, two injectate samples and seven groundwater samples collected for physicochemical analysis. The monitoring programme also included a significant data review component, with all injection data submitted by the Company assessed for compliance on receipt.
- 98. The monitoring showed that the Company's DWI activities were being carried out in compliance with the conditions of the applicable resource consents. There is no evidence of any issues with any injection well currently in use, or the ability of the receiving formations to accept injected fluids. The results of groundwater quality monitoring undertaken show no adverse effects of the activity on local groundwater resources. Inspections undertaken during the monitoring year found sites being operated in a professional manner and there were no unauthorised incidents in relation to any of the Company's DWI consents.

22-79 Todd Petroleum Mining Company Limited KGTP Monitoring Programme Annual Report 2021-2022

- 99. Todd Petroleum Mining Company Ltd (the Company) operates a gas treatment plant (Kapuni Gas Treatment Plant, KGTP) located on Palmer Road at Kapuni, in the Kapuni catchment. South Taranaki.
- 100. During the monitoring period, Todd Petroleum Mining Company Ltd demonstrated a high level of environmental performance and high level of administrative performance.
- 101. During the year the Company held seven resource consents, which included a total of 72 conditions setting out the requirements that they must satisfy. The Company held one consent to allow it to take water, two consents to discharge effluent /stormwater into the Kapuni Stream, two consents to discharge to land, one land use permit, and one consent to discharge emissions into the air at the site.
- 102. The Council's monitoring programme for the year under review included four inspections, six water samples collected for physicochemical analysis and interlaboratory comparisons, and a review of four biomonitoring surveys and two fish surveys of receiving waters. A review of monthly consent holder provided effluent data and surface water abstraction data was undertaken throughout the monitoring period.
- 103. The monitoring indicated that the discharge of process and stormwater was undertaken in a compliant manner for the duration of the monitoring period.

22-88 Taranaki Galvanizers Monitoring Programme Annual Report 2021-2022

- 104. Taranaki Galvanizers Ltd (the Company) operates a zinc galvanising plant located on Monmouth Road, approximately 1 km north of Stratford, in the Kahouri Stream catchment. The Company utilises a hot-dip galvanising process to provide a protective coating for steel materials.
- 105. During the monitoring period, Taranaki Galvanizers Ltd demonstrated a high level of environmental and administrative performance.
- 106. The Company holds two resource consents, which include a total of 16 conditions setting out the requirements that the Company must satisfy. The Company holds one consent to allow it to discharge stormwater into an unnamed tributary of the Kahouri Stream, and one consent to discharge emissions into the air at this site.
- 107. The Council's monitoring programme for the year under review included two inspections and eight water samples collected for physicochemical analysis.
- 108. Elevated zinc concentrations were recorded in the receiving waters upstream and downstream of the Company's discharge. The historical disposal of galvanising waste materials into a bore on the Company's site is considered to be the most likely source of zinc contamination in the discharge. However, monitoring results have shown that zinc concentrations have generally continued to decline over time. Sampling undertaken in the current period found zinc concentrations were within the resource consent condition limits and that there was no likely effect on the receiving environment downstream of the site.

Financial considerations - LTP/Annual Plan

109. This memorandum and the associated recommendations are consistent with the Council's adopted Long-Term Plan and estimates. Any financial information included in this memorandum has been prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting practice.

Policy considerations

110. This memorandum and the associated recommendations are consistent with the policy documents and positions adopted by this Council under various legislative frameworks including, but not restricted to, the *Local Government Act* 2002, the *Resource Management Act* 1991 and the *Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act* 1987.

Iwi considerations

- 111. This memorandum and the associated recommendations are consistent with the Council's policy for the development of Māori capacity to contribute to decision-making processes (schedule 10 of the *Local Government Act* 2002) as outlined in the adopted long-term plan and/or annual plan. Similarly, iwi involvement in adopted work programmes has been recognised in the preparation of this memorandum.
- 112. Seeking continued improvement in the environmental and administrative performance of consented activities through Council's compliance monitoring programmes contributes to addressing a range of issues and priorities identified by iwi/hapū, such as those as set out in Iwi Management Plans.

Community considerations

113. This memorandum and the associated recommendations have considered the views of the community, interested and affected parties and those views have been recognised in the preparation of this memorandum.

Legal considerations

114. This memorandum and the associated recommendations comply with the appropriate statutory requirements imposed upon the Council.



Date 22 November 2022

Subject: Incident, Compliance Monitoring Non-

Compliances and Enforcement Summary -

12 August 2022 to 27 October 2022

Approved by: A D McLay, Director - Resource Management

S J Ruru, Chief Executive

Document: 3122677

Purpose

- 1. The purpose of this memorandum is to allow the Council to consider and receive the summary of the incidents, compliance monitoring non-compliances and enforcement for the period 12 August 2022 to 27 October 2022.
- 2. The annual inspection for farm dairy effluent monitoring programme commences in September each year and usually finishes around March, however follow up inspections and winter milking inspections are also carried out during the rest of the year.

Executive summary

Incidents

- 3. There are ninety nine (99) incidents reported.
- 4. Forty two (42) of the incidents were found to be compliant and forty nine (49) were found to be non-compliant. Eight (8) of the incidents reported relate to non-compliances from previous periods (updates). The action taken on the incidents is set out for Members information.
- 5. For the second time in the last fifteen reporting periods the trend of a high number of incidents found to be compliant has changed and there are slightly more non-compliant incidents than compliant incidents reported in this report.

Compliance monitoring non-compliances

- 6. There are sixty four (64) compliance monitoring non-compliances reported. Seven (7) of the compliance monitoring non-compliances reported are updates from previous periods.
- 7. Thirty eight (38) of the non-compliances reported are as a result of the annual dairy inspection round.

Recommendations

That the Taranaki Regional Council:

- a) <u>receives</u> this memorandum *Incident, Compliance Monitoring Non-Compliances and Enforcement Summary 12 August 2022 to 27 October 2022*
- b) receives the summary of the incidents, compliance monitoring non-compliances and enforcement for the period from 12 August 2022 to 27 October 2022, notes the action taken by staff acting under delegated authority and adopts the recommendations therein.

Background

- 8. The Council receives and responds to pollution events and public complaints throughout the year. Consent compliance monitoring undertaken can also identify non-compliance. This information is recorded in the IRIS database together with the results of investigations and any follow-up actions. Such incidents and non-compliances are publicly reported to the Council through the Consents and Regulatory Committee via the Incidents, Compliance Monitoring Non-compliances and Enforcement Report or the Annual Compliance Monitoring Reports.
- 9. Attached is the summary of the Incidents, Compliance Monitoring Non-compliances and Enforcement for the period from 12 August 2022 to 27 October 2022.
- 10. Staff have been delegated by the Council to undertake enforcement actions. The enforcement policy and procedures are approved by the Council and then consistently implemented and reported on by staff.

Disclosure Restrictions

11. The incident register information presentation was reviewed in 2014-2015 to increase reader understanding in this complex area. The first section addresses compliant incidents and can be publicly discussed. The second section provides an update on noncompliant incidents from previous meetings and where an incident has been resolved it can be publicly discussed. The third and fourth sections provide information on noncompliant incidents and non-compliances found during compliance monitoring during the period that are still under investigation and staff are limited in terms of public disclosure of information, while the investigation is ongoing and enforcement responses have not been determined. The incident flow chart and definition of terms provide further operational detail.

Discussion

12. Council responds to all complaints received with most complaints responded to within four hours. This usually involves a site visit. Responses to complaints and non-compliances with rules in the Council's regional plans, resource consents and the Resource Management Act 1991 are recorded in the IRIS database. Where necessary, appropriate advisory or enforcement actions are undertaken. The latter may include issuing an inspection, abatement or infringement notice, or initiating a prosecution. Where an infringement notice or prosecution is possible, details of the information in the Incidents, Compliance Monitoring Non-compliances and Enforcement agenda item and staff comment will be restricted for legal disclosure reasons. Further information will be provided at a later date to the Council and for prosecutions a detailed report will be provided for information purposes, in the confidential section of the agenda.

- 13. A summary of Incidents, Compliance Monitoring Non-compliances and Enforcement for the period 12 August 2022 to 27 October 2022 is attached. The 'compliant' incidents are presented first in a table and the 'non-compliant' incidents are presented after in a more detailed summary, followed by the compliance monitoring non-compliances.
- 14. Generally, incidents in the 'compliant' table have a recommendation of 'no further action'. However, an incident is considered 'compliant' until such time as a non-compliance is found. Therefore, occasionally an incident in the 'compliant' table will have a recommendation of 'investigation continuing', if an ongoing investigation is still underway to confirm compliance.
- 15. A series of graphs are also attached comparing the number of incidents between 2016-2017 and 2021-2022, and also showing how the incidents are tracking in 2021-2022 in relation to environment type and compliance status. There is a graph showing the non-compliances found during compliance monitoring. There is also a graph showing enforcement action taken to date during 2021-2022.
- 16. The data in the graphs for 2021-2022 to date is showing that there are more incidents but less compliance monitoring non-compliances. Although in the first month of this period, there is limited data.

Decision-making considerations

17. Part 6 (Planning, decision-making and accountability) of the *Local Government Act* 2002 has been considered and documented in the preparation of this agenda item. The recommendations made in this item comply with the decision-making obligations of the *Act*.

Financial considerations—LTP/Annual Plan

18. This memorandum and the associated recommendations are consistent with the Council's adopted Long-Term Plan and estimates. Any financial information included in this memorandum has been prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting practice.

Policy considerations

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Iwi considerations

20. This memorandum and the associated recommendations are consistent with the Council's policy for the development of Māori capacity to contribute to decision-making processes (schedule 10 of the *Local Government Act* 2002) as outlined in the adopted long-term plan and/or annual plan. Similarly, iwi involvement in adopted work programmes has been recognised in the preparation of this memorandum.

Community considerations

21. This memorandum and the associated recommendations have considered the views of the community, interested and affected parties and those views have been recognised in the preparation of this memorandum.

Legal considerations

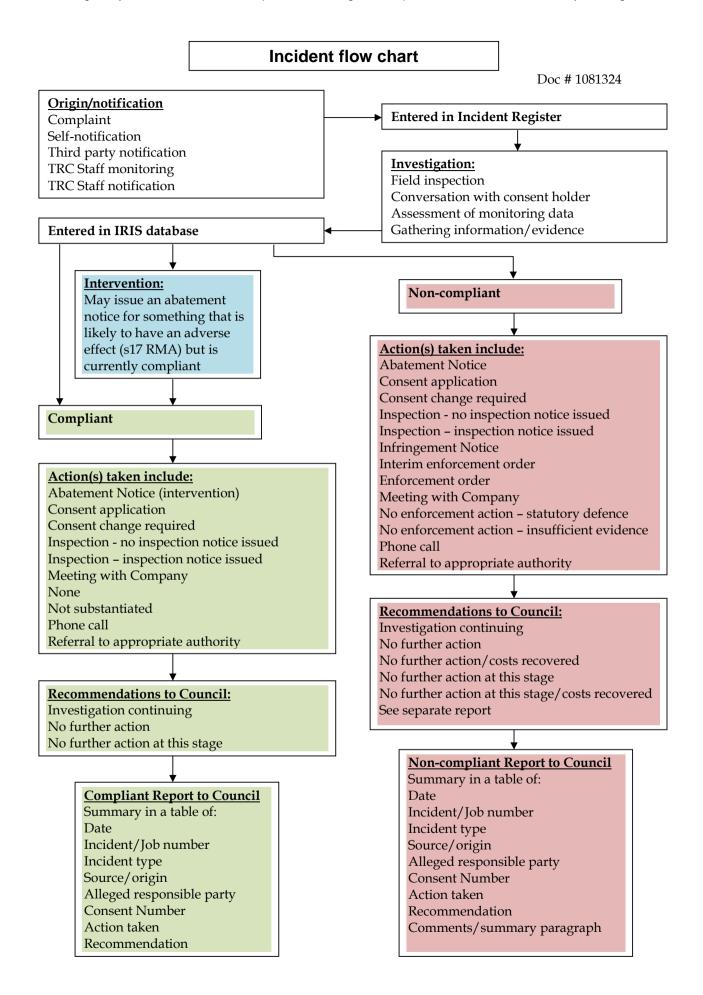
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Appendices/Attachments

Document 1081324: Incident flowchart and terms explained

Document 3122816: Incident and Enforcement Graphs to 30 September 2022

Document 3122636: Incidents and Enforcement Summary 12 August 2022 to 27 October 2022



Terms explained

Compliance rating

Compliant After investigation the incident was found to be compliant with

environmental standards or other regulations, permitted rules in a regional plan (e.g. RFWP, RAQP, RCP allowed), a resource consent

and/or the Resource Management Act 1991.

Non-compliant After investigation the incident was found to be <u>non-compliant</u> with

environmental standards or other regulations, rules in a regional plan, a resource consent and/or the Resource Management Act 1991

Origin/Notification:

Complaint Notification of incident received from public.

Self notification Notification of incident received from the responsible party.

Third Party Notification of incident received from third party such as New

Notification Zealand Fire, District Council etc.

TRC Staff Notification of incident found during routine compliance monitoring. monitoring

TRC Staff Notification of incident found during unrelated monitoring/field notification work.

Action/s Taken:

14 day Letter A letter was sent requesting an explanation for the non-compliance

and why enforcement action should not be considered. The

recipient is given 14 days to reply.

Abatement Notice A notice was issued requiring something to be undertaken or

something to cease to ensure compliance with Rules in the regional plans, resource consent or Resource Management Act 1991. Notice must be complied with or further enforcement action can be

considered.

Consent application A consent application has been received as a result of the

investigation.

Consent change

required

During the investigation it was found that a consent change was

required.

Emergency Works Emergency works was allowed under section 330 of the RMA.

Often a subsequent resource consent is required.

Enforcement Order An enforcement order has been issued by the Environment Court

requiring action to be undertaken or something to cease. Notice must be complied with or further enforcement action can be

considered.

Infringement Notice

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An infringement notice was issued under Section 338(1)(a) of the Resource Management Act 1991 and Councils delegated authority.

Inspection Notice An inspection was unde

An inspection was undertaken and a notice of advice/instruction

was issued to landowner/alleged offender.

Inspection/no notice

issued

An inspection was undertaken, however no inspection notice was issued as there was no alleged offender/landowner to issue one to

(natural event, unsourced etc).

Interim Enforcement

Order

An interim enforcement order has been issued by the Environment Court requiring action to be undertaken or something to cease. Notice must be complied with or further enforcement action can be

considered.

Meeting with Company

A meeting was held with the Company to discuss the incident and

ways to resolve any issues.

None No action was required.

Not Substantiated The incident could not be substantiated (i.e. it is not

likely/possible/probable that the alleged incident could have taken

place).

Phone call A phone call was made to the alleged offender/authority.

Prosecution A prosecution is being initiated for this incident.

Referral to Appropriate

Authority

The incident was referred to the appropriate authority (District

Council, Department of Conservation etc).

Recommendations to Council

Investigation continuing

Outcome has not been finalised. Investigation is continuing on this incident, information/evidence still being gathered. Further action, including enforcement are being considered and therefore legally all information cannot be reported on this incident at this stage. These incidents will continue to be reported as updates in the following

agendas.

No Further Action Investigation is completed, any required enforcement action has been

undertaken and no further action is required.

No Further Action At This Stage Investigation is completed, any required enforcement action has been undertaken and further action may be required at a later date.

No Further Action/Costs Recovered Investigation is completed, any required enforcement action has been undertaken and no further action is required. Costs will be recovered

from the alleged offender for the investigation.

No further Action at this Stage/Costs Recovered

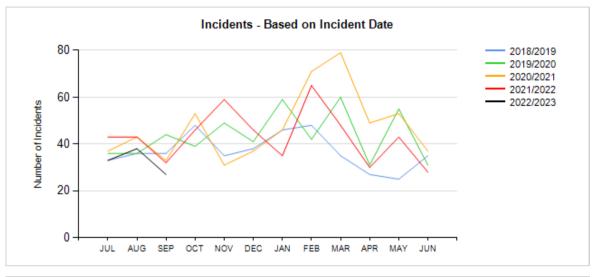
Investigation is completed, any required enforcement action has been undertaken and further action may be required at a later date (reinspection of Abatement Notice etc). Costs will be recovered from the alleged offender for the investigation.

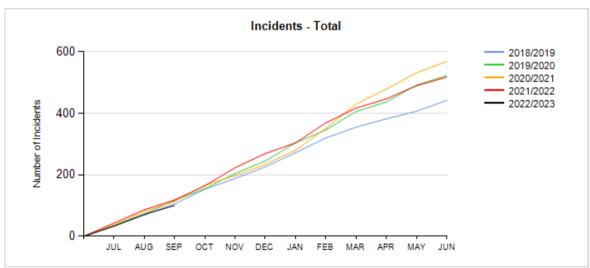
Defences under Sections 340 and 341 of the Resource Management Act 1991

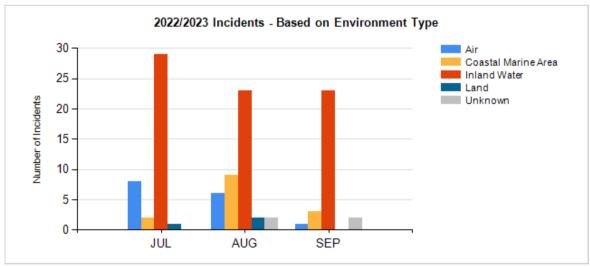
Sometimes no enforcement action is undertaken against an alleged offender for a non-compliant incident as they have a defence under Section 340 of the Resource Management Act 1991 including reasons such as:

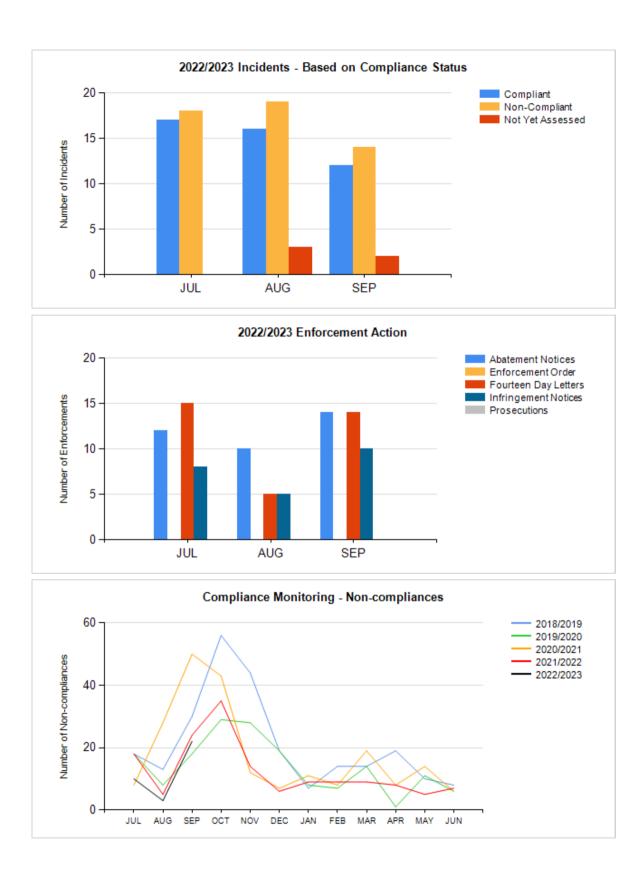
- the defendant can prove that he or she did not know, and could not reasonably be expected to have known that the offence was to be or was being committed, or
- that he or she took all reasonable steps to prevent the commission of the offence, or
- the action or event could not reasonably have been foreseen or been provided against by the defendant.

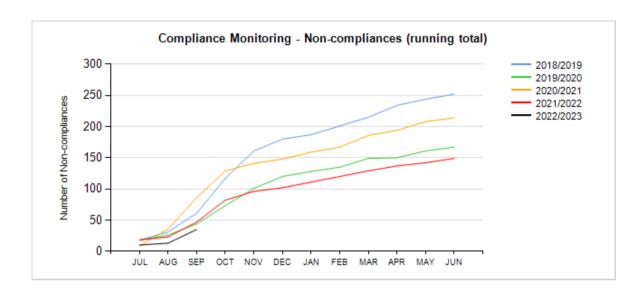
Incident and Enforcement Graphs to 30 September 2022











| Incident Date | Job Number IRIS ID | Incident Type | Source | Alleged Responsible Party | Consent Number | Compliance Status | Recommendation |
|------------------|------------------------|---|-----------------------------|---|-------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------|
| 1 Jul 2022 | 330123-002 IN/45561 | Alleged rubbish into Stormwater - Scott Street, Hawera | Complaint | Egmont Refuse & Recycling Ltd | | RFWP Allowed | No Further Action |
| 2 Jul 2022 | 330123-004 IN/45600 | Alleged burning - Hurford Road, New Plymouth | Complaint | Pepper Construction LTD Royce & Carol Dimock | | RAQP Allowed | No Further Action |
| 12 Aug 2022 | 330123-041 IN/45828 | Alleged dead calves on beach - Lower Kina Road, Oaonui | Third Party Notification | Unsourced | | RCP Allowed | No Further Action |
| 13 Aug 2022 | 330123-045 IN/45847 | Alleged smoke - Bishop Road, New Plymouth | Complaint | Graeme Hunter | | RAQP Allowed | No Further Action |
| 13 Aug 2022 | 330123-046 IN/45848 | Alleged hydrocarbon discharge - Everett Park, Inglewood | Complaint | Unsourced | | RFWP Allowed | No Further Action |
| 14 Aug 2022 | 330123-048 IN/45850 | Alleged odour - Castle Street, Eltham | Complaint | Brian Renshaw | | RAQP Allowed | No Further Action |
| 15 Aug 2022 | 330123-049 IN/45851 | Alleged paint spill - Maratahu Street, New Plymouth | TRC Staff Notification | Unsourced | | RFWP Allowed | No Further Action |
| 15 Aug 2022 | 330123-051 IN/45856 | Alleged discoloured stream - Norfolk Road, Inglewood | Complaint | Natural Event | | Not Applicable/Natural Event | No Further Action |
| 17 Aug 2022 | 330123-054 IN/45861 | Alleged pollen - Grey Street, Normanby | Complaint | Natural Event | | Not Applicable/Natural Event | No Further Action |
| 17 Aug 2022 | 330123-055 IN/45862 | Alleged odour - Back Beach - New Plymouth | Complaint | Unsourced | | RAQP Allowed | No Further Action |

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| 18 Aug 2022 | 330123-056 IN/45870 | Alleged oil spill - Birdwood Avenue, Moturoa | Third Party Notification | Unsourced | | Not Applicable/Natural Event | No Further Action |
| 19 Aug 2022 | 330123-057 IN/45876 | Alleged pond overflow - Mountain Road, Stratford | Self-Notification | Ample Group Limited | R2/6570-1 | Consent Compliance | No Further Action |
| 19 Aug 2022 | 330123-061 IN/45893 | Alleged slip - Mt Messenger | Self-Notification | Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency | | Not Applicable/Natural Event | No Further Action |
| 20 Aug 2022 | 330123-059 IN/45912 | Alleged leachate pond overflow - Colson Road, New Plymouth | Self-Notification | New Plymouth District Council | R2/2370-3 | Consent Compliance | No Further Action |
| 30 Aug 2022 | 330123-071 IN/45937 | Alleged backyard burning - Clifford Street, Hawera | Complaint | Jody Peacock Stephan McCulloch | | RAQP Allowed | No Further Action |
| 31 Aug 2022 | 330123-072 IN/45943 | Alleged white stream - East Road, Stratford | Complaint | Unsourced | | RFWP Allowed | No Further Action |
| 2 Sep 2022 | 330123-073 IN/45955 | Alleged wetland drainage - SH3, Mokoia | TRC Staff Notification | G & A Hill Trust | | RFWP Allowed | No Further Action |
| 6 Sep 2022 | 330123-075 IN/45980 | Alleged green stream - Karaka Street, Manaia | Complaint | Greg Hill | | Consent Compliance | No Further Action |
| 8 Sep 2022 | 330123-149 IN/45990 | Alleged greenwaste dump and leachate - Tongaporutu | Complaint | Unsourced | | RFWP Allowed | No Further Action At This Stage |
| 9 Sep 2022 | 330123-082 IN/46035 | Alleged discoloured discharge - Herekawe Stream - Back Beach | Complaint | Unsourced | | RFWP Allowed | No Further Action |

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| 10 Sep 2022 | 330123-083 IN/46050 | Alleged sewage - Waitara River - Waitara | Complaint | New Plymouth District Council | | Not Applicable/Natural Event | No Further Action |
| 11 Sep 2022 | 330123-084 IN/46055 | Alleged sewage odour - Railway Street, Eltham | Complaint | Unsourced | | RAQP Allowed | No Further Action |
| 12 Sep 2022 | 330123-079 IN/46006 | Alleged white discharge - SH45, Oakura | Complaint | BG Goodin | | RFWP Allowed | No Further Action |
| 21 Sep 2022 | 330123-092 IN/46077 | Alleged dairy effluent - Radnor Road, Midhirst | Complaint | Hinrows Farm Limited | R2/2543-2 | Consent Compliance | No Further Action |
| 22 Sep 2022 | 330123-098 IN/46114 | Alleged silage wrap in stream - Pungarehu Road, Pungarehu | Complaint | Ashley Greenway | | RFWP Allowed | No Further Action |
| 22 Sep 2022 | 330123-100 IN/46324 | Alleged culvert installation and silt discharge - Alfred Road, Egmont Village | Complaint | Red Jacket Consultants Limited | | RFWP Allowed | No Further Action |
| 23 Sep 2022 | 330123-094 IN/46084 | Alleged land drainage - Croydon Road, Midhirst | Complaint | Leilah Mclean | | RFWP Allowed | No Further Action |
| 27 Sep 2022 | 330123-096 IN/46105 | Alleged dead sheep in stream - Kent Terrace, Midhirst | Complaint | Francis Prior | | RFWP Allowed | No Further Action |
| 1 Oct 2022 | 330123-104 IN/46239 | Alleged prolic spill discharge - Bayly Road, Pungarehu | Self-Notification | Garry Joseph Brophy | | RFWP Allowed | No Further Action |
| 1 Oct 2022 | 330123-103 IN/46240 | Alleged green stream - Lower Hunter Road, Eltham | Complaint | Unsourced | | RFWP Allowed | No Further Action |

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| 4 Oct 2022 | 330123-105 IN/46156 | Alleged dairy effluent odour - Pembroke Road, Stratford | Complaint | D & S Hancock Trusts | | Consent Compliance | No Further Action |
| 6 Oct 2022 | 330123-107 IN/46173 | Alleged hydrocarbon discharge - Frankley Road, New Plymouth | Complaint | Unsourced | | RFWP Allowed | No Further Action |
| 10 Oct 2022 | 330123-110 IN/46205 | Alleged discharge into stormwater - Motukari Place, Onaero | Complaint | Ian & Justine Howe | | RFWP Allowed | No Further Action |
| 11 Oct 2022 | 330123-113 IN/46221 | Alleged agrichemical spraydrift - Waitara Road, Brixton | Complaint | Eddie & Kylie Hollard | | RAQP Allowed | No Further Action |
| 12 Oct 2022 | 330123-115 IN/46225 | Alleged green stream - Beaconsfield Road, Midhirst | Complaint | Unsourced | | RFWP Allowed | No Further Action |
| 12 Oct 2022 | 330123-116 IN/46229 | Alleged dairy effluent - Radnor Road, Midhirst | Complaint | Hinrows Farm Limited | R2/2543-2 | Consent Compliance | No Further Action |
| 13 Oct 2022 | 330123-118 IN/46234 | Alleged wash water discharge - Sealy Road, Omata | Complaint | Trent Agent | R2/3971-2 | Consent Compliance | No Further Action |
| 17 Oct 2022 | 330123-120 IN/46241 | Alleged dust - Monmouth Road, Stratford | Complaint | Hey Trust | | RAQP Allowed | No Further Action |
| 18 Oct 2022 | 330123-121 IN/46243 | Alleged dairy effluent - Kina Road, Oaonui | Complaint | Unsourced | | RCP Allowed | No Further Action |
| 19 Oct 2022 | 330123-123 IN/46328 | Alleged odour - Mountain Road, Inglewood | Complaint | Osflo Spreading Industries Ltd | | RAQP Allowed | No Further Action |

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| 26 Oct 2022 | 330123-130 IN/46314 | Alleged cloudy Stream - SH3, Inglewood | Complaint | Unsourced | | Not Applicable/Natural Event | No Further Action |
| 27 Oct 2022 | 330123-132 IN/46330 | Alleged smoke - Waverley township | Complaint | Unsourced | | RAQP Allowed | No Further Action |

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| 27 Jun 2022 Update | 330122-525 IN/45521 | Rubbish dumping/burning - Warwick Road, Stratford. | Complaint | Mathew Watt (74076) Mountain View Developments and Construction Limited (73659) Tony Clements (70724) | | EAC-24619 - Abatement Notice EAC-24620 - Abatement Notice EAC-24622 - Abatement Notice EAC-24623 - Explanation Requested - Letter EAC-24625 - Abatement Notice EAC-24626 - Abatement Notice EAC-24626 - Abatement Notice EAC-24661 - Abatement Notice EAC-24682 - Abatement Notice EAC-24739 - Infringement Notice (\$750) EAC-24730 - Infringement Notice (\$300) EAC-24731 - Infringement Notice (\$300) EAC-24732 - Infringement Notice (\$750) EAC-24733 - Infringement Notice (\$750) EAC-24733 - Infringement Notice (\$300) EAC-24734 - Infringement Notice (\$300) EAC-24734 - Infringement Notice (\$300) | |

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Comments: A complaint was received concerning the potential unauthorised dumping of demolition material at a property on Warwick Road, Stratford. Investigation found that materials from a house demolition, on Cordelia Street, Stratford, had been disposed of and burnt at a property on Warwick Road, Stratford, in contravention of rules in the Regional Air Quality Plan for Taranaki (RAQP) and the Resource Management (National Environmental Standards for Freshwater) Regulations 2020 (NESFW). Abatement Notices were issued requiring the operation to cease and for works to be undertaken to ensure compliance with the RAQP and NESFW. Reinspection found that the abatement notices were being complied with at the time of inspection.

| 4 Jul 2022 <u>Update</u> | 330123-003 IN/45574 | Silt and erosion - Mangamahoe Stream, New Plymouth | Complaint | Downer EDI Works (29406) New Plymouth District Council (9565) | R2/10192-1.0 | EAC-24642 - Explanation Requested - Letter EAC-24646 - Explanation Requested - Letter EAC-24647 - Abatement | Investigation Continuing |
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| | | | | | | Notice | |

Comments: A complaint was received concerning silt and sediment discharging into the Mangamahoe Stream near Lake Mangamahoe, New Plymouth. Investigation found that there had been work undertaken on an instream structure known as the Lower Head Dam. A significant amount of silt and sediment had been discharged downstream of the structure with evidence of some deposition into the Waiwhakaiho River, downstream of the confluence with the Mangamahoe Stream. Upstream of the structure it was evident that significant erosion had occurred and would continue to occur. Further investigation found that silt controls that had been installed downstream had failed and were offering no sediment control. Photographs, videos, and samples were taken. Letters of explanation have been received. Enforcement action is being considered.

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| 11 Jul 2022 <u>Update</u> | 330123-008 IN/45622 | Unauthorised discharge into stream - Rimutauteka Road, Inglewood | TRC Staff Compliance Monitoring | Codylan Farms Limited (36519) | R2/10321-1.0 | EAC-24667 - Abatement Notice EAC-24669 - Abatement Notice | Investigation Continuing |

Comments: During unrelated monitoring of a wellsite, it was found that farm dairy effluent was discharging to a skimmer pit outfall and then into surface water at Rimutauteka Road, Inglewood. Photographs, video and samples were taken. Whilst collecting a sample of the discharge it was also noted that silage leachate was discharging to the stream causing sewage fungus growths downstream of the discharge. The discharge of farm dairy effluent was in contravention of consent conditions and the discharge of leachate was in contravention of Rule 30 of the RFWP. Abatement notices were issued requiring the discharge of dairy effluent to cease and for works to be undertaken to prevent the discharge of silage leachate. Reinspection found the abatement notice was not being complied with. Further enforcement action is being considered.

| 20 Jul 2022 | 330123-019 | Burning - Johns Road, Tariki | Complaint | Jesse Little (74185) | EAC-24719 - Infringement No Further Action |
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| <u>Update</u> | IN/45698 | | | Scott Keegan (74186) | Notice (\$300) |

Comments: A complaint was received concerning black smoke from a fire burning on Johns Road, Tariki. Investigation found that unauthorised materials were being burnt in a fire, including tyres and road cones.

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| 25 Jul 2022 <u>Update</u> | 330123-025 IN/45717 | Silt/sediment discharge - South Road, Oakura | Complaint | Brough Earthworks Limited (68645) KO & KO Consultancy Limited (74194) | | EAC-24689 - Explanation Requested - Letter EAC-24691 - Explanation Requested - Letter EAC-24746 - Infringement Notice (\$750) | |

Comments: A complaint was received concerning top soil being washed off a neighbouring property during rain, into their property and then into a stream, at South Road, Oakura. Investigation found that recent landscaping had been undertaken and silt and sediment from exposed earth was discharging to the Wairau Stream. There were no silt and sediment controls in place at the time of inspection. Silt fencing was subsequently installed and monitored. Letters of explanation were received.

| 29 Jul 2022 | 330123-039 | Silt/sediment discharge - | TRC Staff | TPJ Partnership (12834) | EAC-24693 - Abatement | No Further Action |
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| <u>Update</u> | IN/45795 | Rainie Road, Hawera | Compliance | | Notice | At This Stage |
| | | | Monitoring | | EAC-24784 - Infringement Notice (\$750) | - - |

Comments: During unrelated monitoring it was found that silt and sediment from earthworks in relation to drainage had discharged into an unnamed stream at a property at Rainie Road, Hawera. Investigation found that there were no silt and or sediment controls installed at the time of inspection. An abatement notice was issued requiring silt and sediment controls to be installed. Reinspection will be undertaken after 12 November 2022.

| 29 Jul 2022 | 330123-038 | Earthworks - Connett Road. | Complaint | Tobias Lecher (36043) | EAC-24712 - Abatement | No Further Action |
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| 23 Jul 2022 | 330123-030 | Larinworks - Connett Road, | Complaint | TODIAS LECTION (30043) | LAG-247 12 - Abatement | NO I UITHEL ACTION |
| <u>Update</u> | IN/45838 | Bell Block | | | Notice | |
| <u>opuate</u> | 114/43030 | Dell Diock | | | Notice | |

Comments: A complaint was received concerning unconsented earthworks at Connett Road, Bell Block. Investigation found that earthworks had been undertaken and were in contravention of Rule 26 of the Regional Fresh Water Plan for Taranaki. An abatement notice was issued requiring works to be undertaken to ensure compliance. A resource consent has been applied for.

Updates of Non-Compliant incidents from previous agendas

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| 30 Jul 2022 Update | 330123-037 IN/45749 | Hydrocarbons in Mangati Stream - Bell Block | Complaint | Schlumberger New Zealand Limited (51451) Unsourced (9768) | | EAC-24768 - Explanation Requested - Letter No Enforcement Action - Insufficient evidence | No Further Action |

Comments: A complaint was received concerning hydrocarbons in the Mangati Stream at Bell Block. Initial investigation could not find any hydrocarbons. However during unrelated monitoring in the following days it was found that there was a significant amount of oil in the water ponds at the end of the industrial catchment. New Plymouth District Council undertook clean up of the product in the ponds. An extensive investigation upstream was undertaken with a likely source being located. An explanation was received and a meeting was held with the Company.

and pads were deployed and all hydrcarbons were contained and recovered.

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| 12 Aug 2022 | 330123-040 IN/45827 | Silage wrap in Kapuni Stream - Opunake Road | Complaint | Unknown (17345) | | | No Further Action |
| located in the | stream. Howev | 0 0 | | tream at Opunake Road near Kap s well within the stream and acces | | | |
| 14 Aug 2022 | 330123-047 IN/45849 | Smoke - Swansea Road, Stratford | Complaint | Keith Baskin (74282) | | | No Further Action |
| | on the property | | | ty on the corner of Swansea Road party was advised of rules in the | | | |
| 15 Aug 2022 | 330123-042 IN/45834 | Diesel/oil in stream - Upland Road/SH3 Egmont Village | Third Party Notification | Nicholas Magan (74262) Tony Magan (74263) | | No Enforcement Action - Statutory defence | No Further Action |

Highway 3, Egmont Village. Investigation found that the vehicle was in the stream, as a result of an accident, and hydrocarbons were discharging into the stream. Sorbant booms

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| 15 Aug 2022 | 330123-044 IN/45845 | Green stream - Hurford Road, Omata | Complaint | Martin Strauss (74270) Nicholas & Christine Barrett (3403) Zenith Farms Family Trust (36016) | R2/1702-3 | EAC-24698 - Abatement Notice EAC-24703 - Abatement Notice EAC-24704 - Abatement Notice EAC-24705 - Abatement Notice EAC-24739 - Explanation Requested - Letter | Investigation Continuing |

Comments: A complaint was received concerning a green 'stream' at Hurford Road, Omata. Investigation found that farm dairy effluent had overflowed from the sandtrap and discharged into a waterbody which flows into an unnamed tributary of the Ngakara Stream. Abatement notices were issued requiring works to be undertaken to ensure consent compliance. Reinspection found that the abatement notice was being complied with. Further enforcement action is being considered.

| 16 Aug 2022 330123-050 IN/45854 | Oil Spill - Lake Mangamahoe | Self-Notification Manawa Energy Limited (74010) R2/2056-3.1 | EAC-24706 - Explanation Requested - Letter No Enforcement Action - Statutory defence | No Further Action/Costs Recovered |
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Comments: Self-notification was received concerning an oil spill at the Lake Mangamahoe Power Station intake. Investigation found that as a result of a burst hydraulic oil hose, hydrocarbons had discharged into the lake. Immediate response was undertaken by the Company and TRC staff. Sorbant booms and pads were deployed. All hydrocarbons were contained and recovered.

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| 17 Aug 2022 | 330123-053 IN/45859 | Sheep in Wetland - Cornwall Street, Patea | Complaint | Lee Meyer (29423) | | | No Further Action |
| | | s received concerning sheep in a ng removal of the animals and re | | near Cornwall Street, Patea. The | landowner was co | ontacted. He had realised th | ere was a hole in |
| 19 Aug 2022 | 330123-058 IN/45879 | Dead Cow on Beach - East End | Complaint | The Hardcase Family Trust (32016) | | | No Further Action |
| | | s received concerning a dead co Plymouth District Council were no | | t End Beach at the end of Buller Sed the carcasses. | Street. Investigation | on confirmed that there was | a cow and calf |
| 19 Aug 2022 | 330123-064 IN/45907 | Sewage overflows - New Plymouth District area | Self-Notification | New Plymouth District Council (9565) | | No Enforcement Action - Statutory defence | No Further Action |
| | | | | in the region, several overflows o tingency plan was followed and s | | | district area. The |
| 10 Δμα 2022 | 330123-065 | Sewage overflows - Stratford | Self-Notification | Stratford District Council | | | No Frantis en Astis e |
| 19 Aug 2022 | IN/45908 | district area | | (10048) | | | No Further Action |

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| 21 Aug 2022 | 330123-060 IN/45913 | Diesel discharge - Fillis Street, New Plymouth | Complaint | New Plymouth District Council (9565) | | | No Further Action |
| side of the roa | ad, coned off, ar | nd diesel was leaking and discha | rging into the stor | stormwater system at Fillis Street rmwater drain. Contact with New F nt sock was put around the drain t | lymouth District | Council revealed that the ge | |
| 22 Aug 2022 | 330123-062 IN/45894 | Dead animals - Waitara Beach | Complaint | Unknown (17345) Unsourced (9768) | | | No Further Action |
| | | | | ara Beach, Waitara. Investigation ses could not be accessed to be re | | | |
| 22 Aug 2022 | 330123-066 IN/45910 | Sewage overflows - South Taranaki district | Self-Notification | South Taranaki District Council (9623) | R2/7521-1 | No Enforcement Action - Statutory defence | No Further Action |
| | | | | the region, several overflows of sitingency plan was followed and si | | | district area. The |
| 23 Aug 2022 | 33023-063 IN/45901 | Dead cow - Waitara Beach | Complaint | Unsourced (9768) | | | No Further Action |
| | • | • | | ne river and onto the beach at Wai ed. New Plymouth District Council | | | , |

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| 23 Aug 2022 | 330123-067 IN/45904 | Wastewater discharge – Manaia Road, Kapuni | Self-Notification | Fonterra Limited (50606) | R2/0922-3.2 | EAC-24722 - Explanation Requested - Letter No Enforcement Action - Statutory defence | No Further Action/Costs Recovered | |
| Comments: Self-notification was received concerning a discharge of wastewater from an unforeseen irrigation pipeline breach, into the Kaupokonui Stream at Manaia Road, Kapuni. Investigation found that the river was running clear. There had been heavy rain in the previous two days. No environmental effects could be found at the time of inspection. A letter of explanation was received confirming that a mechanical failure had occurred. | | | | | | | | |
| | letter of explana | ation was received confirming that | at a mechanical fa | ilure had occurred. | | | | |

Comments: A complaint was received concerning stream works in the Waiongana Stream at Sisson Terrace, Lepperton. Investigation found that there had been earthworks undertaken on the riverbed of the stream. Vegetation was removed and rock armouring undertaken as part of flood control/erosion control measures. However, this Council's Rivers Officer had previously advised that the works could not be done until October, as this would be a contravention of Rule 61(h) of the Regional Fresh Water Plan for Taranaki. A letter requesting explanation was sent.

| 26 Aug 2022 330123-069 | Dead cow - New Plymouth | Complaint | Fabish Bros Farms Limited | No Further Action |
|------------------------|-------------------------|-----------|---------------------------|-------------------|
| IN/45926 | foreshore | | (27296) | |

Comments: Notification was received concerning a dead cow on the New Plymouth foreshore. New Plymouth District Council undertook disposal of the carcass. The owner was identified and advised of the situation.

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| 27 Aug 2022 | 330123-070 IN/45927 | Dead cow - Kaupokonui Beach | Complaint | Unknown (17345) | | | No Further Action | |
| Comments: A complaint was received concerning a dead cow on the beach at Kaupokonui. Investigation confirmed the location of the carcass. Department of Conservation were contacted, who identified the owner. The owner undertook works to dispose of the carcass. | | | | | | | | |
| 4 Sep 2022 | 330123-074 IN/46004 | Sewage overflow notification | Self-Notification | New Plymouth District Council (9565) | | | No Further Action | |
| | | was received concerning a sewa cil's contingency plan was followe | | oto Street, New Plymouth. Investig erected. | ation found that | the overflow had occurred d | ue to a blockage. | |
| 7 Sep 2022 | 330123-080 IN/46007 | Stream realignment - Komene Road, Okato | Complaint | Denis James & Raewyn Edna Gladys Goodwin (2605) | | EAC-24741 - Abatement Notice EAC-24744 - Abatement Notice | Investigation Continuing | |

Comments: A complaint was received concerning instream stream works being undertaken on a property at Komene Road, Okato. Investigation found that works had been undertaken to realign two sections of stream, totalling approximately 380 metres. The works were in contravention of Rules in the Regional Fresh Water Plan for Taranaki and the Resource Management (National Environmental Standards for Freshwater) Regulations 2020. An abatement notice was issued requiring works to be undertaken to reinstate the streams. Reinspection found that works were being undertaken to ensure compliance with the abatement notices. A further reinspection will be undertaken after 25 November 2022.

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| 8 Sep 2022 | 330123-078 IN/46005 | Stream realignment - Opunake Road, Opunake | TRC Staff Notification | Neville Lynsay & Beverley Louisa Ardern (3462) | | EAC-24762 - Explanation Requested - Letter | Investigation Continuing |
| | dertaken in 2020 | A meeting was held with the la | | n had been realigned on a dairy far eps are being undertaken to achiev | | | |
| | al Standards for | Freshwater) Regulations 2020. | | | | | |

EAC-24754 - Explanation

Requested - Letter

Comments: A complaint was received concerning a discharge of farm dairy effluent into a stream at Hurford Road, Omata. Investigation found that an upstream dairy effluent disposal system was not operating within resource consent conditions and an abatement notice issued as a result of a previous non-compliance. An explanation has been received. Further enforcement action is being considered.

Zenith Farms Family Trust

(3403)

(36016)

| 16 Sep 2022 330123-085 | Dead sheep - Wai-iti Beach | Complaint | Unsourced (9768) | No Further Action |
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| IN/46042 | | | | |

Comments: A complaint was received concerning a dead sheep on Wai-iti Beach. Investigation confirmed the location of the carcass and the inspecting officer undertook disposal of the carcass at the time of inspection.

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| 16 Sep 2022 | 330123-086 IN/46049 | Historic rubbish and erosion - Waitara Beach | Complaint | New Plymouth District Council (9565) Waitara Golf Club Inc (3579) | | | No Further Action At This Stage |

Comments: A complaint was received concerning rubbish from an historic rubbish dump at the Waitara Golf Club being exposed due to erosion, discharging onto the Waitara Beach and into the Tasman Sea. Investigation found that New Plymouth District Council (NPDC) own the land and are aware of three historic rubbish dumps along the coastline that have varying levels of exposure as a result of coastal erosion. NPDC are aware of the situation and currently in talks with various stakeholders, including lwi to develop a works programme to address the situation and prevent further discharges.

| 19 Sep 2022 330123-088 Green stream - Hurford Road, Complaint Martin Strauss (74270 Nicholas & Christine E (3403) Zenith Farms Family 1 (36016) | Parrett Continuing |
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Comments: A complaint was received concerning a 'green' stream at Hurford Road, Omata. Investigation found that farm dairy effluent was discharging into two streams, on an upstream property, as a result of an overflowing holding pond and poor irrigation practises. This is the third such incident in a two monthly period. Works are being undertaken to upgrade the effluent disposal system. Enforcement action is being considered.

| 19 Sep 2022 330123-093 IN/46082 | Stream piping - Komene Road, Okato | TRC Staff Compliance | P & E Grylls (33912) | | nvestigation Continuing |
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| | | Monitoring | | · | 3 |

Comments: During unrelated monitoring it was found that a 500 metre section of the headwaters of a stream had been piped on a drystock property at Komene Road, Okato. Investigation found that the works had recently been completed and were in contravention of the Resource Management (National Environmental Standards for Freshwater) Regulations 2020. A letter of explanation was received. A meeting is to be held with the landowner and enforcement action is being considered.

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| 20 Sep 2022 | 330123-090 IN/46061 | Dairy effluent - Skeet and Hunter Road - Eltham | Complaint | GJ & DA Carter Family Trust (21880) Mark Carter (74368) | R2/3786-2.2 | EAC-24756 - Explanation Requested - Letter | Investigation Continuing |
| running slight | ly green at the t | ime of the inspection. Investigati | on of upstream pr | the corner of Skeet and Hunter Roroperties found that an effluent irriquent action is being considered. | gator had been ru | | |
| 20 Sep 2022 | 330123-089 IN/46063 | Sewage overflow - Parklands Avenue, Bell Block | Self-Notification | New Plymouth District Council (9565) | | No Enforcement Action - Statutory defence | No Further Action/Costs Recovered |
| | | | | ow had occurred into the Mangati ouncil's contingency plan was follo | | | klands Avenue, Bell |
| 21 Sep 2022 | 330123-091 IN/46075 | Discoloured Stream - Connett Road, Bell Block | Complaint | Taranaki Sawmills Limited (10015) | R2/2333-4.4 | EAC-24757 - Abatement Notice EAC-24758 - Explanation | Investigation Continuing |

Comments: A complaint was received concerning a 'black' stream at Connett Road, Bell Block. Investigation found the Waitaha Stream was running 'black' at the time of inspection. Investigation of an upstream business found that the stormwater discharge point from timber treatment site was black in colour as a result of high tannin concentration. The outlet to the pond was blocked off to prevent further discharge. An abatement notice was issued requiring works to be undertaken. Reinspection found that the abatement notice was being complied with at the time of inspection. Further enforcement action is being considered

Requested - Letter

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| 26 Sep 2022 | 330123-095 IN/46107 | Milk discharge to stream - Flint Road East, Stratford | Self-Notification | Ian Oliver (2054) | R2/0486-2 | No Enforcement Action - Statutory defence | No Further Action At This Stage/Costs Recovered |

Comments: Self-notification was received regarding an accidental discharge of milk to a stream at Flint Road East, Stratford. Investigation found that the discharge had occurred as a result of a breakdown of a cooler system and milk had discharged via the yard, into the oxidation ponds, which is allowed as a contingency plan. However, a small amount of milk had overflowed into the stream via the stormwater by-pass. The stream was running clear at the time of inspection and no adverse environmental effects could be found.

| 27 Sep 2022 330123-097 | Dead cow on Beach - Cape | Complaint | Unsourced (9768) | No Further Action |
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| IN/46106 | Road, Pungarehu | | | |

Comments: A complaint was received concerning a dead cow on the beach near the Kapoaiaia Stream mouth, Pungarehu. Investigation confirmed there was a dead cow on the beach and the owner could not be traced. South Taranaki District Council were advised and undertook disposal of the carcass.

| 27 Sep 2022 330123-106 | Farm dump - Waitara River - | Complaint | Collin Megaw (74400) | EAC-24780 - Abatement | Investigation |
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| IN/46213 | Waitara | • | , | Notice | Continuing |

Comments: A complaint was received concerning a farm dump on the bank of the Waitara River, near Waitara Road, Waitara. Investigation, using a drone, found that there was a farm dump on the bank of the river. An abatement notice was issued requiring works to be undertaken to comply with Rule 30 of the Regional Fresh Water Plan for Taranaki. Reinspection will be undertaken after 22 November 2022.

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| 30 Sep 2022 | 330123-101 IN/46130 | Vehicle in waterbody - Waiwhakaiho | Third Party Notification | Unsourced (9768) | | | No Further Action |

Comments: Notification was received from New Plymouth Police about hydrocarbons discharging from a vehicle dumped in an unnamed tributary of the Waiwhakaiho River, near the Te Rewa Rewa bridge in New Plymouth. Police could find nothing to identify the owner of the vehicle. Investigation confirmed the car was in the estuary and there was a small amount of hydrocarbons discharging into water. Sorbant booms were deployed to capture and recover the hydrocarbons. New Plymouth District Council arranged for the car to be removed later that day.

| 30 Sep 2022 330123-10 | 2 White stream - Cloten Road, | Complaint | Downer NZ Limited (50648) | EAC-24782 - Explanation Investigation |
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| IN/46131 | Stratford | | | Requested - Letter Continuing |

Comments: A complaint was received concerning a 'white' stream at Cloten Road, Stratford. Investigation found that an unnamed tributary of the Patea River was running white at the time of inspection. Investigation upstream found that water was running over the unpaved surface of the state highway and was picking up fine silt and sediment which was discharging into the reticulated stormwater system. No silt and sediment controls were in place. Samples were taken. An explanation was received from the roading Company, who admitted responsibility. Enforcement action is being considered.

| 6 Oct 2022 | 330123-108 | Backyard burning - Tasman | Complaint | Aaron Robins (29900) | No Further Action |
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| | IN/46175 | Street Opunake | | | |

Comments: A complaint was received concerning backyard burning on a property in a defined urban area, at Tasman Street, Opunake. Investigation found a small backyard fire. The responsible party was advised of the rules in the Regional Air Quality Plan for Taranaki and they immediately extinguished the fire.

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| 6 Oct 2022 | 330123-109 IN/46177 | Green stream - Cape Road, Pungarehu | Complaint | Haidee Parkinson (74416) Nash Winter (74415) PJ Radford Estate (70044) | R2/3495-2 | EAC-24785 - Explanation Requested - Letter EAC-24787 - Explanation Requested - Letter EAC-24788 - Explanation Requested - Letter EAC-24790 - Abatement Notice EAC-24791 - Abatement Notice EAC-24792 - Abatement Notice EAC-24793 - Abatement Notice | Investigation Continuing |

Comments: A complaint was received concerning a 'green' stream at Cape Road, and Parihaka Road, Pungarehu. Investigation found that a stormwater diversion was broken on an upstream property and some farm dairy effluent was discharging directly to the stream. Samples were taken. Abatement notices were issued requiring works to be undertaken to ensure compliance with resource consent conditions. Reinspection found that the abatement notices were being complied with. Letters requesting explanation were sent. Further enforcement action is being considered.

| 6 Oct 2022 | 330123-112 | No fish passage - Kent | TRC Staff | Francis Prior (71038) | No Further Action |
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| | IN/46219 | Terrace, Midhirst | Notification | | |

Comments: During unrelated monitoring it was found that fish passage on a dam was not operational at a property at Kent Terrace, Midhirst. It was found that no water was flowing for fish to travel through, as the structure had misaligned. The landowner was advised and was unaware. He undertook steps to rectify the situation.

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| 7 Oct 2022 | 330123-114 IN/46222 | Smokey fire - George Street, Eltham | Complaint | Barry Barraclough (74475) Tracy Shepard (74476) | | | No Further Action | | | |
| Comments: A complaint was received regarding smoke near George Street, Eltham. Investigation found that there was a small vegetation fire at the back of a property in the defined urban area. The owner of the property was advised of rules in the Regional Air Quality Plan for Taranaki. The fire was immediately extinguished. | | | | | | | | | | |
| 10 Oct 2022 | 330123-111 IN/46207 | Backyard burning - Wilson Street, Waverley | Complaint | Capri Dormis (74414) | | | No Further Action | | | |
| | incinerator in th | | | erty at Wilson Street, Waverley. In tion. The responsible party was no | | | | | | |
| 12 Oct 2022 | 330123-119 IN/46305 | Smoke - Victoria Street, Patea | Complaint | Terry White (74479) | | | No Further Action | | | |
| | | | | area in Patea. Investigation found in the Regional Air Quality Plan fo | | small fire containing househ | nold rubbish at a | | | |
| 13 Oct 2022 | 330123-117 IN/46233 | Sheep in waterbody - Celia Street, Stratford | Complaint | Huria Eraio (74471) | | | No Further Action | | | |
| grazing arou | | terbody, with access via an oper | | roperty at Celia Street, Stratford. r was advised to ensure that anim | | | | | | |

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| 18 Oct 2022 | 330123-122 IN/46244 | Backyard burning - Graham Street, Eltham | Complaint | Josh Cowley (74473) | | | No Further Action |
| | ad been extingu | | | erty at Graham Street, Eltham. Inversery was advised of rules in the | | | |
| 19 Oct 2022 | 330123-124 IN/46272 | Offal discharge - Okey Lane, Bell Block | Complaint | Unsourced (9768) | | | No Further Action |
| | | · · | 0 0 | ck into a stormwater drain at Okay ced. Offal was removed from the | • | <u> </u> | |
| 19 Oct 2022 | 330123-125 IN/46274 | Farm dump and burning - Watino Road, Opunake | TRC Staff Compliance Monitoring | Matthew Lawn (74449) MPL Farms Limited (54245) | | EAC-24798 - Abatement Notice | No Further Action At This Stage/Costs Recovered |

Comments: During unrelated monitoring it was found that a farm rubbish dump was located within 25 metres of a waterbody, at a property of Watino Road, Opunake. There was also evidence that burning of unauthorised materials had been occurring. Advice was given about rules in the Regional Air Quality Plan for Taranaki in relation to burning. An abatement notice was issued requiring works to be undertaken to ensure the farm dump is compliant with the Regional Fresh Water Plan for Taranaki. Reinspection will be undertaken after 25 November 2022.

| Incident Date | Job Number IRIS ID | Incident Type | Source | Alleged Responsible Party | Consent Number | Action Taken | Recommendation | | | |
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| 20 Oct 2022 | 330123-128 IN/46286 | Smokey fire - Strathmore | Complaint | Ralph Henry Vosseler (11788) | | | No Further Action | | | |
| Comments: A complaint was received concerning a smoky fire, near Strathmore. Investigation found that a large vegetation pile was burning on a property. Further investigation found other piles of vegetation, containing some unauthorised materials, which had been attempted to be lit on site. Education was provided with regards to the rules of burning in the Regional Air Quality Plan for Taranaki. | | | | | | | | | | |
| 20 Oct 2022 | 330123-126 IN/46329 | Vegetation burning - Henwood Road, Bell Block | TRC Staff Notification | Andrew & Jill Adlam (14477) | | | No Further Action | | | |
| vegetation fire | | neighbouring properties. The re | | perty at Henwood Road, Bell Block dvised that the wind had changed | | | | | | |
| 21 Oct 2022 | 330123-127 IN/46285 | Dead sheep in stream - Karo Park - Inglewood | Complaint | Unsourced (9768) | | | No Further Action | | | |
| | | s received concerning a dead she ently removed and disposed of. | eep in a stream a | t Karo Park, Karo Street, Inglewoo | d. Investigatior | confirmed the location of | the carcass, at a sports | | | |
| 24 Oct 2022 | 330123-129 IN/46369 | Rubbish in Waiwhakaiho River - Fitzroy | Complaint | Fitzroy Engineering Group Limited (9482) | | | No Further Action | | | |
| | Comments: A complaint was received concerning rubbish in the Waiwhakaiho River at Fitzroy. Investigation found that windbreak material from a work site on the Te Rewa Rewa Bridge had been thrown in the river by unknown persons. The material was removed at the time of inspection. | | | | | | | | | |

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| 26 Oct 2022 | 330123-131 IN/46319 | Green stream- Salisbury Road, Midhirst | Complaint | Shane Helms (72152) | R2/2696-3.0 | EAC-24818 - Explanation Requested - Letter | Investigation Continuing |

Comments: A complaint was received concerning a 'green' stream at Salisbury Road, Midhirst. Investigation found the stream was running green and was as a result of the decommissioning of a farm dairy oxidation pond treatment system. Samples were taken and analysis confirmed non-compliance with resource consent conditions. A letter requesting explanation was sent. Enforcement action is being considered.

| 27 Oct 2022 | 3301123-133 | Hydrocarbon discharge - Port | Complaint | Whitaker Civil Engineering | No Further |
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| | IN/46365 | Taranaki - New Plymouth | | Limited (14442) | Action/Costs |
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Comments: Self-notification was received concerning a discharge of hydrocarbons from an excavator on the boat ramp at Port Taranaki. Investigation found that a blown hydraulic hose had caught fire and hydraulic oil had discharged into the Tasman Sea. The fire service extinguished the fire and it was estimated that approximately 30-40 litres had discharged into the sea. The contracting Company, Port staff and Council staff undertook containment and recovery operations.

<u>Updates of Compliance Monitoring - Non-compliances</u> from previous agendas

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| 30 May 2022 <u>Update</u> | 330122-503 ENF-23534 | Dairy Non-compliant Re-inspection | Significant non-compliance | Clark Peters Farms Limited (50939) Kevin Clark (74311) Ross Clark (36528) | R2/2708-2 | EAC-24714 - Infringement Notice (\$750) EAC-24713 - Infringement Notice (\$750) EAC-24632 - Explanation Requested - Letter EAC-24581 - Abatement Notice EAC-24580 - Abatement Notice | Action/Costs |

Comments: During a compliance monitoring inspection, it was found that the farm dairy effluent disposal system was not operating within resource consent conditions at York Road, Midhirst. Abatement notices were issued requiring the discharges to cease and for works to be undertaken to prevent further unauthorised discharges. Reinspection found that the abatement notices were being complied with at the time of inspection.

| 10 Jun 2022 <u>Update</u> | 332122-138 ENF-23574 | Chemical Sampling Survey | Non-compliance | Port Taranaki Limited (26226) | R2/0197-2.1 | No Further Action/Costs |
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| <u>Opaate</u> | LIVI 20074 | Guivey | | | | Recovered |

Comments: During analysis of samples taken during routine monitoring it was found that suspended solids in the stormwater discharge exceeded allowable resource consent levels at Port Taranaki, New Plymouth. An explanation was received. Processes have been put in place to ensure compliance. The resource consent is being renewed and changes may be made to consent conditions.

<u>Updates of Compliance Monitoring – Non-compliances from previous agendas</u>

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| 15 Jun 2022 <u>Update</u> | 332122-135 ENF-23560 | Compliance Monitoring Insp. | Non-compliance | New Plymouth District Council (9565) | R2/10804-1.0 R2/2370-3 R2/4619-1 R2/6177-2.0 | | No Further Action At This Stage/Costs Recovered |

Comments: During routine monitoring it was found that resource consent conditions were being contravened at the Colson Road Landfill in New Plymouth. The site was not adequately stabilised for the winter period and some ponding was occurring in the Stage 3 area. Works were found to have been undertaken at the time of the site meeting and inspection on 19 July 2022. There was no ponding on the northern end of Stage 3, but there were still some bare patches. Hay mulch had not yet been applied and the contractor advised that this was planned but so far the wet weather had prevented it. Reinspection on 5 August 2022 found that consent conditions were being complied with.

| 6 Jul 2022 <u>Update</u> | 332123-004 ENF-23567 | Follow Up Inspection | Significant non- compliance | Colin Boyd (3013) Mile Square Farms Limited (3884) | R2/4940-2.0 | EAC-24717 - Infringement Notice (\$750) EAC-24662 - Explanation Requested - Letter | Action/Costs |
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Comments: During a follow up inspection, as part of the annual dairy inspection round, it was found that the farm dairy effluent disposal system was not operating within resource consent conditions and Abatement Notice EAC-23073, which was issued as a result of a previous non-compliance at Surrey Road, Inglewood. Further reinspection found that the disposal system was compliant with resource consent conditions. A letter of explanation was received.

| 12 Jul 2022 | 332123-001 | Office Assessment | Non-compliance | Westown Agriculture Limited (55300) | R2/10884-1.0 | EAC-24674 - Abatement | No Further |
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| <u>Update</u> | ENF-23573 | | | | | Notice | Action/Costs |
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Comments: During review of Council records it was found that the Soil Erosion and Sediment Control Plan had not been received as required by resource consent conditions for a cleanfill site at Cowling Road, New Plymouth. An abatement notice was issued requiring the Soil Erosion and Sediment Control Plan to be submitted. A plan was subsequently received and the abatement notice was complied with.

<u>Updates of Compliance Monitoring – Non-compliances</u> from previous agendas

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| 13 Jul 2022 <u>Update</u> | 332123-005 ENF-23577 | Dairy Non-compliant Re-inspection | Significant non- compliance | Beaufort Farm Trust (23628) Marcus Smith (16291) | R2/4347-2.1 | EAC-24672 - Explanation Requested - Letter | Investigation Continuing |

Comments: During a compliance monitoring inspection, it was found that the farm dairy effluent disposal system was not operating within resource consent conditions and an abatement notice EAC-24302, issued as a result of a previous non-compliance at Opunake Road, Cardiff. A letter requesting explanation was sent. Reinspection found the system to be compliant with resource consent conditions and abatement notice at the time of inspection. Further enforcement action is being considered.

| 26 Jul 2022 <u>Update</u> | 332123-002 ENF-23588 | Office Assessment | Non-compliance | Molten Metals Limited (25848) | R2/9974-1.0 | EAC-24694 - Abatement Notice | No Further Action At This Stage/Costs |
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Comments: During analysis of sampling results, from a wet weather sampling run undertaken on 8 July 2022, it was found that the stormwater discharge exceeded resource consent suspended solid limits at a scrap metal site at Centennial Drive, New Plymouth. An abatement notice was issued requiring works to be undertaken to ensure compliance with resource consent conditions. Compliance will be ascertain during the next sampling round. Improvements have been made to infrastructure on the site to ensure compliance.

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| 26 May 2022 | 332123-006 ENF-23604 | Compliance Monitoring Insp. | Non-compliance | Remediation (NZ) Limited (30679) | R2/5838-2.2 | EAC-24761 - Infringement Notice (\$750) EAC-24715 - Explanation Requested - Letter | No Further Action/Costs Recovered |
| | | | | was found that the ammonia concen letter requesting explanation was ser | | Heihanga Stream exceeded | allowable limits in |
| 7 Jul 2022 | 332123-057 ENF-23691 | Annual Inspection | Non-compliance | Waitotara Kiwifruit Limited Partnership (72630) | R2/10916-1.0 | EAC-24821 - Abatement Notice | Investigation Continuing |
| | | | | a logger installed on a water abstraction ce consent conditions. Reinspection Kaitake Golf Club Inc (1731) | | | No Further Action/Costs Recovered |

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| 18 Jul 2022 | 332123-049 ENF-23617 | Annual Inspection | Non-compliance | Te Rua O te Moko 2B Ahuwhenua Trust (31494) | R2/7497-1 | EAC-24802 - Explanation Requested - Letter | Investigation Continuing |
| | | nonitoring it was found the questing explanation was | | tes and abstraction daily volumes wer | e contravened on | numerous occasions betwe | en 2 October 2021 |
| 19 Jul 2022 | 332123-021 ENF-23644 | Annual Inspection | Non-compliance | David Alexander (67748) Kenneth Lupton (53199) | R2/10907-1.0 | EAC-24774 - Abatement Notice EAC-24773 - Abatement Notice | No Further Action At This Stage/Costs Recovered |
| Waverley. Ar | n abatement not | ice was issued requiring | compliance with reso | as installed as required by resource co ource consent conditions. Compliance | will be ascertaine | d after 1 December 2022. | Peat Road, |
| 19 Jul 2022 | 332123-022 ENF-23646 | Annual Inspection | Non-compliance | Lupton Trust (30526) | R2/10113-1.2 | EAC-24776 - Abatement Notice | At This |

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| 25 Jul 2022 | 332123-015 ENF-23619 | Office Assessment | Non-compliance | Intergroup Limited (50186) | R2/4776-2.0 | | Investigation Continuing |
| site at Hudso | on Road, Bell Blo | | | was found that the suspended solids of Abatement Notice EAC-24188, issu | | | |
| 27 Jul 2022 | 332123-030 ENF-23658 | Annual Inspection | Non-compliance | Roger Dickie Family Trust (16312) | R2/5807-2.0 | EAC-24796 - Explanation Requested - Letter | Investigation Continuing |
| | • | monitoring it was found the gger. A letter requesting o | • | rer to the data logger at a water abstra t. | ction site at Wave | rley Beach Road, Waverley. | No data could be |
| 27 Jul 2022 | 332123-011 ENF-23614 | Annual Inspection | Non-compliance | Construction Mechanics (1993) Limited (51102) | R2/10112-1.0 | EAC-24736 - Explanation Requested - Letter | No Further Action At This Stage/Costs |

Comments: During an annual compliance monitoring inspection it was found that a screen on a flow meter was not operational at a water abstraction site at Lower King Road, Bell Block. An explanation was received. A contactor has been engaged to fix the screen, however they are waiting for parts to arrive. Compliance will be ascertained during the next monitoring round.

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| 3 Aug 2022 | 332123-012 ENF-23615 | Annual Inspection | Non-compliance | Manukorihi Golf Club Inc (2018) | R2/1721-3.1 | EAC-24737 - Explanation Requested - Letter | No Further Action/Costs Recovered |
| It was though | ht that the contra was due to interf | aventions may have been | caused by electrica | that the daily volume and rate had bee Il interference and water run-off from a speed water pump was operating (wh | a nearby shed. An | explanation was received, o | utlining that the non- |
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Comments: During analysis of data on 3 August 2022, it was found that the water abstraction rate limit, 50 litres per second, had been contravened, up to 72 litres per second, at a property at Arawhata Road, Oaonui. An explanation was received and accepted. A direct lightning strike had occurred on the plant.

Recovered

| 10 Aug 2022 332123-014 ENF-23618 | Advice & Information | Non-compliance | Greymouth Facilities Limited (30688) | R2/9868-1.1 | EAC-24747 - Abatement Notice | No Further Action At This |
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| | | | | | | Stage/Costs Recovered |

Comments: During analysis of samples taken during routine monitoring it was found that the suspended solids limit on the resource consent had been exceeded for an industrial site at Corbett Road, Bell Block. An abatement notice was issued requiring works to be undertaken to ensure consent compliance. Compliance will be ascertained during routine monitoring.

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| 10 Aug 2022 | 332123-016 ENF-23620 | Advice & Information | Non-compliance | Symons Property Developments Limited (34584) | R2/7805-1 | | No Further Action/Costs Recovered |
| site at Conne advised that a | tt Road East, Be at the time of the | ell Block. The discharge v | vas also in contrave ignificant works wer | was found that the consented allowab ntion of Abatement Notice EAC-22786 e being done on the site to improve th ensure compliance. | issued as a resu | ult of a previous non-compli | ance. The Company |

| 24 Aug 2022 332123-008 ENF-23606 | Office Assessment | Significant non- compliance | Ample Group Limited (52845) | R2/5221-2 | EAC-24771 - Infringement Notice (\$750) | No Further Action/Costs Recovered |
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Comments: During analysis of wastewater irrigation data it was found that the consented allowable application depth had been exceeded on multiple occasions through the monitoring year at an abattoir site just north of Stratford.

| ENF-23605 Notice Continuing EAC-24716 - Abatement Notice | 24 Aug 2022 332123-007 ENF-23605 | Annual Inspection | Non-compliance | Tractormeisters Limited (21002) | R2/3602-2 | EAC-24716 - Abatement | 3 3 |
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Comments: During the annual dairy inspection round, it was found that the farm dairy effluent disposal system was not operating within resource consent conditions on Hu Road, Eltham. Abatement notices were issued requiring works to be undertaken to the farm dairy effluent disposal system to ensure compliance with resource consent conditions. Reinspection found that Abatement Notice EAC-24718 was not being complied with. A letter requesting explanation was sent. Further enforcement action is being considered.

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| 1 Sep 2022 | 332123-018 ENF-23623 | Annual Inspection | Non-compliance | Farquhar Property Trust (20109) | R2/4366-2 | EAC-24750 - Abatement Notice | No Further Action At This Stage/Costs Recovered |
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| disposal syste | em was not ope | rating within resource co | onsent conditions on | ng the annual dairy inspection round (0° Eltham Road, Kaponga. An abatement t conditions. Reinspection found that the Cold Creek Community Water Supply Limited (50581) | notice was issu e abatement no | ed requiring works to be und | ertaken to the farm |

Comments: During routine monitoring it was found that resource consent conditions were not be complied with at a green waste disposal site at Albany Street, Patea. Site management was not adequate to ensure consent compliance. Council is working with the consent holder to establish a planting plan to ensure consent compliance. Enforcement action is being considered.

R2/7374-1.5

Compliance Monitoring Non-compliance Malandra Downs Limited (34941)

Investigation

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| 2 Sep 2022 | 332123-041 ENF-23665 | Annual Inspection | Significant non- compliance | lan Honeyfield Trust (37545) | R2/1129-2 | EAC-24800 - Abatement Notice | Investigation Continuing |

Comments: During analysis of samples (11 October 2022), taken during the annual dairy inspection round (2 September 2022), it was found that the farm dairy effluent oxidation pond disposal system was not operating within resource consent conditions at Patea Road, Whenuakura An abatement notice was issued requiring works to be undertaken to the farm dairy effluent disposal system to ensure compliance with resource consent conditions. Reinspection will be undertaken after 25 November 2022

| 2 Sep 2022 332123-04 ENF-23680 | | Significant non- compliance | Crawford AM & TF Trust (24209) Otauto Farms Limited (56833) | R2/3436-3.0 | Investigation Continuing |
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Comments: During analysis of samples (13 October 2022), taken during the annual dairy inspection round (02 September 2022), it was found that the farm dairy effluent oxidation pond disposal system was not operating within resource consent conditions and an abatement notice EAC-24349, issued as a result of a previous non-compliance, at Otauto Road, Patea. Further enforcement action is being considered

| 6 Sep 2022 | 332123-035 | Annual Inspection | Significant non- | Drought & Kalin Family Trusts | R2/1579-3 | Investigation |
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| | ENF-23684 | | compliance | Partnership (35241) | | Continuing |

Comments: During analysis of samples (21 September 2022), taken during the annual dairy inspection round (06 September 2022), it was found that the farm dairy effluent oxidation pond disposal system was not operating within resource consent conditions and an abatement notice EAC-23596, issued as a result of a previous non-compliance, at Kearin Road, Hawera. Further enforcement action is being considered.

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| 6 Sep 2022 | 332123-032 ENF-23625 | Annual Inspection | Non-compliance | Capella Farms (34937) | R2/0322-3 | EAC-24751 - Abatement Notice | No Further Action At This Stage/Costs Recovered |
| oxidation por | nd disposal syste | em was not operating with | in resource consen | ng the annual dairy inspection round (0 t conditions at Taikatu Road, Otakeho. the with resource consent conditions. Re | An abatement r | notice was issued requiring v | vorks to be |
| 6 Sep 2022 | 332123-033 ENF-23626 | Annual Inspection | Non-compliance | Estriver Farms Limited (25302) | R2/0515-3 | EAC-24752 - Abatement Notice | No Further Action At This Stage/Costs Recovered |
| oxidation por | nd disposal syste o the farm dairy | em was not operating with | in resource consen | ng the annual dairy inspection round (0 t conditions at Turangi Road, Motunui. e with resource consent conditions. Re | An abatement no | otice was issued requiring w | orks to be |
| 6 Sep 2022 | 332123-034 ENF-23628 | Annual Inspection | Non-compliance | Blue Star Farms Limited (69235) | R2/1346-3 | EAC-24755 - Abatement Notice | No Further Action At This Stage/Costs Recovered |
| oxidation por undertaken t | nd disposal syste | em was not operating with effluent disposal system t | in resource consen | ng the annual dairy inspection round (0 t conditions at Tikorangi Road, Tikoran e with resource consent conditions. Re | gi. An abatemen | t notice was issued requiring | works to be |

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| 7 Sep 2022 | 332123-039 ENF-23635 | Annual Inspection | Non-compliance | Craig Rowe (1771) | R2/1320-3 | EAC-24763 - Abatement Notice | No Further Action At This Stage/Costs Recovered |

Comments: During analysis of samples (28 September 2022), taken during the annual dairy inspection round (07 September 2022), it was found that the farm dairy effluent oxidation pond disposal system was not operating within resource consent conditions at Otaraoa Road, Waitara. An abatement notice was issued requiring works to be undertaken to the farm dairy effluent disposal system to ensure compliance with resource consent conditions. Reinspection found that the abatement notice was being complied with at the time of inspection.

| 7 Sep 2022 | 332123-037 ENF-23664 | Annual Inspection | Non-compliance | Kawa Farms Limited (35923) | R2/4840-2 | EAC-24799 - Abatement Notice | No Further Action At This Stage/Costs |
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Comments: During analysis of samples (20 October 2022), taken during the annual dairy inspection round (07 September 2022), it was found that the farm dairy effluent oxidation pond disposal system was not operating within resource consent conditions at Urekawa Road, Patea. An abatement notice was issued requiring works to be undertaken to the farm dairy effluent disposal system to ensure compliance with resource consent conditions. Reinspection will be undertaken after 25 November 2022.

| 12 Sep 2022 332123-038 ENF-23641 | Annual Inspection | Non-compliance | Robins Dairy Farming Limited (19443) | R2/1392-4.0 | EAC-24769 - Abatement Notice | No Further Action/Costs |
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Comments: During analysis of samples (28 September 2022), taken during the annual dairy inspection round (12 September 2022), it was found that the farm dairy effluent oxidation pond disposal system was not operating within resource consent conditions at Otaraoa Road, Tikorangi. An abatement notice was issued requiring works to be undertaken to the farm dairy effluent disposal system to ensure compliance with resource consent conditions. Reinspection found that the abatement notice was being complied with at the time of inspection.

| Inspection Date | Job Number IRIS ID | Inspection Type | Compliance Status | Alleged Responsible Party | Consent Number | Action Taken | Recommendation |
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| 12 Sep 2022 | 332123-017 ENF-23624 | Office Assessment | Non-compliance | New Plymouth District Council (9565) | R2/2055-3.1 | EAC-24748 - Abatement Notice | No Further Action At This Stage/Costs Recovered |
| | | | | nad not been installed by the date requires sued requiring the fish screens to be ins | | | |
| 13 Sep 2022 | 332123-019 ENF-23642 | Annual Inspection | Non-compliance | Robert Swindlehurst (1639) | R2/0334-3.1 | EAC-24770 - Abatement Notice | No Further Action At This Stage/Costs Recovered |
| oxidation pone | d disposal syste | em was not operating with | in resource consen | ng the annual dairy inspection round (13 t conditions at Kaiapoi Road, Midhurst. e with resource consent conditions. Rei | An abatement n | otice was issued requiring w | orks to be |
| 13 Sep 2022 | 332123-026 ENF-23632 | Annual Inspection | Significant non- compliance | Brent Bevan (51011) | R2/1107-3 | EAC-24760 - Explanation Requested - Letter EAC-24759 - Abatement Notice | No Further Action At This Stage/Costs Recovered |

Comments: During analysis of samples (27 September 2022), taken during the annual dairy inspection round (13 September 2022), it was found that the farm dairy effluent oxidation pond disposal system was not operating within resource consent conditions at Ihaia Road, Opunake. An abatement notice was issued requiring the discharge of dairy effluent to cease and do not recommence until consent conditions can be complied with. An explanation was received. Further enforcement action is being considered.

| Compilario | C MOINTOINIQ | , iton compnances | <u>2</u> 101 tilo period | 12 Aug 2022 to 21 Oct 2022 | | | | | |
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| Inspection Date | Job Number IRIS ID | Inspection Type | Compliance Status | Alleged Responsible Party | Consent Number | Action Taken | Recommendation | | |
| 16 Sep 2022 | 332123-023 ENF-23648 | Hydrological Inspection | Non-compliance | Manawa Energy Limited (74010) | R2/2053-3.2 | EAC-24778 - Explanation Requested - Letter | No Further Action/Costs Recovered | | |
| Comments: During routine monitoring it was found that the fish passage was completely blocked by sediment (no fish passage) in contravention of resource consent conditions, at the Waiwhakaiho intake weir at Lake Mangamahoe. A letter of explanation was received. Works have been undertaken to clear the fish passage and the site is now compliant with resource consent conditions. | | | | | | | | | |
| 19 Sep 2022 | 332123-024 ENF-23647 | Annual Inspection | Significant non- compliance | Tynedale Farms (12587) | R2/1594-3 | EAC-24777 - Explanation Requested - Letter | Investigation Continuing | | |

Comments: During the annual dairy inspection round it was found that the farm dairy effluent disposal system was not operating within resource consent conditions and an abatement notice EAC-23472, issued as a result of a previous non-compliance, at Manihi Road, Rahotu. Enforcement action is being considered.

| 21 Sep 2022 332123-027 ENF-23649 | Annual Inspection | Non-compliance | Kay Fleming (35664) | R2/1745-3 | EAC-24779 - Abatement Notice | No Further Action At This Stage/Costs |
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Comments: During analysis of samples (07 October 2022), taken during the annual dairy inspection round (21 September 2022), it was found that the farm dairy effluent oxidation pond disposal system was not operating within resource consent conditions at Arawhata Road, Opunake. An abatement notice was issued requiring works to be undertaken to the farm dairy effluent disposal system to ensure compliance with resource consent conditions. Reinspection will be undertaken after 31 October 2022. Abatement notice compliance date has been extended, due to unforeseen circumstances related to absentee land owner. Re-inspection will take place after 16 December 2022.

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| • | 332123-040 ENF-23652 | Annual Inspection | Significant non- compliance | Bellevue Farming (2007) Limited (30733) | R2/0971-3 | EAC-24781 - Explanation Requested - Letter | No Further Action/Costs Recovered |
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| oxidation pond Kaharoa Road | d disposal syste | em was not operating wi | thin resource consen | the annual dairy inspection round (28 St conditions and an abatement notice E Works are being undertaken to upgrad Wayne Douglas & Sandra Christine Morrison (27091) | AC-23521, issu | ied as a result of a previous n | |

conditions. Reinspection will be undertaken after 26 October 2022. A letter of explanation was received. Further enforcement action is being considered.

| Stage/Costs Recovered | 28 Sep 2022 332123-043 ENF-23661 | Annual Inspection | Non-compliance | Lloyd William & Joanne Margaret Morgan (3383) | R2/3925-2 | EAC-24804 - Abatement Notice | At This Stage/Costs |
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Comments: During analysis of samples (18 October 2022), taken during the annual dairy inspection round (28 September 2022), it was found that the farm dairy effluent oxidation pond disposal system was not operating within resource consent conditions at Upper Ngariki Road, Rahotu. An abatement notice was issued requiring works to be undertaken to the farm dairy effluent disposal system to ensure compliance with resource consent conditions. Reinspection will be undertaken after 15 November 2022.

| Inspection Date | Job Number IRIS ID | Inspection Type | Compliance Status | Alleged Responsible Party | Consent Number | Action Taken | Recommendation | | |
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| 29 Sep 2022 | 332123-044 ENF-23662 | Annual Inspection | Non-compliance | Kokako Road Limited (50357) | R2/4877-3.0 | EAC-24797 - Abatement Notice | No Further Action At This Stage/Costs Recovered | | |
| Comments: During analysis of samples (18 October 2022), taken during the annual dairy inspection round (29 September 2022), it was found that the farm dairy effluent oxidation pond disposal system was not operating within resource consent conditions at Kokako Road, Waverley. An abatement notice was issued requiring works to be undertaken to the farm dairy effluent disposal system to ensure compliance with resource consent conditions. Reinspection will be undertaken after 22 November 2022. | | | | | | | | | |
| 3 Oct 2022 | 332123-028 ENF-23656 | Annual Inspection | Non-compliance | Daniel McPhillips (1646) | R2/0458-3 | EAC-24794 - Abatement Notice | No Further Action At This Stage/Costs Recovered | | |
| Comments: During analysis of samples (13 October 2022), taken during the annual dairy inspection round (03 October 2022), it was found that the farm dairy effluent oxidation pond disposal system was not operating within resource consent conditions at Manaia Road, Manaia. An abatement notice was issued requiring works to be undertaken to the farm dairy effluent disposal system to ensure compliance with resource consent conditions. Reinspection to take place after 6 January 2023. | | | | | | | | | |
| 3 Oct 2022 | 332123-062 ENF-23686 | Annual Inspection | Non-compliance | Hardgate Farms Limited (28131) RM & AS Gatenby (28061) | R2/1516-3 | | No Further Action At This Stage/Costs Recovered | | |

Waiteika Road, Opunake. An abatement notice was issued requiring works to be undertaken to the farm dairy effluent disposal system to ensure compliance with resource consent conditions. Reinspection will be undertaken after 10 December 2022.

| Inspection Date | Job Number IRIS ID | Inspection Type | Compliance Status | Alleged Responsible Party | Consent Number | Action Taken | Recommendation | | |
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| 3 Oct 2022 | 332123-063 ENF-23688 | Annual Inspection | Non-compliance | Kandahar Neilson Farm Limited (74300) | R2/2833-2 | | No Further Action/Costs Recovered | | |
| Comments: During the annual dairy inspection round it was found that the farm dairy effluent disposal system was not operating within resource consent conditions on Wiremu Road, Opunake. Enforcement action was not required as works were carried out on the disposal system on the day the annual inspection was undertaken. Reinspection found the disposal system was compliant with resource consent conditions. | | | | | | | | | |

| 4 Oct 2022 | 332123-031 ENF-23660 | Annual Inspection | Non-compliance | Gardiner Partnership (12821) | R2/3300-2 | EAC-24795 - Abatement Notice | Action/Costs | |
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| | | | | | | | Recovered | |

Comments: During the annual dairy inspection round it was found that the farm dairy effluent disposal system was not operating within resource consent conditions on Hunter Road, Mangatoki, Eltham. An abatement notice was issued requiring works to be undertaken to the farm dairy effluent disposal system to ensure compliance with resource consent conditions. Reinspection found the abatement notice was being complied with at the time of inspection.

| 5 Oct 2022 | 332123-025 | Office Assessment | Non-compliance | Riverlands Eltham Limited (9422) | R2/5569-1 | Investigation |
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| | ENF-23650 | | | | | Continuing |

Comments: During routine monitoring it was found that the groundwater monitoring bores had not been maintained to a standard that was safe for monitoring to occur, at a property at Lower Stuart Road, Eltham. The Company was contacted and advised of the technical contravention of resource consent conditions. The Company has undertaken to complete the necessary works by the end of December 2022.

| Inspection Date | Job Number IRIS ID | Inspection Type | Compliance Status | Alleged Responsible Party | Consent Number | Action Taken | Recommendation |
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| 7 Oct 2022 | 332123-052 ENF-23668 | Annual Inspection | Non-compliance | LJ Fleming & Co Limited (12607) | R2/4287-2 | EAC-24805 - Abatement Notice | No Further Action At This Stage/Costs Recovered |

Comments: During analysis of samples (29 November 2022), taken during the annual dairy inspection round (07 November 2022), it was found that the farm dairy effluent oxidation pond disposal system was not operating within resource consent conditions at Opourapa Road, Rahotu. An abatement notice was issued requiring works to be undertaken to the farm dairy effluent disposal system to ensure compliance with resource consent conditions. Reinspection found the abatement notice was being complied with at the time of inspection.

| 7 Oct 2022 332123-046 ENF-23673 | Annual Inspection | Significant non- compliance | Joblin Partners Limited (35408) | R2/7056-1 | EAC-24810 - Abatement Notice | Investigation Continuing |
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Comments: During analysis of samples (02 November 2022), taken during the annual dairy inspection round (07 October 2022), it was found that the farm dairy effluent oxidation pond disposal system was not operating within resource consent conditions and an abatement notice EAC-23513, issued as a result of a previous non-compliance at Lower Stuart Road, Eltham. An abatement notice was issued requiring the discharge of dairy effluent to cease until the resource consent conditions can be complied with. Reinspection will be undertaken after 3 November 2022. Further enforcement action being considered.

| 10 Oct 2022 332123-045 | Annual Inspection | Significant non- | Delbrae Farms (2015) Limited | R2/0527-2 | Investigation |
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| ENF-23666 | | compliance | (52646) | | Continuing |

Comments: During analysis of samples (20 October 2022), taken during the annual dairy inspection round (10 October 2022), it was found that the farm dairy effluent oxidation pond disposal system was not operating within resource consent conditions and an abatement notice EAC-23652, issued as a result of a previous non-compliance, at Hastings Road Matapu. Reinspection found the abatement notice was being complied with at the time of inspection. Further enforcement action is being considered.

| Inspection Date | Job Number IRIS ID | Inspection Type | Compliance Status | Alleged Responsible Party | Consent Number | Action Taken | Recommendation |
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| 11 Oct 2022 | 332123-048 ENF-23669 | Annual Inspection | Non-compliance | Bernard & Josephine Kelly (15357) | R2/1521-3 | EAC-24807 - Abatement Notice | No Further Action At This Stage/Costs Recovered |
| system was i | not operating wi | thin resource consent co | nditions on Skeet Ro | the annual dairy inspection round (11 o bad, Matapu. An abatement notice was Reinspection will be undertaken after 3 | issued requiring | works to be undertaken to th | • |
| | | Annual Inspection | Non-compliance | Tim M Hurley & Sarah C Walker | R2/0951-3 | | |

Comments: During analysis of samples (31 October 2022), taken during the annual dairy inspection round (12 October 2022), it was found that the farm dairy effluent oxidation pond disposal system was not operating within resource consent conditions at Ngariki Road, Rahotu. Works were carried out to the disposal system. Reinspection found the system to be compliant with resource consent conditions.

Recovered

| 12 Oct 2022 | 332123-053 ENF-23670 | Annual Inspection | Non-compliance | Willcox Farms Ltd (69291) | R2/0782-3 | EAC-24808 - Abatement Notice | No Further Action At This |
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Comments: During analysis of samples (31 September 2022), taken during the annual dairy inspection round (12 September 2022), it was found that the farm dairy effluent oxidation pond disposal system was not operating within resource consent conditions at Kahui Road, Rahotu. An abatement notice was issued requiring works to be undertaken to the farm dairy effluent disposal system to ensure compliance with resource consent conditions. Reinspection will be undertaken after 30 November 2022.

| Inspection Date | Job Number IRIS ID | Inspection Type | Compliance Status | Alleged Responsible Party | Consent Number | Action Taken | Recommendation | | |
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| 14 Oct 2022 | ENF-23683 | Annual Inspection | Non-compliance | Goodin Farms Limited (1692) Tom Goodin (72669) | R2/0400-3 | | Investigation Continuing | | |
| Comments: During analysis of samples (8 November 2022), taken during the annual dairy inspection round (14 October 2022), it was found that the farm dairy effluent oxidation pond disposal system was not operating within resource consent conditions and an abatement notice EAC-21821, issued as a result of a previous non-compliance, at Mid Kahui Road, Rahotu. Further enforcement action being considered. | | | | | | | | | |

17 Oct 2022 332123-054 Annual Inspection Non-compliance JL & KA Crawford Trust (19692) R2/3466-2 EAC-24809 - Abatement No Further Action At This Stage/Costs Recovered

Comments: During analysis of samples (01 November 2022), taken during the annual dairy inspection round (17 October 2022), it was found that the farm dairy effluent oxidation pond disposal system was not operating within resource consent conditions at Skeet Road, Manaia. An abatement notice was issued requiring works to be undertaken to the farm dairy effluent disposal system to ensure compliance with resource consent conditions. Reinspection will be undertaken after 30 November 2022.

| 17 Oct 2022 332123-064 | Annual Inspection | Significant non- | Mataikahawai Land Holdings Limited R2/1518-3 | Investigation |
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| ENF-23689 | ' | compliance | (31925) | • |
| ENT-23009 | | compliance | (31923) | Continuing |
| | | | Paul O'Rorke (52063) | |

Comments: During analysis of samples (01 November 2022), taken during the annual dairy inspection round (17 October 2022), it was found that the farm dairy effluent oxidation pond disposal system was not operating within resource consent conditions and an abatement notice EAC-22272, issued as a result of a previous non-compliance, at Waiteika Road, Opunake. Further enforcement action is being considered.

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| 19 Oct 2022 | 332123-065 ENF-23690 | Annual Inspection | Significant non- compliance | Matthew Lawn (74449) MPL Farms Limited (54245) | R2/1445-3 | EAC-24823 - Abatement Notice EAC-24822 - Abatement Notice | Investigation Continuing |
| | • | al dairy inspection round it action is being considere | | e farm dairy effluent disposal system wa | as not operating v | within resource consent con- | ditions on Watino |
| 19 Oct 2022 | 332123-047 ENF-23674 | Annual Inspection | Non-compliance | Blake Farms Limited (12818) | R2/0550-2 | EAC-24812 - Abatement Notice | No Further Action At This Stage/Costs Recovered |
| oxidation pon | d disposal syste | em was not operating with | in resource consent | g the annual dairy inspection round (19 t conditions at Lower Duthie Road, Kap e with resource consent conditions. Re | onga. An abaten | nent notice was issued requi | ring works to be |
| 20 Oct 2022 | 332123-056 ENF-23675 | Annual Inspection | Significant non- compliance | Francis Mullan (2715) | R2/1176-3 | EAC-24817 - Explanation Requested - Letter EAC-24813 - Abatement Notice | Investigation Continuing |

Comments: During analysis of samples (02 November 2022), taken during the annual dairy inspection round (20 October 2022), it was found that the farm dairy effluent oxidation pond disposal system was not operating within resource consent conditions at Lower Kahui Road, Rahotu. An abatement notice was issued requiring works to be undertaken to the farm dairy effluent disposal system to ensure compliance with resource consent conditions. Reinspection will be undertaken after 17 November 2022. Further enforcement action is being considered

| Inspection Date | Job Number IRIS ID | Inspection Type | Compliance Status | Alleged Responsible Party | Consent Number | Action Taken | Recommendation | |
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| 20 Oct 2022 | 332123-036 ENF-23667 | Compliance Monitoring Insp. | Non-compliance | Firth Industries (25111) | R2/1274-3 | EAC-24803 - Abatement Notice | No Further Action At This Stage/Costs Recovered | |

Comments: During routine monitoring it was found that the site was not operating within resource consent conditions. Silt and sand had been tracked from the site into the roadside gutter and onto the roadway. An abatement notice was issued requiring works to be undertaken to ensure compliance with resource consent conditions. Reinspection will be undertaken after 30 November 2022.

| 21 Oct 2022 332123-066 ENF-23681 | Annual Inspection | Significant non- compliance | Arnold Fitzgerald (72212) Fitzgerald AG & EE Trusts | R2/1665-3 | Investigation Continuing |
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| | | | Partnership (10546) | | |

Comments: During analysis of samples (8 November 2022), taken during the annual dairy inspection round (21 October 2022), it was found that the farm dairy effluent oxidation pond disposal system was not operating within resource consent conditions and an abatement notice EAC-22143, issued as a result of a previous non-compliance, at Eltham Road, Kaponga. Further enforcement action is being considered.



Date 22 November 2022

Subject: Analysis of the 2021-2022 Compliance

Monitoring and Enforcement metrics for

the Regional Sector

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Purpose

- 1. The purpose of this memorandum is to present a report following an independent analysis of the 2021-2022 compliance monitoring and enforcement metrics for the regional sector.
- 2. The report provides an opportunity to put what this council does, in terms of compliance monitoring and enforcement, into context.
- 3. A copy of the report is attached to this agenda item.

Executive summary

- 4. In 2018 the Compliance Monitoring and Enforcement Special Interest Group (CESIG), with support from regional council and unitary council chief executives, commissioned an independent consultant to complete a report into Compliance, Monitoring and Enforcement (CME) using data from 2017-2018.
- 5. The report has been prepared using data from the sector every year since 2018. In year one and two the report was conducted by independent consultant Dr Marie Doole from the Catalyst Group. From year three onward reporting was conducted by Sprout Customer Research.
- 6. All 16 regional and unitary councils provided data, resulting in the most comprehensive report available on the sector's CME activities under the RMA's 30-year history. The report exceeds the publicly available detail on the activities of any other environmental regulatory regime in the country.
- 7. Effective compliance, monitoring and enforcement of the activities carried out under resource consents or permitted activities is a significant tool in protecting the environment and taonga. Carried out well CME can drive good environmental

- outcomes and prevent incidents. Carried out poorly, it can allow environmental damage to occur.
- 8. Across New Zealand there are around 220,000 resource consents issued by the 16 regional and unitary councils under the Resource Management Act 1991. There are also regional plans, including national standards, that allow activities to occur as permitted activities. Both allow people and organisations to use natural resources air, land, water provided they comply with conditions to minimise any potential environmental effects.
- 9. Around 36,000 of these resource consents needed monitoring because of possible environmental effects, and 83% were monitored in the reporting year. There were, however, variable levels of compliance from region to region.
- 10. In addition, regional and unitary councils received over 22,000 pollution complaints, of which 98% were responded to, 54% were physically attended.
- 11. Across the 16 regional and unitary councils, 591 full time employees were assigned to compliance, monitoring and enforcement roles including monitoring of resource consents and responding to pollution incidents. The Council has a high level of resourcing in this important area relative to other councils.
- 12. The independent report found across the country, CME activities are in relatively good shape. Regional and unitary councils have generally improved significantly over the past decade in the way they administer their compliance monitoring and enforcement role. Increasing capacity, professionalism, and monitoring and reporting processes are evident.
- 13. This Council has an established CME regime in place that is mostly funded by resource users. The regime compares very well against that existing elsewhere in the country and has been successful in maintaining and enhancing environmental quality in Taranaki, over the years, including when environmental pressures have increased.
- 14. As part of the CESIG Strategic Compliance Framework, adopted by Council in March 2017, audits are completed of Council CME activities against best practice. The Council was thoroughly audited by our peers in 2018 and received a very positive audit report.
- 15. The Council has a long and successful history in CME and considers it to be a vital part of a properly functioning resource management system. The Council has been a national leader in many aspects of CME for many years and has made continuous improvements in its systems and processes, when needed. The report is a very useful review of CME for the sector as a whole and for this Council.

Recommendations

That the Taranaki Regional Council:

- a) <u>receives</u> the Memorandum Analysis of the 2021-2022 Compliance Monitoring and Enforcement Metrics for the Regional Sector
- b) <u>notes</u> the survey shows this Council's compliance monitoring and enforcement regime is well established and resourced
- c) <u>notes</u> the Council's compliance monitoring and enforcement regime compares very well against that existing elsewhere in the country.

Background

- 16. The report arose from criticism from the incoming government that the sector was not undertaking sufficient CME. There was also a lack of accurate reporting of these activities in sufficient detail at a national level by the Ministry for the Environment.
- 17. Effective compliance, monitoring and enforcement of the activities carried out under resource consents or permitted activities is a significant tool in protecting the environment. Carried out well CME can drive good environmental outcomes and prevent incidents. Carried out poorly it can allow environmental damage to occur.
- 18. The Compliance Monitoring and Enforcement Special Interest Group, with support from regional council and unitary council chief executives, commissioned an independent consultant (Dr M Doole from the Catalyst Group) to complete a report into CME using data from 2017-2018. Dr M Doole had previously prepared a report for the Environmental Defence Society Last line of defence- compliance, monitoring, and enforcement of NZ's environmental law (2017). Members received an agenda memorandum on this report in May 2017.
- 19. The report has been prepared annually since 2018. In year one and two the report was conducted by independent consultant Dr M Doole. From year three onward reporting was conducted by Sprout Customer Research.

Report

- 20. The report was compiled from questionnaire information supplied by the 16 regional councils and unitary councils. As such, the report represents the most comprehensive survey available on the sector's CME activities under the RMA's 30-year history. The report exceeds the publicly available detail on the activities of any other environmental regulatory regime in the country.
- 21. Across New Zealand there are around 220,000 resource consents issued by the 16 regional and unitary councils under the Resource Management Act. There are also regional plans and national standards that allow activities to occur as permitted activities. Both allow people and organisations to use natural resources air, land, water provided they comply with conditions to minimise any potential environmental effects.
- 22. Around 36,000 of these resource consents needed monitoring because of possible environmental effects, and 83% were monitored in the reporting year. There were, however, variable levels of compliance from region to region.
- 23. Across the 16 regional and unitary councils, 591 full time employees were assigned to CME and responding to pollution incidents. The Council has a high level of resourcing in this important area relative to other councils.
- 24. During the reporting year, the sector took more than 5,500 formal actions 493 formal warnings, 3,513 abatement notices, 1,486 infringement fines and 8 enforcement orders. Twenty-five individuals and 21 corporate defendants were convicted, with the dominant offence being the discharge of contaminants. Collectively, the prosecutions resulted in over \$1,300,000 in fines, in addition to other approaches such as restorative work.
- 25. In Taranaki during 2021-2022 there were no formal warnings issued as the Council believes in using abatement notices instead. One hundred and fifty abatement notices were issued, representing 4% of the total. One hundred and three infringement fines were issued, representing 7% of the total. No enforcement orders were issued. One

- corporate was convicted, as a result of a prosecution, representing 5% of the total. No individuals were convicted.
- 26. The fines imposed by the Courts were some of the highest in NZ and showed the seriousness of the non-compliance.
- 27. Collectively, the sector receives over 22,000 complaints annually, 99% of which were responded to. Regional councils and unitary authorities monitored 83% of consents requiring monitoring and encountered highly variable levels of compliance region by region.
- 28. This Council is responding to a growing number of complaint calls, receiving calls about 531 incidents in 2021-2022. All of these were responded to (100%). Other council response rates were between 78 and 100%.
- 29. The Council also administers around 4,372 resource consents. Potential environmental risks of those activities mean that about 2,500 of these consents need to be regularly monitored. The Council monitored a relatively high number of consents and during the period monitored 100% of those requiring monitoring. Other councils managed to monitor between 36% and 100%.
- 30. The report concluded regional and unitary councils have generally improved significantly over the past decade in the way they administer their compliance monitoring and enforcement role. Increasing capacity, professionalism, and monitoring and reporting processes are evident. The report and its recommendations provide a blueprint for the regional sector as it looks at the sectors collective capability and performance, highlighting where we are doing well and where we can make improvements.
- 31. The Council has a long and successful history in CME and considers it to be a vital part of a properly functioning resource management system. The Council has been a national leader in many aspects of CME for many years and has made continuous improvements in its systems and processes, when needed. The report is a very useful review of CME for the sector as a whole and for this Council.

Strategic Compliance Framework

32. As part of the CESIG Strategic Compliance Framework, adopted by Council in 2017, audits are completed of Council CME activities against best practice. The Council was thoroughly audited by our peers in late 2018 and received a very positive audit report. There was no criticism of the Council's approach, particularly concerning how prosecution decisions are made, and of any political interference.

Financial considerations—LTP/Annual Plan

33. This memorandum and the associated recommendations are consistent with the Council's adopted Long-Term Plan and estimates. Any financial information included in this memorandum has been prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting practice.

Policy considerations

34. This memorandum and the associated recommendations are consistent with the policy documents and positions adopted by this Council under various legislative frameworks including, but not restricted to, the *Local Government Act* 2002, the *Resource Management Act* 1991 and the *Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act* 1987.

lwi considerations

- 35. This memorandum and the associated recommendations are consistent with the Council's policy for the development of Māori capacity to contribute to decision-making processes (schedule 10 of the *Local Government Act* 2002) as outlined in the adopted long-term plan and/or annual plan. Similarly, iwi involvement in adopted work programmes has been recognised in the preparation of this memorandum.
- 36. Iwi are involved in major non compliances incidents and in providing victim impact assessments at sentencing time for prosecutions. Funding for such assessments is now available.

Community considerations

37. This memorandum and the associated recommendations have considered the views of the community, interested and affected parties and those views have been recognised in the preparation of this memorandum.

Legal considerations

38. This memorandum and the associated recommendations comply with the appropriate statutory requirements imposed upon the Council.

Appendices/Attachments

Document 3115922: 2021-2022 CME Metrics Report



ANALYSIS OF THE 2021/2022 COMPLIANCE MONITORING AND ENFORCEMENT ETRICS FOR THE REGIONAL SECTOR







Kia ora,

Welcome to the fifth annual CME Metrics report capturing performance in the areas of compliance and enforcement under the Resource Management Act.

The intention of the report is to provide commentary on strengths and improvements within the CME sector, with a key focus on achieving consistency and best practice.

Designed to provide easy reference to the reader, I believe the summary of the regional CME activity on page 3 demonstrates the extensive work that goes on within the sector. Despite the number of active resource consents being down this year, the sector still administers over 216,000 active resource consents. The sector has also recouped over \$1.3 million in court-imposed fines, with 93 active prosecutions still before the courts. The regional scorecards on page 48 also help to break down the national findings further to each individual regional and unitary council.

The CME sector is currently faced with a challenging employment market that makes it difficult to recruit and retain staff. Councils have experienced a large turnover of staff, with some councils reporting a 50% turnover in teams. This not only impacts the level of resourcing, but also creates issues of continued financial costs and time associated with training new staff.

Over the past few years COVID 19 has also challenged the sector. Moving forward, we are keen to see how the scrapping of the traffic light system will assist the CME function.

The Compliance and Enforcement Special Interest Group (CESIG) is made up of representatives from regional and unitary councils in New Zealand. Its focus is on the continuous improvement of the CME function. In its fifth year, the intention is to have this, and previous year data reviewed independently to show key trends within the sector which will help update work programs.

Ngā mihi nui,

Gary McKenzie

Compliance Monitoring and Enforcement Manager - Gisborne District Council









86%

COUNCILS MONITORED AN AVERAGE OF 86% OF ALL CONSENTS THAT REQUIRED MONITORING UNDER THE RMA



493
FORMAL
WARNINGS





1,486
INFRINGEMENT
FINES











\$1,320,250 IN FINES

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Operations and Regulatory Committee - Analysis of the 2021-2023 Compliance Monitoring and enforcement metrics for the Regional Sector



This year marks a milestone, with this series of reports running for five years now. Accessibility of comparable information on CME functions is a sector-led effort, under the leadership of CESIG. Questions have been designed by the regional sector with the aim of improving and accompanying the national monitoring system's compliance, monitoring and enforcement related questions and analysis. All 16 of New Zealand's regional councils and unitary authorities (the 'regional sector') have participated between 2018 and 2022. Each year we see three distinct groups within the regional sector; Auckland Council, the small unitary councils and the regional councils. The reports are aimed at expanding information available to the sector and tracking the sectors progression over time.

The Resource Management Act 1991 (RMA) is New Zealand's environmental legislation with the purpose of sustainably managing natural and physical resources. The success of that management is largely dependent on the quality of implementation. Regional councils, unitary authorities and territorial local authorities have the primary role in compliance, monitoring and enforcement of the RMA. CME is a tool in achieving the purpose of the RMA. Monitoring and understanding implementation remain critical to understanding our nations environmental management.

In this reporting period COVID-19 continues to challenge the sector. The Alert System was more localised compared to last year. On 2nd December 2021 the COVID-19 Alert System ended, and we moved into the COVID-19 Protection Framework (traffic light system). On the 12th of September 2022 the COVID-19 Protection Framework (traffic light system) ended

Job security is high, 46% of employees say there is almost no chance of them losing their job in the next 12 months (The Winners and Losers in the Latest Jobs Data. Chris Renney, Feb 2022). An additional 101,000 people are in employment since last year (Businesses Falling Over Themselves for Talent in 2022, Newsroom). With this comes the challenge of recruiting and retaining staff in a highly competitive market.

READING THIS REPORT

Each council was sent an online survey comprising 40 questions (Appendix 1). Councils were given two weeks to collect and input the data into an online platform. After inputting the initial data, councils were sent a link that allowed them to log in and change their information at any time.

This report sets out data provided for each section of the survey, as follows:

- A short analysis of the findings, at both a regional and national scale
- The tables and graphs of the information
- A boxed section containing the exact questions relevant to that section
- Responses to open-ended questions have been aggregated and analysed and the theme of the response presented in this report.
- Verbatim answers are provided where responses cannot be summarised

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HOW DOES THIS REPORTING PROCESS DIFFER YEAR ON YEAR?

The main information to be collected was set out in the first year (2017/2018). Following the first year there were significant learnings and improvements to the questionnaire. The questionnaire remained the same between year two and four. Last year some of the recommendations by the Ministry for the Environment were adopted by all councils and have therefore served their purpose. These questions related specifically to compliance grades, enforcement policies, conflict of interest policies and supporting education/engagement projects. As a result of all councils action these questions have been removed. Other questions were kept consistent. Consistency allows us to track the successes and improvements over time.

In year one and two the report was conducted by independent consultant Dr Marie Doole. From year three onwards collection and reporting was conducted by Sprout Customer Research.

DATA LIMITATIONS

Reporting of activities in complex, reflective measures can be difficult. When reading the report keep in mind the following aspects and data:

- · Not all requested information can be provided by all councils which results in gaps in the dataset.
- The project does not include any data auditing and it is therefore unknown how accurate the information provided by councils is. Each council had a representative that sense checked and was responsible for the final data points entered into the survey.
- Throughout the report there are some instances where the way a council reports has changed or improved, this makes the data incomparable to prior years.

CME UNDER THE RESOURCE MANAGEMENT ACT NEW ZEALAND

This report is a sector led effort by the Compliance and Enforcement Special Interest Group (CESIG). It aims to improve the quality of information available on the CME functions. Whilst the data set is not perfect, it provides interesting insight into CME operations under the RMA, and it's value increases year on year. Having the ability to track trends over a five year period is a milestone. The outcomes of improvements made by individual councils to improve in how they implement CME are evident.

Implementation of CME and the way it is adopted and exercised is up to individual councils under the broad framework of the RMA. Implementation in a robust manner leads to positive environmental outcomes. Limited national direction has placed an emphasis on individual councils to develop their own operations under the relatively broad framework of the RMA. This role has developed differently over the jurisdictions. The regions also differ based on GDP, area, population, and population growth.

As the sector develops, formalisation and standardisation of parameters have been developed. In 2018 the Ministry released Best Practice Guidelines and this has influenced the measures we report on.

KEY DEFINITIONS

Compliance: adherence to the RMA, including the rules established under regional and district plans and meeting resource consent conditions, regulations and national environmental standards.

Monitoring: the activities carried out by councils to assess compliance with the RMA. This can be proactive (e.g., resource consent or permitted activity monitoring) or reactive (e.g., investigation of suspected offenses).

Enforcement: the actions taken by councils to respond to non-compliance with the RMA. Actions can be punitive (seek to deter or punish the offender) and/or directive (e.g., direct remediation of the damage or ensure compliance with the RMA).

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Regionally New Zealand is diverse; contextually there are large differences between regions population, growth rates, areas and Gross Domestic Product (GDP). The graph below illustrates the diversity of the regions we report on.

Auckland has the highest population; it's home to 1/3 of New Zealanders, in comparison to the West Coast, home to only 1% of all New Zealanders. Northland, Waikato and BOP are seeing the largest growth rates. Population growth rates have slowed in Auckland, Canterbury and Otago this year.

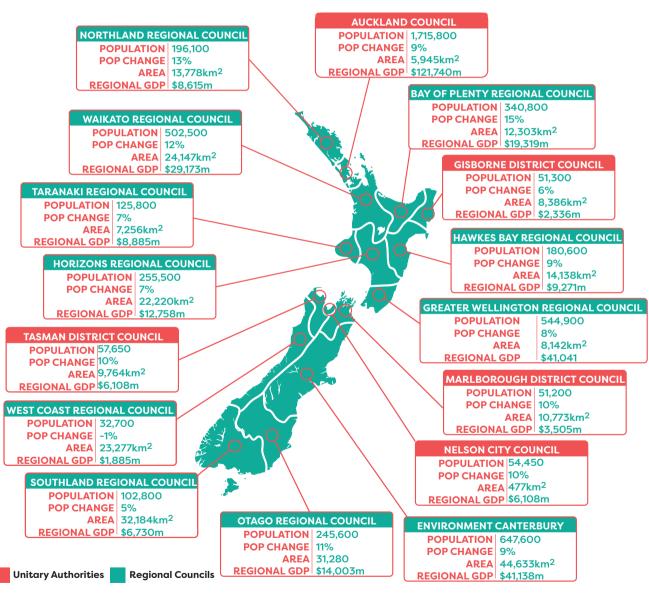


Figure 1: Regional context data

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Councils continue to strengthen relationships and commitments with iwi and hapū. They do this by engaging them in CME matters.

The majority of councils have formalised agreements or are actively working towards these; five councils have no formal agreements. For those who do not have a formal arrangement in place, they are working towards doing better through increased involvement and more focus at organisational level as a priority.

Key commitments include:

- Development of frameworks for iwi and council co-management.
- Strategic and leadership support within council. Involvement in strategic meetings.
- Creating working parties/ advisory committees that meet regularly. Equal representation on working parties/ committees.
- Aspirations for, or implementation of, joint management arrangements or partnerships/development of collaborative work strategies.
- Involving mana whenua through regulatory decisions.
- Establishment of cultural health monitoring practices.
- Involvement when incidents occur/ iwi monitoring officers.
- Reporting and notifications to iwi e.g. resource applications, incidents, major incidents and investigations.
- Prosecution and victim impact or cultural impact statements.
- Council having responsibilities towards cultural and spiritual values.

Question 4: In no more than 300 words describe your regional key commitments to work with iwi/ Māori on CME. For example, joint management agreements or other co-management agreements.



CME OPERATIONS MANAGING THE WORKLOAD

REGISTERING NOTIFICATIONS

Complaints are registered by individual councils as individual incidents or by event. Events may include multiple separate complaints. Individual incidents are usually higher and this needs to be taken into account when doing comparative analysis.

A standardised approach is optimal for the sector. The sector continues to be divided in its approach. Eight councils report an incident per event, nine report an incident per notification. Compared to previous years the recording convention remained consistent for majority of councils.

RECORDING CONVENTIONS FOR INCOMING COMPLAINTS

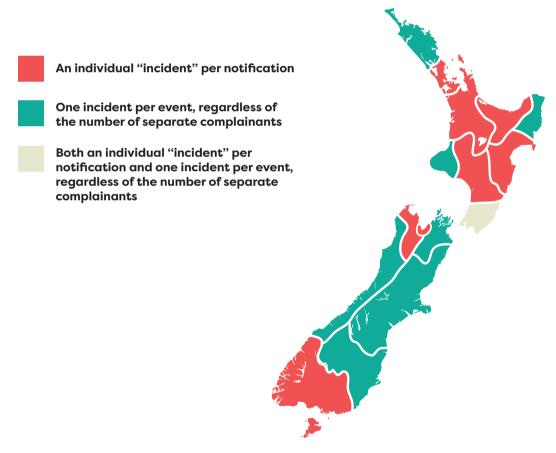


Figure 2: Recording conventions for incoming complaints across the regional sector

Question 5. Does your council register/count:

- An individual "incident" per notification?
- One incident per event, regardless of the number of separate complainants?

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NATIONWLDE COMPLAINTS







COMPLAINTS RECEIVED

Each year there are a large variation in complaints caused by contextual differences of regions. Variation tends to reflect population bases; those regions with higher populations have a higher number of complaints. This year nationwide individual complaints have reduced by over four thousand, incidents have reduced by one and a half thousand.

Most councils had a decrease in complaints this year. Significant points of interest are decreases in:

- Individual complaints (-907) and (-678) incidents for Environment Canterbury.
- Individual complaints for Bay of Plenty (-602), Auckland Council (-458) and Waikato (-358).

COMPLAINTS RESPONDED TO AND ATTENDED

Almost all councils responded to 100% of complaints. Southland Regional Council responded to 94% of complaints, Environment Canterbury responded to 78% of complaints. All unitary authorities responded to 100% of complaints. Overall, the nationwide response rate was 99%.

Attending a complaint physically is the most resource-intensive response possible, but it does enable officers to assess an issue first-hand. This year the percentage of events physically attended decreased from 63% to 53%. Last year's increases were driven by increased physical attendance by Horizons Regional Council, West Coast Regional Council and Southland Regional Council. This year we see complaints physically attended reduce across all councils.

Question 6. How many notifications (complaints) were received from members of the public (or other sources, but excluding information from council monitoring activity) relating to environmental incidents or potential breaches of environmental regulation?

This might include information from, for example, emergency services attending an incident or perhaps a council staff member observing something while on other duties but excludes information from council monitoring activity. Please note answer unknown if your council does not record the information requested.

Question 7. How many of these notifications were responded to by council?

This response may be in any form - e.g. phone call, site visit, desktop audit.

Question 8. How many of these notifications were physically attended by council staff?

If one incident had multiple visits, only count this as one.

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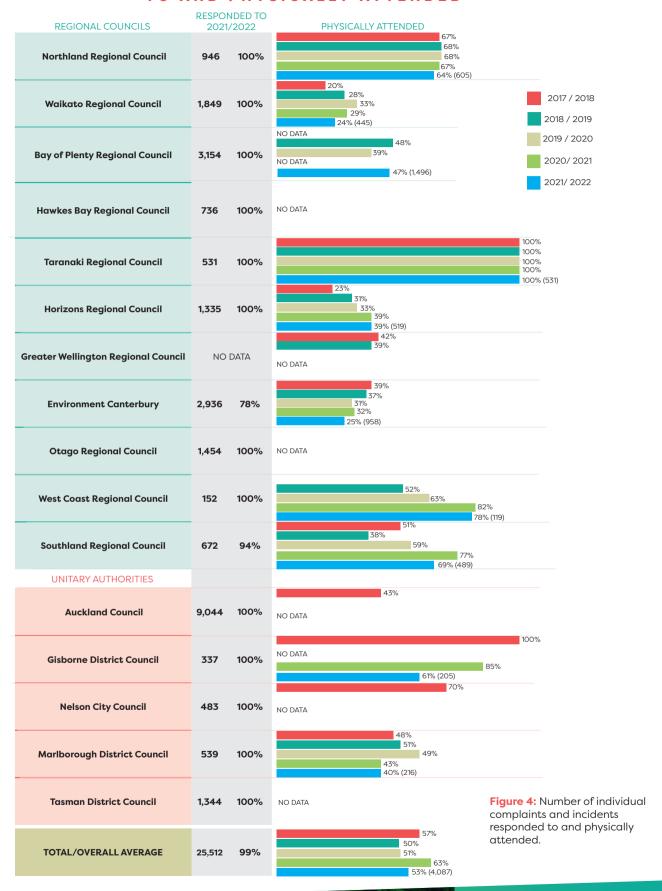
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NUMBER OF INDIVIDUAL COMPLAINTS AND INCIDENTS

2017 / 2018 2018 / 2019 2019 / 2020 2020/2021 **REGIONAL COUNCILS** 1,026 1,019 811 **Northland Regional Council** 946 1.543 1,838 1,712 **Waikato Regional Council** 2,207 1,849 3.519 3,862 3,771 **Bay of Plenty Regional Council** 3,169 1,095 1,116 983 **Hawkes Bay Regional Council** 736 414 452 529 590 Taranaki Regional Council 531 792 **Horizons Regional Council** 1.168 1,226 1,226 1,308 1,244 1,398 1,192 1.258 **Greater Wellington Regional Council** 1,140 1,140 1,369 1.139 4,735 4,225 3,599 4,602 **Environment Canterbury** 3.877 5.244 4,441 3.763 4,337 1,913 2,056 1.936 1,184 **Otago Regional Council** 1,610 1.268 1,454 1,206 102 233 199 **West Coast Regional Council** 13 13 15 118 137 742 813 718 888 **Southland Regional Council** 712 **UNITARY AUTHORITIES Auckland Council** 147 539 1,837 **Gisborne District Council** 194 337 472 537 496 **Nelson City Council** 523 633 **Marlborough District Council** 587 559 2.568 1,335 Tasman District Council 1.394 1.344

Figure 3: Number of individual complaints and incidents

NUMBER OF INDIVIDUAL COMPLAINTS RESPONDED TO AND PHYSICALLY ATTENDED



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CONFIRMED BREACHES

The average confirmed breaches have remained relatively stable year on year for Unitary Authorities. At regional level there is a lower percentage of confirmed breaches this year. Environment Canterbury has the highest number of breaches, followed by Northland Regional Council. This year Waikato Regional Council had a significant decrease in confirmed breaches, putting it in-line with pre COVID figures. Percentage of breaches for Southland Regional Council reduced by half.

PERCENTAGE OF CONFIRMED BREACHES

| REGIONAL COUNCIL | 2017 / 2018 | 3 / 2019 | 9 / 2020 | 0/ 2021 | 2021/ 2022 | | |
|-------------------------------------|-------------|------------|----------|---------|-------------|------------------|------------------------|
| REGIONAL GOONGLE | 201 | 2018 | 2019 / 3 | 2020/ | 202 | Resource consent | Non-consented activity |
| Northland Regional Council | | 48% | 42% | 47% | 46% (433) | 5% | 95% |
| Waikato Regional Council | 24% | 7 % | 26% | 37% | 21% (386) | | |
| Bay of Plenty Regional Council | | 25% | 20% | 23% | 25% (789) | | |
| Hawkes Bay Regional Council | | | | | | | |
| Taranaki Regional Council | 37% | 37% | 40% | 39% | 35% (186) | 20% | 80% |
| Horizons Regional Council | | | | | | | |
| Greater Wellington Regional Council | 17% | 15% | 18% | 19% | 13% (148) | | |
| Environment Canterbury | 23% | 29% | 68% | 24% | 19% (732) | 66% | 34% |
| Otago Regional Council | | | | | | | |
| West Coast Regional Council | 50% | 41% | 17% | 21% | 21% (32) | 44% | 56% |
| Southland Regional Council | 17% | 18% | 29% | 34% | 15% (104) | 54% | NA |
| UNITARY AUTHORITIES | | | | | | | |
| Auckland Council | | 29% | 22% | | | | |
| Gisborne District Council | | | | 35% | 39% (132) | 66% | 2% NA |
| Nelson City Council | 70% | | | | | | |
| Marlborough District Council | 34% | 23% | 21% | 22% | 20% (106) | 19% | 81% |
| Tasman District Council | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | |
| TOTAL/AVERAGE | 40% | 27% | 27% | 29% | 27% (3,048) | | |

Table 1: Percentage and types of breaches

Question 9. How many of these notifications were confirmed as breaches of the RMA or subsidiary instruments?

Question 10. How many of the breaches were for:

Breach of a resource consent?
Breach of permitted activity rules?

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NATIONWIDE COMPLIANCE INSPECTIONS

CONSENTS 216,404 / REQUIRED 35,810 / PERCENTAGE 86%

MONITORING RESOURCE CONSENTS

This year active resource consents reduced by 24% (67,066 consents). Auckland Council is the largest processor of consents and accounted for 55,354 less active resource consents. This year due to data integrity they have excluded tree consents (LUC) that were issued more than five years ago as these are likely to have lapsed.

For those consents that are active 17% (35,810) required monitoring. Northland Regional Council, Gisborne District Council and Horizons Regional Council have the largest increases in consents that are required to be monitored.

The number monitored was similar to last year at 86%. Waikato Regional Council continues to monitor more than is required. Gisborne District Council have a lower percentage monitored; this has decreased over this year. Tasman District Council has the largest increase in monitoring.

Question 11. How many individual, active resource consents exist in your region?

Exclude Land Use Consents where the activity is completed e.g., Land use subdivisions where the subdivision is complete, and certificates issued or land use - building where the building has been constructed.

Question 12. How many consents required monitoring during this period, in accordance with your monitoring prioritisation model/strategy?

Question 13. How many of these consents were monitored (including desktop audit) in the period?

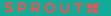
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| | | | тот | AL CONSE | NTS | | REQUIRED MONITORING | | | | | NUMBER MONITORED | | | | | |
|---------------------|--|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-----------|---------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|--------|
| | | 2017 / 2018 | 2018 / 2019 | 2019 / 2020 | 2020 / 2021 | 2021/2022 | 2017 / 2018 | 2018 / 2019 | 2019 / 2020 | 2020 / 2021 | 2021 / 2022 | 2017 / 2018 | 2018 / 2019 | 2019 / 2020 | 2020 / 2021 | 2027 / 2022 | |
| | Northland Regional Council | 3,812 | 9,738 | 9,910 | 10,164 | 10,779 | 3,724 | 3,847 | 3,731 | 3,505 | 4,153 | 94% | 93% | 88% | 86% | 95% | 3,945 |
| | Waikato Regional Council | 4,500 | 4,787 | 11,419 | 11,839 | 12,511 | 1,500 | 525 | 1,674 | | 575 | 77% | 100%+ | 100%+ | | 100%+ | 932 |
| | Bay of Plenty Regional Council | 5,500 | 9,057 | 8,458 | 8,407 | 7,608 | 1,900 | 2,380 | 3,316 | 3,324 | 3,398 | 69% | 70% | 85% | 86% | 93% | 3,173 |
| LS | Hawkes Bay Regional Council | 3,144 | 5,928 | 8,300 | 8,452 | 8,620 | 3,144 | 3,446 | 3,550 | 3,355 | 3,358 | 94% | 93% | 93% | 93% | 91% | 3,056 |
| ŪN. | Taranaki Regional Council | 4,837 | 4,784 | 4,625 | 4,517 | 4,372 | 2,930 | 2,743 | 2,788 | 2,510 | 2,408 | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% | 2,408 |
| COU | Horizons Regional Council | 4,700 | 5,204 | 5,468 | 6,619 | 5,638 | 1,700 | 1,648 | 1,367 | 1,823 | 2,175 | 82% | 80% | 81% | 89% | 95% | 2,068 |
| REGIONAL COUNCILS | Greater Wellington Regional Council | 6,375 | 6,604 | 6,863 | 7,138 | 7,259 | 1,544 | 1,782 | 1,633 | 1,779 | 1,843 | 94% | 95% | 94% | 87% | 88% | 1,630 |
| EGIC | Environment Canterbury | 20,417 | 18,500 | 22,051 | 22,648 | 23,079 | 20,417 | 4,625 | 4,410 | 1,314 | 882 | 28% | 72% | 89% | 96% | 76% | 674 |
| ~ | Otago Regional Council | 5,984 | 5,588 | 5,656 | 5,785 | 5,829 | 3,827 | 1,161 | 3,256 | 3,136 | 3,144 | 66% | 52% | 64% | 71% | 77% | 2,421 |
| | West Coast Regional Council | | 3,474 | 3,000 | 5,682 | 5,809 | | 868 | 900 | 1,268 | 1,275 | | 100%+ | 87% | 92% | 92% | 1,170 |
| | Southland Regional Council | 5,376 | 5,590 | 5,824 | 5,995 | 4,916 | 3,188 | 4,586 | 4,127 | 5,920 | 3,752 | 100% | 78% | 73% | 72% | 84% | 3,151 |
| | REGIONAL SUBTOTAL | 64,645 | 79,254 | 91,574 | 97,246 | 96,420 | 43,874 | 27,611 | 30,752 | 27,934 | 26,963 | 80% | 85% | 87% | 87% | 96% | 24,628 |
| (0 | Auckland Council | 103,690 | 108,326 | 115,723 | 130,371 | 75,017 | 17,759 | 11,778 | 13,162 | | | 71% | 60% | 72% | | | 19,089 |
| Ë | Gisborne District Council | 1,250 | | 10,500 | 8,893 | 7,753 | 699 | | | 1,135 | 1,600 | 34% | | | 60% | 47% | 746 |
| 10R | Nelson City Council | 1,200 | 784 | 656 | 675 | 594 | 550 | 619 | 656 | 675 | 594 | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% | 594 |
| UNITARY AUTHORITIES | Marlborough District Council | 20,802 | 21,377 | 29,459 | 29,459 | 27,817 | 2,686 | 3,261 | 3,529 | 3,529 | 3,326 | 83% | 89% | 93% | 98% | 85% | 2,837 |
| IAR | Tasman District Council | 15,764 | 13,042 | 7,230 | 16,826 | 8,803 | 4,250 | 2,478 | 6,389 | 4,941 | 3,327 | 46% | 75% | 26% | 57% | 73% | 2,426 |
| L N | UNITARY SUBTOTAL | 142,706 | 143,529 | 163,568 | 186,224 | 119,984 | 25,944 | 18,136 | 23,736 | 10,280 | 8,847 | 67% | 81% | 73% | 79% | 76% | 25,962 |
| | TOTAL | 207,351 | 222,783 | 255,142 | 283,470 | 216,404 | 69,818 | 45,747 | 54,488 | 38,214 | 35,810 | 74% | 83% | 80% | 83% | 86% | 50,320 |

Table 2: Total consents that require monitoring

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COMPLIANCE ASSESSMENT

In 2018 the MfE released Best Practice Guidelines regarding compliance gradings. Last year as a sector we achieved 100% adoption of the recommended compliance categories, meaning data is now comparable on a national level. This section focuses on the levels of compliance against the framework. This data reflects the compliance gradings of over 66,000 consent monitoring events.

This is higher than the last two years, with 2,436 more consents over the categories. Auckland and Bay of Plenty having significant increases.

It must be noted that data may vary from Table 2. This is because some sites have more than one monitoring visit over the year. Figure 5 relates to the percentage of monitoring visits (not consents) within the categories.

*Numbers provided will not equate to the consents totals earlier in this report as some sites had more than one monitoring visit over the year. The tables below relate to the percentage of monitoring visits that fit within different arades.

Question 14. What grades do you apply to non-compliance? (e.g. technical non-compliance, significant noncompliance)

Fully Compliant

Technical/Low Non-Compliance

Moderate Non-Compliance

Significant Non-Compliance

Other (please specify)

Question 15. What were the levels of compliance with consents according to the grades you use?

Note 1: Numbers provided under each grade is per monitoring event not per consent. E.g. a consent may be monitored four times in the year: on one occasion it may be Technically Non-Compliance and on three occasions it may be Fully Compliant, this would add three to the total of Fully Compliant and one to the total for Technical Noncompliance.

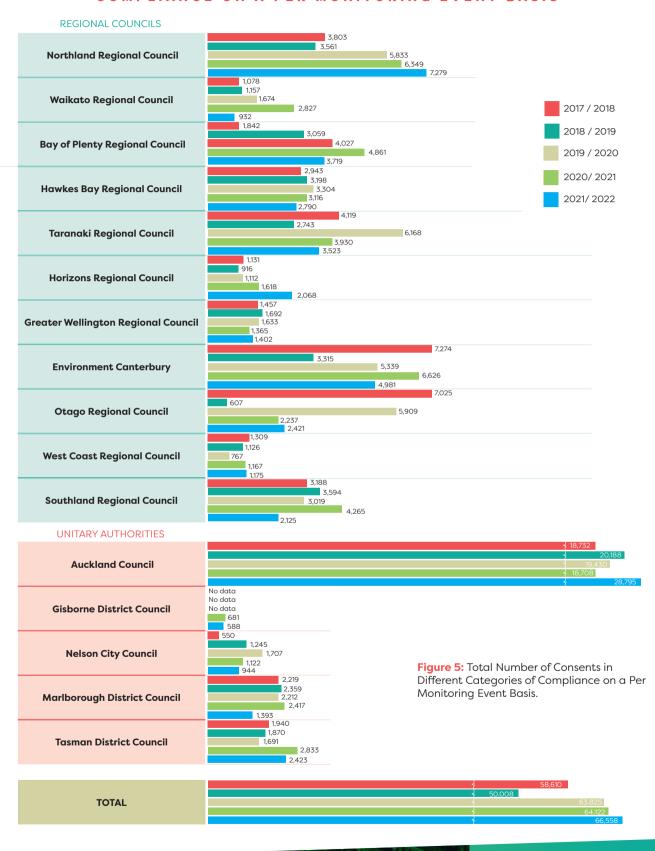
Note 2: The compliance grade is based on the condition with the worst compliance grade. e.g. a consent with five conditions Fully Compliant and one condition Moderate Non-Compliance has an overall compliance grade of Minor Non-Compliance.

Note 3: Daily telemetry water readings where compliance with water take limits is continuously monitored are to be excluded from compliance grade totals.

- Significant Non-Compliance
- Other (please specify)

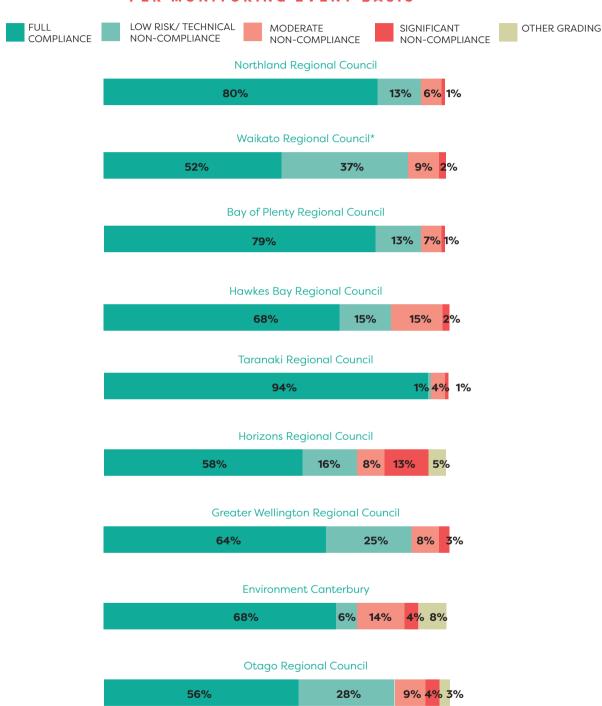
*Consistent with previous years GWRC are unable to exclude telemetered Water Takes from these figures. Their grading of compliance is over the year not per event.

TOTAL NUMBER OF CONSENTS IN DIFFERENT CATEGORIES OF COMPLIANCE ON A PER MONITORING EVENT BASIS



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PERCENTAGES OF CONSENTS IN FULL COMPLIANCE, LOW RISK/TECHNICAL NON COMPLIANCE, MODERATE NON COMPLIANCE AND SIGNIFICANT NON COMPLIANCE ON A PER MONITORING EVENT BASIS



^{*} The non-compliance rating system used at WRC considers multiple factors, and not solely whether the non-compliance results in actual significant environmental effect. As such the data is not directly comparable to those Councils that apply the MfE compliance rating system.



Figure 6: Percentages of consents in full compliance, low risk/ technical non compliance, moderate non compliance and significant non compliance on a per monitoring event basis.

NATIONWIDE COMPLIANCE RATING OF CONSENTS MONITORED TOTAL CONSENTS 66,558

NATIONWIDE COMPLIANCE RATING OF CONSENTS MONITORED

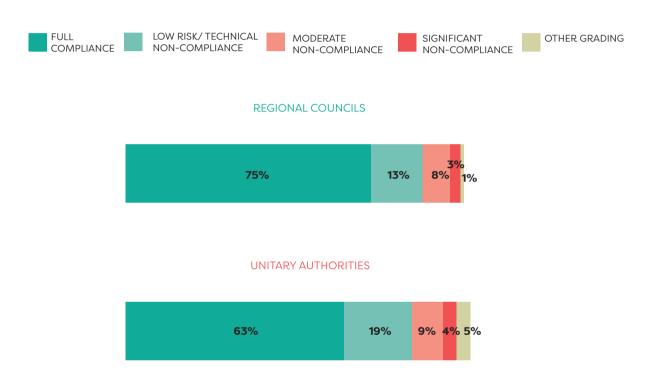


Figure 7: Nation-wide percentages of consents in full compliance, low risk/ technical non-compliance, moderate non-compliance and significant non-compliance on a per monitoring event basis.

MONITORING

Permitted activities are similar to previous years. Forestry and dairy make up nearly half of permitted activities.

PERMITTED ACTIVITY MONITORING PROGRAMMES FOR DIFFERENT INDUSTRIES

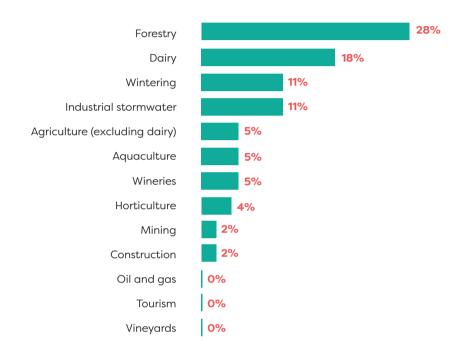


Figure 8: Proportion of permitted activity monitoring programmes for different industries

Question 16. Which permitted activities do you have a monitoring programme for? List of activities with tick box if yes:

- Agriculture (excluding dairy)
- Aquaculture
- Construction
- Dairy
- Forestry
- Horticulture
- Mining
- Oil and gas
- **Tourism**
- Vineyards
- Wineries
- Wintering

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Other (please specify)

Note: A number of the activities listed, which may be permitted in other regions, require consents in the Greater Wellington Region (e.g. Dairy).



MAKING DECISIONS ON PRIORITIES

The following questions help us understand prioritisation and the way matters are addressed; they look at the workstreams and rationale for prioritisation.

All councils have well established systems for determining prioritisation assessment for complaints, notifications and incidents. Many have a triaging system or some form of coding to prioritise. Basis for determining priority and urgency for physical attendance are:

- Scale
- Risk/ degree of adverse effect/ environmental harm
- Veracity of complaint/ quality of information
- Number and frequency of complaints
- · If incident is still happening or not
- · Ability/ practicality of response. For example, time of day (H&S for outside daylight hours)

Assessments included:

- · Priority setting matrix
- Elevated response programs
- Risk based priority model/ assessment
- Desktop/ phone assessments
- Dedicated role for determining urgency

Risk based models were commonly the basis for determining which consents are monitored and how frequently. These were based on:

- Resource consent requirements
- Regional rules
- Consent type
- Potential adverse effects
- Compliance history
- Scale of activity
- Environmental impact
- Complaints and council science
- · Iwi and community interests
- Seasonal activity

Type of activity and risk determined monitoring and frequency

QUESTION 17. What basis is used for determining what notifications/complaints/incidents are physically attended and with what urgency or priority?

QUESTION 18. Describe how you determine which consents are monitored and how frequently? If there is a prioritisation model or compliance strategy, add link

QUESTION 19. Describe the basis, which was used for determining what, if any, permitted activities were monitored. If there is a prioritisation model or compliance strategy, add link

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STAFFINGLEVELS

The number of FTEs has increased by a further seven percent this year (+36). Environment Canterbury have had the largest increase accounting for over half of all new FTEs (21). Consistent with previous years there is a large variation ranging from 6 to 178 FTEs. Resourcing does differ in the sector given the diversity of population size, area, development type/ intensity and council funding base.

This year there is a decrease in Environmental Incident or Pollution FTEs (-6). The largest increase is for Combination FTEs (+25), followed by Support (+11) and Monitoring (+10). For Unitary Councils there is a reduction in Combination Roles (-67), driven by Auckland Council (-68). An increase in Environmental Incident or Pollution (51), again driven by Auckland Council (47).

Question 20. How many FTEs does your council have who carry out monitoring roles?

Question 21. How many FTEs does your council have who carry out environmental incident or pollution response roles?

Question 22. How many FTEs does your council have who carry out investigation or enforcement roles?

Question 23. How many FTEs does your council have who carry out a combination of the above roles?

Note 1: Include contractors

Note 2: Only answer this question if you have not included these staff in questions 20, 21 or 22

Question 24. How many FTEs does your council have in CME support roles?

This includes administrative roles, e.g. staff who assist with issue of notices, reminder notices, upload of unpaid infringements to Ministry of Justice.



COUNCIL FTES IN CME ROLES

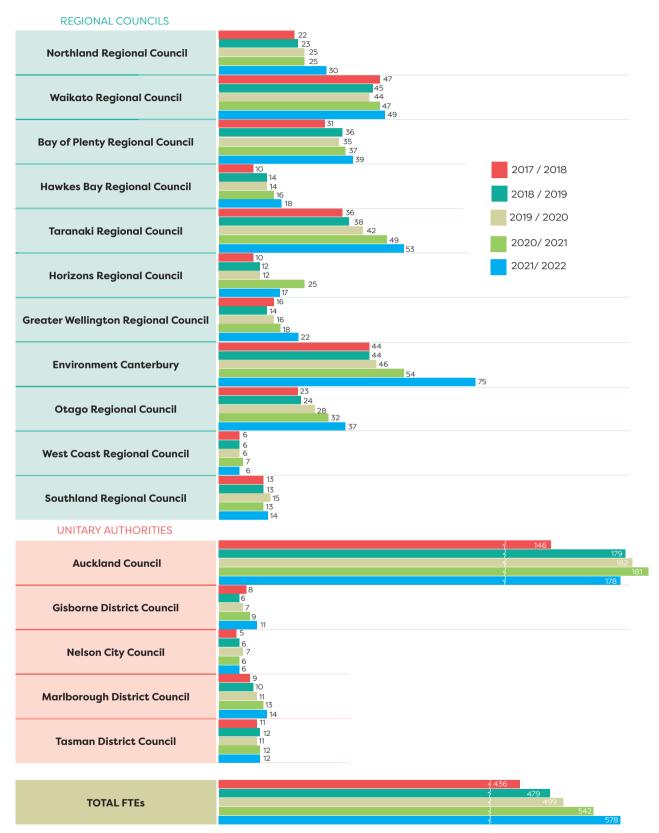


Figure 9: Council FTEs in CME roles

COUNCIL FTE'S IN SPECIFIC ROLES

| | | МС | ONITORIN | IG | COMBINATION | | ENVIRONMENTAL INCIDENT OR POLLUTION | | R | INVESTIGATION OR ENFORCEMENT | | | SUPPORT | | | |
|------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|---|-------------|-------------|---------------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| | | 2019 / 2020 | 2020 / 2021 | 2021 / 2022 | 2019 / 2020 | 2020 / 2021 | 2021 / 2022 | 2019 / 2020 | 2020 / 2021 | 2021 / 2022 | 2019 / 2020 | 2020 / 2021 | 2021 / 2022 | 2019 / 2020 | 2020 / 2021 | 2021 / 2022 |
| | Northland Regional Council | 0 | 0 | 0 | 21 | 22 | 26 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 2 | 3 |
| | Waikato Regional Council | 20 | 22 | 20 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 8 | 9 | 9 | 10 | 10 | 13 | 6 | 6 | 7 |
| | Bay of Plenty Regional Council | 16 | 17 | 20 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 3 | 4 | 3 | 12 | 12 | 12 |
| REGIONAL COUNCILS | Hawkes Bay Regional Council | 9 | 10 | 12 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 3 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 2 |
| Š | Taranaki Regional Council | 29 | 35 | 37 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 4 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 6 | 2 | 2 | 3 |
| Ö | Horizons Regional Council | 0 | 13 | 0 | 10 | 0 | 16 | 0 | 9 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 1 |
| ₹ Z | Greater Wellington Regional Council | 0 | 0 | 0 | 15 | 17 | 20 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 2 |
| GIO | Environment Canterbury | 31 | 28 | 42 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 5 | 7 | 6 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 6 | 15 | 22 |
| R | Otago Regional Council | 15 | 18 | 20 | 3 | 2 | 4 | 3 | 4 | 4 | 3 | 3 | 4 | 4 | 5 | 5 |
| | West Coast Regional Council | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 6 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| | Southland Regional Council | 8 | 8 | 9 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 2 | 2 | 3 | 2 | 3 |
| | REGIONAL SUBTOTAL | 128 | 151 | 160 | 56 | 49 | 73 | 27 | 42 | 32 | 31 | 31 | 34 | 40 | 50 | 61 |
| 10 | Auckland Council | 69 | 69 | 77 | 16 | 88 | 20 | 41 | 0 | 47 | 43 | 0 | 18 | 13 | 24 | 16 |
| ≱E | Gisborne District Council | 0 | 0 | 0 | 7 | 8 | 10 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| TAR | Nelson City Council | 0 | 0 | 0 | 6 | 5 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| UNITARY AUTHORITIES | Marlborough District Council | 2 | 5 | 6 | 8 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 0 | 5 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 1 |
| A S | Tasman District Council | 0 | 0 | 0 | 9 | 10 | 10 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 2 |
| | UNITARY SUBTOTAL | 71 | 74 | 83 | 46 | 112 | 45 | 41 | 0 | 52 | 43 | 5 | 20 | 17 | 30 | 21 |
| | UNITARY SUBTOTAL MINUS AUCKLAND | 2 | 5 | 6 | 30 | 24 | 25 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 0 | 5 | 2 | | 6 | 5 |
| | TOTAL | 198 | 225 | 243 | 102 | 160 | 117 | 68 | 42 | 83 | 74 | 36 | 54 | 57 | 79 | 82 |
| | TOTAL MINUS AUCKLAND | 129 | 156 | 166 | 86 | 72 | 97 | 27 | 42 | 36 | 31 | 36 | 36 | 44 | 55 | 66 |

Table 3: Council FTEs for different aspects of the CME role

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COUNCIL FTES AND FORMAL ACTIONS BASED ON POPULATION

| | | | FTE/ | 1000 | | | | | |
|------------------------|--|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|------------------|---------------------------------|--|
| | | 2017 / 2018 | 2018 / 2019 | 2019 / 2020 | 2020 / 2021 | 2020 / 2021 | FTE 2021/2022 | Population Estimates 2021 | Formal actions per 1000 2021/2022 |
| | Northland Regional Council | .13 | .13 | .13 | .13 | 0.15 | 30.0 | 196,100 | 1.5 |
| | Waikato Regional Council | .10 | .10 | .09 | .10 | .10 | 48.6 | 502,500 | 0.6 |
| | Bay of Plenty Regional Council | .10 | .11 | .11 | .11 | .11 | 39.0 | 340,800 | 0.5 |
| CILS | Hawkes Bay Regional Council | .06 | .08 | .08 | .09 | .10 | 18.0 | 180,600 | 1.2 |
| S | Taranaki Regional Council | .31 | .32 | .34 | .40 | .42 | 53.0 | 125,800 | 2.0 |
| 8 | Horizons Regional Council | .04 | .05 | .05 | .10 | .07 | 17.0 | 255,500 | 0.4 |
| REGIONAL COUNCILS | Greater Wellington Regional Council | .03 | .03 | .03 | .03 | .04 | 21.7 | 544,900 | 0.2 |
| SEG. | Environment Canterbury | .07 | .07 | .07 | .08 | .12 | 75.0 | 647,600 | 0.5 |
| | Otago Regional Council | .10 | .10 | .12 | .13 | .15 | 36.5 | 245,600 | 0.5 |
| | West Coast Regional Council | .17 | .16 | .17 | .20 | .17 | 5.5 | 32,700 | 0.8 |
| | Southland Regional Council | .13 | .13 | .15 | .12 | .14 | 14.0 | 102,800 | 0.7 |
| | REGIONAL AVERAGE/ TOTAL | .11 | .12 | .12 | .14 | .14 | 32.6 | 288,627 | 8.0 |
| | Auckland Council | .09 | .11 | .11 | .11 | .10 | 178.0 | 1,715,800 | 1.9 |
| ⊢ES | Gisborne District Council | .18 | .13 | .14 | .18 | .21 | 11.0 | 51,300 | 1.6 |
| TAR TIN | Nelson City Council | .10 | .10 | .12 | .10 | .10 | 5.5 | 54,450 | 1.2 |
| UNITARY AUTHORITIES | Marlborough District Council | .20 | .20 | .21 | .25 | .27 | 13.7 | 51,200 | 1.1 |
| J.A | Tasman District Council | .15 | .22 | .20 | .21 | .21 | 12.0 | 57,450 | 2.1 |
| | UNITARY AVERAGE/ TOTAL | .15 | .15 | .16 | .17 | .18 | 44.0 | 386,040 | 1.6 |
| | AVERAGE | .12 | .13 | .13 | .15 | .15 | | | |

TABLE 4: Comparison of council FTEs, population and number of formal actions (excluding prosecutions but including warnings)



The affect of resource on formal actions is shown below on the graph. We can see the relationship that higher resourcing levels tend to have more formal actions. Taranaki Regional Council and Gisborne District Council with the highest resource levels also have the highest number of formal actions. This indicates better use of formal actions when there are higher staffing levels.

CME RESOURCING AND NUMBER OF FORMAL ENFORCEMENT ACTIONS

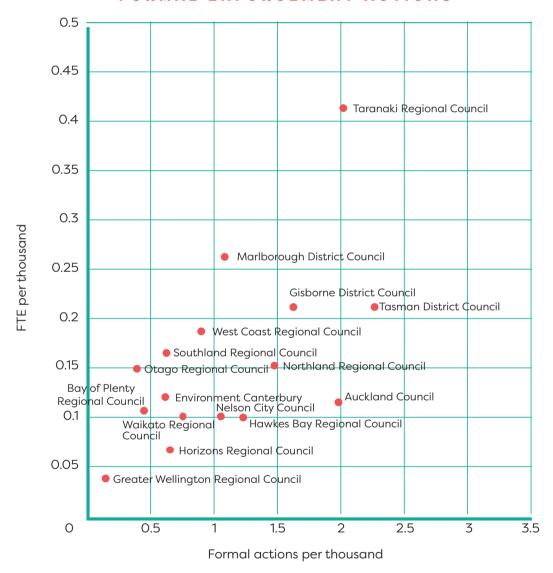


Figure 10: Comparison of CME resourcing and number of formal enforcement actions

Furthermore Figure 11 demonstrates the impact GDP has on the number of FTE's. Areas with higher GDP tend to have more FTE's, those with lower GDP have less resource.

COMPARISON OF CME RESOURCING AND GDP



Figure 11: Comparison of CME resourcing and GDP

ANDPROCEDURES

Credibility and trustworthiness of regulators is sustained through having sound, transparent policies in place.

Guidelines state that all councils 'should have an operational enforcement policy, which the council uses to determine what enforcement action (if any) to take in response to non-compliance'.

Last year all councils had adopted both Enforcement Policies and Conflict of Interest Policies.

For all councils decisions on prosecutions were made by more than one party. Usually, it involved an enforcement decision group or panel. The following are involved in making decisions about prosecutions.

- **Investigating Officer**
- Investigating Officer's Manager
- **Enforcement Specialist**
- Compliance Monitoring Manager
- **Group Manager Regulatory Services**
- Legal Counsel
- Chief Executive Officer
- Manager separate from consents and compliance
- Directors and tiers of managers
- Team Leaders
- Director Resource Management
- General Manager Regulatory
- Group Manager Strategy and Regulation
- Policy and Regulation Group Manager

Final delegation to authorise filing of charges was with the Chief Executive, Group Managers, Directors, General Managers, Specific Environment Managers, Enforcement and Prosecution Committee, Senior Managers or a panel.





Question 25. What is your process for making decisions on prosecutions?

Question 26. Who has the delegation to authorise filing of charges for a prosecution at your council?



^{*} MfE Best Practice Guidelines at p73

DECISION MAKING PROCESS AND DELEGATION TO AUTHORISE FILING OF CHARGES

| | DECISIONS ON PROSECUTION | DELEGATION |
|----------|--|---|
| | Northland Regional Council | |
| | Enforcement decision group meets (membership of the group changes depending on the alleged offence). Usually consists of the investigating officer plus their manager, plus the Enforcement Specialist. May also include Compliance Monitoring Manager and/or Group Manager Regulatory Services. | Group Manager - Regulatory Services and the Compliance Monitoring Manager/Deputy GM - Regulatory Services. |
| | Waikato Regional Council | |
| | Investigating officer reports to a panel of three senior managers with recommendations. If the panel authorises prosecutions, this will be conditional on an independent legal review, which studies the file in it's entirety and applies the Evidential and Public Interest Tests. If the legal review is satisfied that the tests are met, charges are filed. This process is in keeping with our Enforcement Policy https://waikatoregion.govt.nz/services/regional-services/investigation-and-enforcement/enforcement-policy/ | |
| | Bay of Plenty Regional Council | |
| | Significant incidents/breaches are delegated to our dedicated investigators, who will undertake a thorough investigation of the matter and present the outcomes to an Enforcement Decision Group (EDG). The EDG makes a recommendation (by consensus) for a response; if the recommendation is to prosecute, then the recommendation is subject to a legal opinion, before being referred to the General Manager for Regulatory Services. | General Manager - Regulatory Services |
| | Hawkes Bay Regional Council | |
| COUNCILS | The senior investigating officer investigates all serious breaches/incidents. The outcome is presented to the Enforcement Decision Group (EDG). If the EDG makes a recommendation for prosecution, the Compliance Manager and Policy & Regulation Group Manager sign off. A legal opinion is then sought and if it passes the evidential and public interest tests, the CEO signs off and charges laid. | Chief Executive Officer |
| | Taranaki Regional Council | |
| GIONAL | Chief executive in collaboration with Director Resource Management and Compliance Manager | Chief Executive |
| 5 | Horizons Regional Council | |
| REC | All incidents and significantly noncomplying resource consent assessments are assessed. If the matter is deemed serious it is referred to the investigation programme. If a subsequent investigation determines a prosecution is required, then the investigation file is sent for legal review. This review focuses on whether the evidential sufficiency and public interest tests have been satisfied. Once this review is completed a report is prepared and provided to the Regulatory Manager and Group Manager Strategy and Regulation, who then pass the matter onto the Chief Executive for consideration and final decision | Chief Executive |
| | Greater Wellington Regional Council | |
| | All decisions on enforcement outcomes for breaches of the RMA are made by the Enforcement Decision Group (EDG) to ensure consistency, transparency and fairness, with the exception of some formal warnings and advice letters . Any EDG recommendations to prosecute are required to go to the Prosecution Decision Group (PDG). Normally an EDG consists of a minimum 3 persons. Delegation on decisions sits at team leader level. Decisions are generally made by consensus of the attendees. Where agreement cannot be reached the person with the delegated authority will make the decision. In extreme circumstances consultation with other delegated authority holders may be required. For recommendations of Infringement or less EDG may consist only of Officer and Team Leader. All enforcement action taken must be in accordance with the Resource Management Act 1991, Summary Proceedings Act 1957, Criminal Procedure Act 2011, Search and Surveillance Act 2012, Disclosure Act 2008, Sentencing Act 2002, Resource Management (Infringement Offences) Regulations 1999 and the GWRC Environmental Regulation Prosecution Guidelines. | General Manager, Environment Management |

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| | Environment Canterbury | | | | | | | |
|---------------------|---|---|--|--|--|--|--|--|
| | Follow MfE CME guidelines, and an internal enforcement Decision Panel to make recommendations | Chief Executive | | | | | | |
| | Otago Regional Council | | | | | | | |
| AL COUNCILS | Recommendations for prosecution are considered at an 'Enforcement Decision Group' with Compliance Manager, Team Leaders, in-house legal counsel and Senior officer presenting the case. If considered appropriate by EDG, the file is reviewed by legal counsel to consider whether it meets the evidential test for prosecution. If it meets the evidential test, the file is considered by a 'Prosecution Decision Group' meeting with CEO, GM Regulatory, Compliance Manager and senior officer presenting the case. | To initiate and/or withdraw a prosecution for an offence against the RMA (GM Regulatory or GM Operations). If a decision has been made to prosecute, authority to file a charging document on decisions to prosecute for offences (Compliance Manager). | | | | | | |
| Z | West Coast Regional Council | | | | | | | |
| REGIONAL | Recommendation on action report submitted to the manager. Approval given to prepare a staff report for consideration at an EGD meeting. EDG consists of the CE, another manager separate from consents and compliance, the C&C manager and officer in charge of the case. Final decision rests with the CE. | The CE and the Consents and Compliance Manager. | | | | | | |
| | Southland Regional Council | | | | | | | |
| | Incident response - investigation - enforcement decision group meeting - legal opinion - CEO approval | Chief Executive | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | |
| | Auckland Council | | | | | | | |
| | Enforcement criteria is utilised, followed by team leader discussion, then Manager discussion. Prosecution panel made up Manager(s) and legal counsel is the final step. | Manager Compliance Response and Investigations | | | | | | |
| | Gisborne District Council | | | | | | | |
| UNITARY AUTHORITIES | Investigator prepares an internal memo based on investigation including details of offence, breaches identified, formal interview notes, supporting information (sampling results etc) and external factors (weather etc). This memo is supported with external legal advice which considers solicitorgeneral guidelines and litigation risk. This is considered by the Enforcement Decision Group (EDG) – membership comprises Director (2nd tier management) and four managers (3rd tier management) for decision. | Director Environmental Services & Protection. Compliance Monitoring and Enforcement Manager (after consultation with the Chief Executive). | | | | | | |
| < < | Nelson City Council | | | | | | | |
| ITARY | Recommendation by investigating officer to Team Leader, then Manager, then to two group managers (tier 2) after receiving legal advice | Authorised by two group managers after receiving legal advice | | | | | | |
| Z | Marlborough District Council | | | | | | | |
| | Stage 1: QA per review panel Stage 2: Enforcement and Prosecution | Enforcement and Prosecution | | | | | | |
| | Committee Stage 3: Legal Counsel Review | Committee | | | | | | |
| | Tasman District Council | Committee | | | | | | |

Table 5: Decision making process and delegation to authorise filing of charges

Question 25. What is your process for making decisions on prosecutions?

Question 26. Who has the delegation to authorise filing of charges for a prosecution at your council?



EDUCATING AND ENGAGING WITH THE REGULATED COMMUNITY

Giving clear direction on what is expected to the regulated community creates a robust approach. This is outlined in the 'four E approach'. The following section helps us understand the programs councils have in place.

All councils have education/ engagement projects in place and have done for several years. Digital inclusion is becoming more common as a result of Covid-19. Many have not being able to attend events due to lockdowns or self isolation. This year there is an increase in digitally inclusive delivery methods such as webinars and online trainings. Benefits to this are being able to utilise expertise nationwide.



DELIVERY METHODS

- · Pocket guides
- Printed material (info sheets)
- Website (updated regularly)
- · Advertising campaigns via social media
- Emails
- Information sessions, workshops and presentations
- Webinars/ online training
- Industry groups/ catchment groups
- Liaison/ one on one meetings/ educational visits
- · Audit panels
- Attendance at industry stakeholder meetings
- Attendance at Field Days, dairy effluent forums and Shed Talk
- Superhero programs to promote behavior change within the community

TOPICS COVERED

- Erosion and sediment control
- Earthworks
- Fresh water
- Stormwater
- Wastewater
- Citizen science
- Reporting issues
- NES guidance
- Burning

INDUSTRIES / GROUPS TARGETED

- Construction
- Farming
- Forestry
- Horticulture (Kiwifruit)
- Viticulture

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- Catchment groups
- · Community engagement

Question 38. Does your council have, or support, any education or engagement projects relating to compliance with the RMA or any of its derivative regulation? For example, workshops for earthworks contractors around erosion and sediment controls. Yes No

If yes, briefly describe

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ACTING ON NON COMPLIANCE

The following section helps us to understand priority areas and challenges for compliance programs. It does this by identifying at a sector level what is occupying the largest proportion of resources and if that is shifting over time.

This year there were a total of 5,499 actions; this is significantly less than last year (8,195). This was lower across all action types. Typically, abatement notices take up the largest proportion of formal actions; this year follows the same trend. Waikato Regional Council, Taranaki Regional Council, Environment Canterbury and Auckland Council all had significant decreases in formal actions.

The section with the largest number of actions is Section 15: Discharges of contaminants. This section remains the section with the most breaches, however it has been decreasing. In 2018/2019 there were 4,018 breaches, last year there were 2,364 breaches this year 1,604 breaches.

QUESTION 27. Question 27 relates to the instruments issued in relation to the different sections of the Act (listed once for brevity)

- Section 9 Use of land
- Section 12 Coastal marine area
- Section 13 Beds of lakes and rivers
- Section 14 Water
- Section 15 Discharges of contaminants
- Section 17 Duty to avoid, remedy & mitigate
- Other breach e.g. Section 22

Formal warnings issued

Abatement notices issued

Infringement notices issued

Enforcement orders applied for

Note: Previously we have summed to give totals, this allows a more accurate figure where responses fall into more than one category.



| | | | (\$) | | |
|---|-----------------|-------------------|------------------------|--------------------|------------------|
| | FORMAL WARNINGS | ABATEMENT NOTICES | INFRINGEMENT ORDERS | ENFORCEMENT ORDERS | TOTAL ACTIONS |
| | 493 | 3,512 | 1,486 | 8 | 5,499 |
| SECTION 9 Use of land | | | | | 366 |
| SECTION 12 Coastal marine area | • 7 | 40 | 14 | 2 | 63 |
| SECTION 13 Beds of lakes and rivers | 29 | 56 | 30 | 1 | 116 |
| SECTION 14 Water | 205 | 156 | 23 | 0 | |
| SECTION 15 Discharges of contaminants | 192 | 682 | 727 | 3 | 1,604 |
| SECTION 17 Duty to avoid, remedy & mitigate | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| OTHER e.g. Section 22 | • 7 • | 4 | 506 | 1 | 518 |
| Only able to provide totals | 17 | | • | • | |

Table 6: Total use of formal instruments against relevant section of the Act (i. e., group of possible offences).

Note: Database issues mean only total Formal Warnings available for GWRC. Auckland Council can only provide total Abatement Notices

TOTAL USE OF FORMAL INSTRUMENTS (EXCLUDING PROSECUTION)



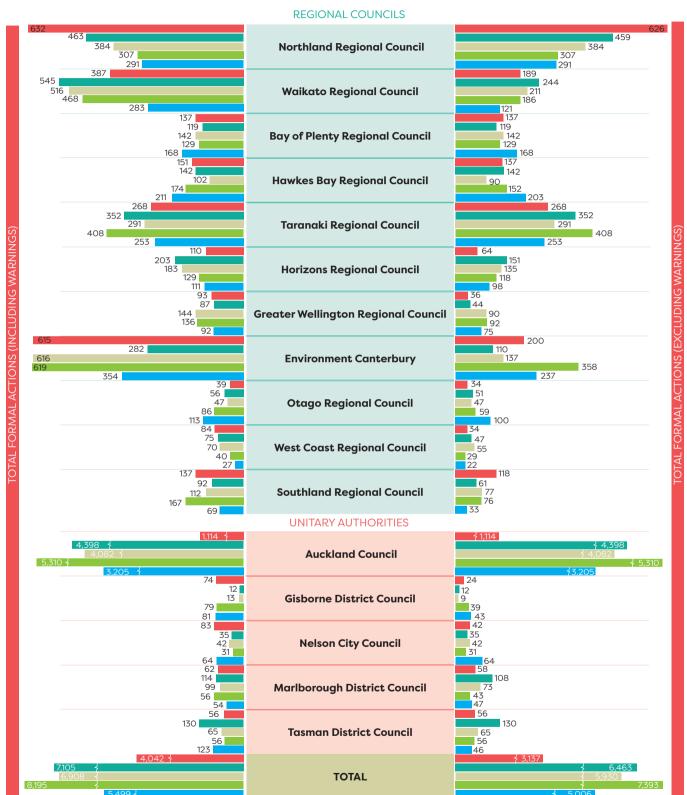


Figure 12: Total use of formal instruments (excluding prosecution)

TOTAL FORMAL WARNINGS AND ABATEMENT NOTICES 2017 / 2018 2018 / 2019 2019 / 2020 2020/2021 2021/2022 **REGIONAL COUNCILS** 373 NO DATA 230 **Northland Regional Council** NO DATA NO DATA 89 198 134 134 301 **Waikato Regional Council** 118 282 86 NO DATA NO DATA 87 NO DATA NO DATA 117 **Bay of Plenty Regional Council** 102 NO DATA 117 14 46 40 12 22 8 20 **Hawkes Bay Regional Council** 94 0000 240 Taranaki Regional Council 187 255 Ó 46 41 48 **Horizons Regional Council** 11 13 40 46 11 17 24 26 40 **Greater Wellington Regional Council** 415 39 479 69 **Environment Canterbury** 261 260 5 5 14 20 NO DATA **Otago Regional Council** 27 25 13 50 20 20 20 12 28 **West Coast Regional Council** 15 11 5 19 **1** 31 **3** 35 80 29 29 29 **Southland Regional Council UNITARY AUTHORITIES** NO DATA NO DATA NO DATA NO DATA NO DATA **Auckland Council Gisborne District Council** 4 40 38 41 38 28 NO DATA NO DATA NO DATA 18 29 **Nelson City Council** NO DATA 36 26 13 7 **Marlborough District Council** 38 28 NO DATA NO DATA 33 67 31 37 NO DATA NO DATA **Tasman District Council** TOTAL

Figure 13: Total formal warnings and abatement notices

TOTAL INFRINGEMENT NOTICES AND ENFORCEMENT ORDERS

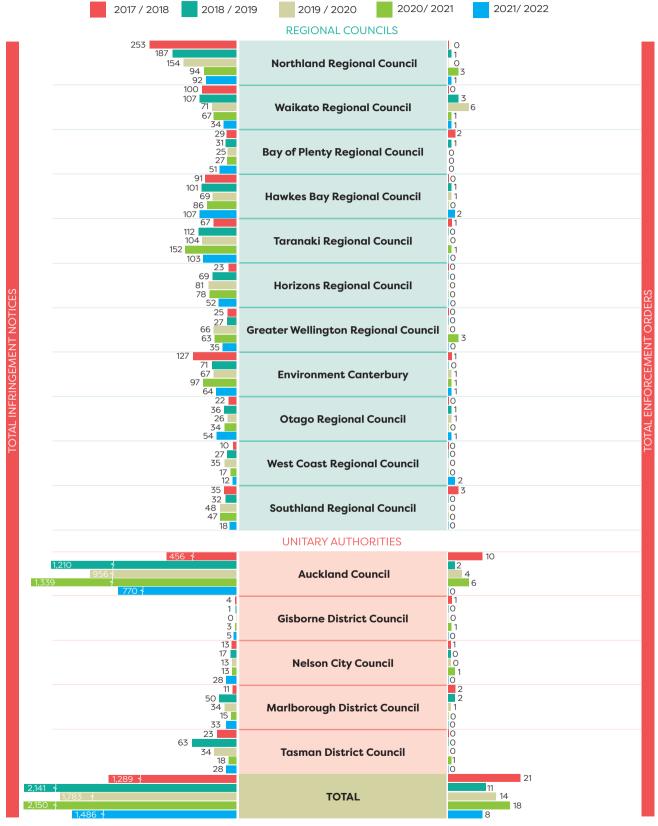


Figure 14: Total infringement notices and enforcement orders

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PROSECUTIONS

Questions 28 to 33 address prosecutions, defendants and convictions. Use of these tools where appropriate encourages compliance and behavior change by deterring offenders. The degree to which prosecutions are used shows the willingness of agencies to use tools at the heavy end of the spectrum. Where councils are unlikely to prosecute it may be perceived that non-compliance is unlikely to result in consequence.

This year the total number (both in progress and concluded) is lower with 133 prosecutions, last year it was 166. A higher number are in progress this year, compared to last year where majority were concluded.

There are less individuals convicted, however more convictions by those individuals. For corporates there are less corporates convicted and less convictions.

QUESTION 28. How many RMA prosecutions were:

Note: For this question please consider an entire case (regardless of number of charges and defendants) as one prosecution.

Concluded in the period?

Still in progress in the period?

QUESTION 29. What is the total number of individual (person) defendants convicted as a result of RMA prosecutions concluded in this period?

QUESTION 30. For all of these (person) defendants what is the total number of convictions entered against them? For example, there may be a total of 27 separate convictions entered against a total of nine 'individual' defendants.

QUESTION 31. What is the total number of corporate (e.g. Crown, company, body corporate etc.) defendants convicted as a result of RMA prosecutions concluded in this period?

QUESTION 32. For all of these (corporate) defendants what is the total number of convictions entered against them? For example, there may be a total of 30 separate convictions entered against a total of 12 corporate defendants.

QUESTION 33. Total number of convictions against an individual [see categories for sections of the Act as above] Total fine potential (Total x \$300,000)

Total number of convictions against a corporate entity [see categories for sections of the Act as above] Total fine potential (Total \times \$600,000)

NATIONWIDE PROSECUTIONS ACROSS THE REGIONAL SECTOR

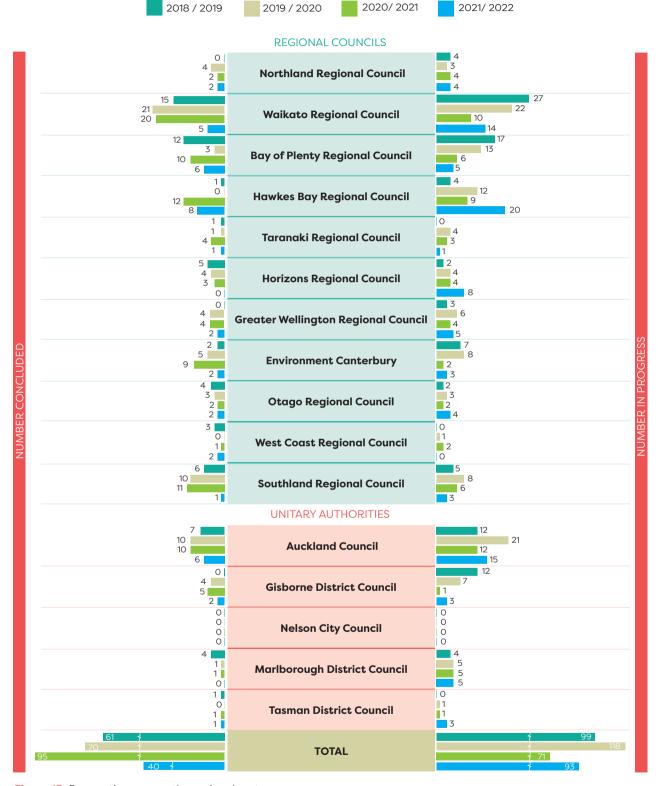


Figure 15: Prosecutions across the regional sector

2020/2021 2021/2022 2017 / 2018 2018 / 2019 2019 / 2020 **REGIONAL COUNCILS Northland Regional Council Waikato Regional Council** 20 **Bay of Plenty Regional Council Hawkes Bay Regional Council** Taranaki Regional Council 6 **Horizons Regional Council** 4 0000 0 0 0 **Greater Wellington Regional Council** 3 2 NO DATA NO DATA **Environment Canterbury** 2 2 0 0 0 **Otago Regional Council** 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 **West Coast Regional Council Southland Regional Council UNITARY AUTHORITIES Auckland Council** 10 10 **Gisborne District Council** 0000 **Nelson City Council Marlborough District Council Tasman District Council TOTAL** 41

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INDIVIDUALS CONVICTED ACROSS THE REGIONAL SECTOR

Figure 16: Individuals convicted across the regional sector

CORPORATES CONVICTED ACROSS THE REGIONAL SECTOR

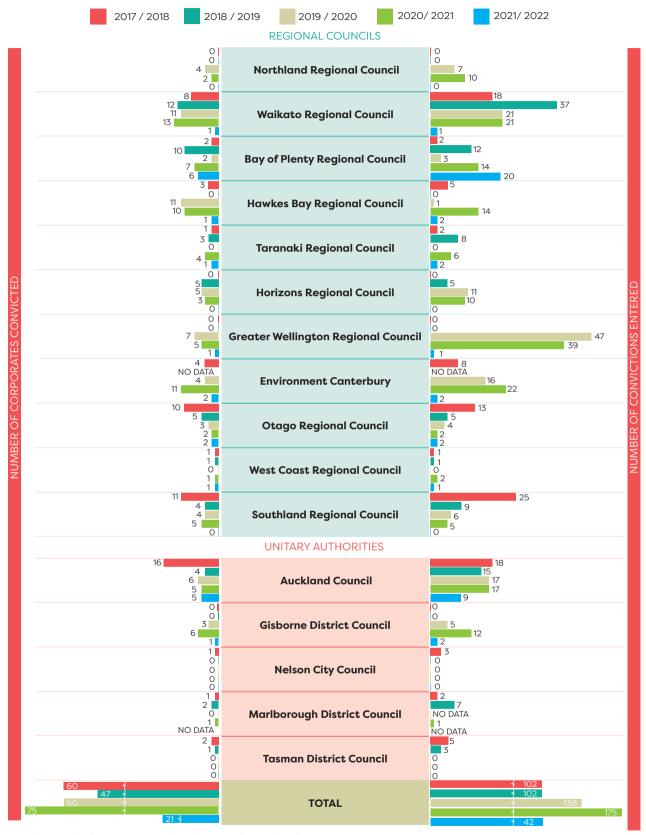


Figure 17: Corporates convicted across the regional sector

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PENALTIES

Lower concluded prosecutions impact penalties this year. Fines decreased significantly this year. In 2020/2021 corporate fines totaled just over \$4m, this year \$726k. In the 2020/2021-year individual fines totaled just over \$900k, this year \$595K.

Compared to last year many councils did not report any fines. Ten councils report no individual fines, six report no corporate fines. There were a range of sanctions handed down.

On two occasions the Courts have imposed prison sentences as a result of council prosecutions, this is rare under the RMA. Restorative justice was also less.

| | NUMBER OF COUNCILS |
|------------------------------|-----------------------|
| PRISON SENTENCE | 2 |
| ENFORCEMENT ORDER | 7 |
| REPARATION | 2 |
| COMMUNITY SERVICE | 3 |
| RESTORATIVE JUSTICE | 1 |
| DIVERSION | 2 |
| ALTERNATIVE JUSTICE | 1 |
| DISCHARGE WITHOUT CONVICTION | 2 |

Table 7: Other sanctions handed down under the RMA

QUESTION 34. What is the total amount of fines imposed by the courts as a result of RMA prosecutions concluded in this period? Individual / Corporate

QUESTION 35. What other sanctions, if any, have been imposed by the courts as a result of RMA prosecutions concluded in this period? Prison sentence / Enforcement order / Reparation / Community Service / Discharge without conviction / Other

QUESTION 36. How many prosecutions involved restorative justice, diversion or other alternative justice process?

- Restorative justice
- Diversion
- Alternative justice

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QUESTION 37. Describe any outcomes relating to these processes.

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| | INDIVIDUAL FINES | CORPORATE FINES |
|-------------------------------------|---------------------|--------------------|
| REGIONAL COUNCILS | | |
| NORTHLAND REGIONAL COUNCIL | \$0 | \$0 |
| WAIKATO REGIONAL COUNCIL | \$185,050 | \$60,000 |
| BAY OF PLENTY REGIONAL COUNCIL | \$0 | \$279,500 |
| HAWKES BAY REGIONAL COUNCIL | \$53,000 | \$18,750 |
| TARANAKI REGIONAL COUNCIL | \$0 | \$48,750 |
| HORIZONS REGIONAL COUNCIL | \$0 | \$0 |
| GREATER WELLINGTON REGIONAL COUNCIL | \$118,750 | \$50,000 |
| ENVIRONMENT CANTERBURY | \$0 | \$76,000 |
| OTAGO REGIONAL COUNCIL | \$0 | \$48,100 |
| WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL | \$0 | \$28,000 |
| SOUTHLAND REGIONAL COUNCIL | \$42,000 | \$0 |
| REGIONAL SUBTOTAL | \$398,800 | \$609,100 |

| UNITARY AUTHORITIES | | |
|------------------------------|-----------|-----------|
| AUCKLAND COUNCIL | \$83,700 | \$88,650 |
| GISBORNE DISTRICT COUNCIL | \$112,000 | \$28,000 |
| NELSON CITY COUNCIL | \$0 | \$0 |
| MARLBOROUGH DISTRICT COUNCIL | \$0 | \$O |
| TASMAN DISTRICT COUNCIL | \$0 | \$O |
| UNITARY SUBTOTAL | \$195,700 | \$116,650 |
| TOTAL | \$594,500 | \$725,750 |

Table 8: Prosecution outcomes: fines

QUESTION 34. What is the total amount of fines imposed by the courts as a result of RMA prosecutions concluded in this period?

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PROSECUTIONS INVOLVING OTHER SANCTIONS IMPOSED BY COURTS

| | PRISON SENTENCE | ENFORCEMENT ORDER | REPARATION | COMMUNITY SERVICE | DISCHARGE WITHOUT CONVICTION |
|-------------------------------------|--------------------|----------------------|--------------|----------------------|------------------------------------|
| REGIONAL COUNCILS | | | | | |
| NORTHLAND REGIONAL COUNCIL | | 1 | | | 1 |
| WAIKATO REGIONAL COUNCIL | | 1 | | 170 hours | |
| BAY OF PLENTY REGIONAL COUNCIL | 1 | 1 | 1 (\$80,000) | | |
| HAWKES BAY REGIONAL COUNCIL | | | | 2 | |
| TARANAKI REGIONAL COUNCIL | | | | | |
| HORIZONS REGIONAL COUNCIL | | | | | |
| GREATER WELLINGTON REGIONAL COUNCIL | 1 | 1 | | | |
| ENVIRONMENT CANTERBURY | | 1 | | | |
| OTAGO REGIONAL COUNCIL | | | | | |
| WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL | | 1 | | | |
| SOUTHLAND REGIONAL COUNCIL | | | | | |
| REGIONAL SUBTOTAL | | 6 | | | 1 |
| | | | | | |
| UNITARY AUTHORITIES | | | | | |
| AUCKLAND COUNCIL | | 1 | \$10,913.50 | | 1 |
| GISBORNE DISTRICT COUNCIL | | | | | |
| NELSON CITY COUNCIL | | | | | |
| MARLBOROUGH DISTRICT COUNCIL | | | | | |
| TASMAN DISTRICT COUNCIL | | | | 150 hours | |
| UNITARY SUBTOTAL | | 1 | | | 1 |
| TOTAL | | 7 | | | 2 |

Table 9: Prosecutions involving other sanctions imposed by courts

QUESTION 35. What other sanctions, if any, have been imposed by the courts as a result of RMA prosecutions concluded in this period?

PROSECUTIONS INVOLVING RESTORATIVE JUSTICE, DIVERSION OR OTHER ALTERNATIVE JUSTICE

| | RESTORATIVE JUSTICE | DIVERSION | ALTERNATIVE JUSTICE |
|-------------------------------------|------------------------|-----------|------------------------|
| REGIONAL COUNCILS | | | |
| NORTHLAND REGIONAL COUNCIL | | | |
| WAIKATO REGIONAL COUNCIL | | | |
| BAY OF PLENTY REGIONAL COUNCIL | 1 | | |
| HAWKES BAY REGIONAL COUNCIL | | 1 | |
| TARANAKI REGIONAL COUNCIL | | | |
| HORIZONS REGIONAL COUNCIL | | | |
| GREATER WELLINGTON REGIONAL COUNCIL | | | |
| ENVIRONMENT CANTERBURY | | | |
| OTAGO REGIONAL COUNCIL | | 1 | |
| WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL | | | 1 |
| SOUTHLAND REGIONAL COUNCIL | | | |
| REGIONAL SUBTOTAL | 1 | 2 | 1 |
| | | | |
| UNITARY AUTHORITIES | | | |
| AUCKLAND COUNCIL | | | |

| UNITARY AUTHORITIES | | | |
|------------------------------|---|---|---|
| AUCKLAND COUNCIL | | | |
| GISBORNE DISTRICT COUNCIL | | | |
| NELSON CITY COUNCIL | | | |
| MARLBOROUGH DISTRICT COUNCIL | | | |
| TASMAN DISTRICT COUNCIL | | | |
| UNITARY SUBTOTAL | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| TOTAL | 1 | 2 | 1 |

Table 10: Prosecutions involving restorative justice, diversion or other alternative justice

QUESTION 36. How many prosecutions involved restorative justice, diversion or other alternative justice process?

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CME REPORTING

Reporting on councils CME functions is done through contributing to the National Monitoring System. Outside the National Monitoring System councils are responsible for determining their reporting.

Commonly reporting is done through annual reports, reports to councilors and reports to council committee meetings. There is increased uptake of reporting to the public. This is done through the annual report and reports to council committee meetings that are open to the public. Most councils use three or more reporting channels.

CME REPORTING CHANNELS

| | | | | REPORT(S) TO COUNCIL COMMITTEE | | |
|-------------------------------------|------------------|-----------------------|----------|---------------------------------|----------|--------------------------------|
| | ANNUAL REPORT | REPORT TO COUNCILLORS | SNAPSHOT | MEETINGS (OPEN TO PUBLIC) | OTHER | TOTAL REPORTING CHANNELS |
| REGIONAL COUNCILS | | | | | | |
| NORTHLAND REGIONAL COUNCIL | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | 5 |
| WAIKATO REGIONAL COUNCIL | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | 4 |
| BAY OF PLENTY REGIONAL COUNCIL | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | | 4 |
| HAWKES BAY REGIONAL COUNCIL | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | | 4 |
| TARANAKI REGIONAL COUNCIL | ✓ | ✓ | | ✓ | ✓ | 4 |
| HORIZONS REGIONAL COUNCIL | ✓ | ✓ | | ✓ | | 3 |
| GREATER WELLINGTON REGIONAL COUNCIL | ✓ | ✓ | | ✓ | | 3 |
| ENVIRONMENT CANTERBURY | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | 5 |
| OTAGO REGIONAL COUNCIL | ✓ | | | ✓ | | 2 |
| WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL | | ✓ | | ✓ | ✓ | 3 |
| SOUTHLAND REGIONAL COUNCIL | ✓ | ✓ | | ✓ | ✓ | 4 |
| UNITARY AUTHORITIES | | | | | | |
| AUCKLAND COUNCIL | | | | | ✓ | 1 |
| GISBORNE DISTRICT COUNCIL | ✓ | ✓ | | ✓ | ✓ | 4 |
| NELSON CITY COUNCIL | ✓ | ✓ | | ✓ | | 3 |
| MARLBOROUGH DISTRICT COUNCIL | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | | 4 |
| TASMAN DISTRICT COUNCIL | ✓ | ✓ | | ✓ | | 3 |

Table 11: CME reporting channels

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The following pages are summaries of the key data for the regional and unitary councils on an individual basis. They enable councils to quickly and easily communicate the findings of the national scale analysis as it applies to them, and to use these figures as a basis for regional scale performance improvement. All pages contain identical categories of information, all of which is based on tables found elsewhere throughout the report.

Regional and Unitary Counci



METRICS REPORT 2021/ NATIONAL SUMMARY



5,105,100 NEW ZEALAND POPULATION ESTIMATE 2021



9.5% POPULATION GROWTH 2016-2021



268,000KM GEOGRAPHIC

AREA



\$326,507M GDP TO MARCH

2021



FULL TIME EMPLOYEES

FTE/1000

0.15





Conflict of interest policy Education / engagement

16/16 16/16

programmes **Enforcement policy**

16/16

CONSENTS



216,404 ADMINISTERED



35,810 REQUIRED



INCIDENTS



27,285 ENVIRONMENTAL **INCIDENTS REPORTED**



ENFORCEMENT

493

WARNINGS **ISSUED**

8

ENFORCEMENT ORDER APPLICATIONS

3,512

ABATEMENT NOTICES **ISSUED**

40

PROSECUTIONS CONCLUDED

1,486

INFRINGEMENT FINES ISSUED

93

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CME METRICS REPORT 2021/ 2022 NORTHLAND REGIONAL COUNCIL



196,100 NEW ZEALAND POPULATION ESTIMATE 2021



12.5%POPULATION GROWTH 2016-2021



13,778KM²
GEOGRAPHIC
AREA



\$ 8 , 6 1 5 MGDP TO MARCH 2021



CME STAFF



FULL TIME EMPLOYEES

30

FTE/1000

0.15

NATIONAL AVERAGE 0.15

CONSENTS



10,779 ADMINISTERED





INCIDENTS



9 4 6 ENVIRONMENTAL INCIDENTS REPORTED



ENFORCEMENT

NO DATA

WARNINGS ISSUED

4

ENFORCEMENT ORDER APPLICATIONS

198

ABATEMENT NOTICES ISSUED

9

PROSECUTIONS CONCLUDED

92

INFRINGEMENT FINES ISSUED

4

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METRICS REPORT 2021/ WAIKATO REGIONAL COUNCIL



502,500 NEW ZEALAND POPULATION ESTIMATE 2021



12.2% POPULATION GROWTH 2015-2021



24,147KM² GEOGRAPHIC AREA



\$29,173 M GDP TO MARCH 2020





FULL TIME EMPLOYEES

FTE/1000

NATIONAL AVERAGE 0.15

CONSENTS



2,511 ADMINISTERED



575 REQUIRED MONITORING



INCIDENTS



1,849 ENVIRONMENTAL **INCIDENTS REPORTED**



100% RESPONSE RATE NATIONAL AVERAGE 99%

ENFORCEMENT

162

WARNINGS **ISSUED**

5

86

ABATEMENT NOTICES

ISSUED

PROSECUTIONS CONCLUDED

34

INFRINGEMENT FINES ISSUED

14

PROSECUTIONS IN

ENFORCEMENT ORDER APPLICATIONS

PROGRESS

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CME METRICS REPORT 2021/ 2022





3 4 0 , 8 0 0 NEW ZEALAND POPULATION ESTIMATE 2021



14.6%POPULATION GROWTH 2016-2021



12,303KM²
GEOGRAPHIC
AREA



\$ 1 9 , 3 1 9 M GDP TO MARCH 2021



CME STAFF

FULL TIME EMPLOYEES

39

FTE/1000

0.11

NATIONAL AVERAGE 0.15

CONSENTS



7,608 ADMINISTERED



3,398
REQUIRED
MONITORING



INCIDENTS



3,169
ENVIRONMENTAL
INCIDENTS REPORTED



100% RESPONSE RATE NATIONAL AVERAGE 99%

ENFORCEMENT

NO DATA

WARNINGS ISSUED

0

ENFORCEMENT ORDER APPLICATIONS

117

ABATEMENT NOTICES ISSUED

6

PROSECUTIONS CONCLUDED

51

INFRINGEMENT FINES ISSUED

5

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CME METRICS REPORT 2021/ 2022

HAWKES BAY REGIONAL COUNCIL



186,600 NEW ZEALAND POPULATION ESTIMATE 2021



9.2%POPULATION GROWTH 2016-2021



14,138 K M²
GEOGRAPHIC
AREA



\$ 9 , 2 7 1 MGDP TO MARCH 2021



CME STAFF



FULL TIME EMPLOYEES

18

FTE/1000

0.10

NATIONAL AVERAGE 0.15

CONSENTS



8,620 ADMINISTERED



3,358
REQUIRED
MONITORING



INCIDENTS



736ENVIRONMENTAL
INCIDENTS REPORTED



100% RESPONSE RATE NATIONAL AVERAGE 99%

ENFORCEMENT

8

WARNINGS ISSUED ABATEMENT NOTICES ISSUED

107

INFRINGEMENT FINES ISSUED

2

ENFORCEMENT ORDER APPLICATIONS

8

94

PROSECUTIONS CONCLUDED

20

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CME METRICS REPORT 2021/ 2022 TARANAKI REGIONAL COUNCIL



125,800 NEW ZEALAND POPULATION ESTIMATE 2021



7.0%POPULATION GROWTH 2016-2021



7, 256 K M²
GEOGRAPHIC
AREA



\$ 8 , 8 8 5 MGDP TO MARCH
2021



CME

FULL TIME EMPLOYEES

53

FTE/1000

0.42

NATIONAL AVERAGE 0.15

CONSENTS



4,372
ADMINISTERED



2,408
REQUIRED
MONITORING



INCIDENTS



5 3 1
ENVIRONMENTAL
INCIDENTS REPORTED



100% RESPONSE RATE NATIONAL AVERAGE 99%

ENFORCEMENT

0

WARNINGS ISSUED ABATEMENT NOTICES ISSUED

103

INFRINGEMENT FINES ISSUED

0

ENFORCEMENT ORDER APPLICATIONS

1

150

PROSECUTIONS CONCLUDED

1

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HORIZONS REGIONAL COUNCIL



255,500 NEW ZEALAND POPULATION ESTIMATE 2021



6.7% POPULATION GROWTH 2016-2021



22,220 K M² GEOGRAPHIC AREA



\$12,758 M GDP TO MARCH 2021





FULL TIME EMPLOYEES

FTE/1000

0.07

NATIONAL AVERAGE 0.15

CONSENTS







INCIDENTS





ENFORCEMENT

13 WARNINGS

ISSUED

NO DATA

ENFORCEMENT ORDER APPLICATIONS

46

ABATEMENT NOTICES **ISSUED**

0

PROSECUTIONS CONCLUDED

52

INFRINGEMENT FINES ISSUED

8

PROSECUTIONS IN **PROGRESS**

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GREATER WELLINGTON REGIONAL COUNCIL



5 4 4 , 9 0 0 NEW ZEALAND POPULATION ESTIMATE 2021



7.6%POPULATION GROWTH 2016-2021



8,142KM²
GEOGRAPHIC
AREA



\$ 41, 0 41 MGDP TO MARCH 2021



CME STAFF



FULL TIME EMPLOYEES

22

FTE/1000

0.04

NATIONAL AVERAGE 0.15

CONSENTS



7,259 ADMINISTERED



1,843
REQUIRED
MONITORING



8 8 %
CONSENTS MONITORED
OF THOSE REQUIRING IT
NATIONAL AVERAGE 86%

INCIDENTS



1,139
ENVIRONMENTAL
INCIDENTS REPORTED



NO DATA
RESPONSE RATE
NATIONAL AVERAGE 99%

ENFORCEMENT

17

WARNINGS ISSUED 40

ABATEMENT NOTICES ISSUED

35

INFRINGEMENT FINES ISSUED

0

ENFORCEMENT ORDER APPLICATIONS

2

PROSECUTIONS CONCLUDED

5

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ENVIROMENT CANTERBURY



647,600NEW ZEALAND POPULATION ESTIMATE 2021



8.9%POPULATION GROWTH 2016-2021



44,633KM²
GEOGRAPHIC
AREA



\$ 41,138 MGDP TO MARCH
2021



CME STAFF



FULL TIME EMPLOYEES

75

FTE/1000

0.12

NATIONAL AVERAGE 0.15

CONSENTS



23,079 ADMINISTERED



882
REQUIRED
MONITORING



INCIDENTS



3,763
ENVIRONMENTAL
INCIDENTS REPORTED



100% RESPONSE RATE NATIONAL AVERAGE 99%

ENFORCEMENT

117

WARNINGS ISSUED

2

172

ABATEMENT NOTICES

ISSUED

PROSECUTIONS CONCLUDED

64

INFRINGEMENT FINES ISSUED

3

PROSECUTIONS IN PROGRESS

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CME METRICS REPORT 2021/ 2022 OTAGO REGIONAL COUNCIL



2 4 5 , 6 0 0NEW ZEALAND POPULATION ESTIMATE 2021



11.4% POPULATION GROWTH 2016-2021



31,280KM²
GEOGRAPHIC
AREA



\$ 1 4 , 0 0 3 M GDP TO MARCH 2021



CME STAFF



FULL TIME EMPLOYEES

3/

FTE/1000

0.15

NATIONAL AVERAGE 0.15

CONSENTS



5,829 ADMINISTERED





INCIDENTS



1,206
ENVIRONMENTAL
INCIDENTS REPORTED



100% RESPONSE RATE NATIONAL AVERAGE 99%

ENFORCEMENT

13

WARNINGS ISSUED ABATEMENT NOTICES ISSUED

54

INFRINGEMENT FINES ISSUED

4

ENFORCEMENT ORDER APPLICATIONS

2

45

PROSECUTIONS CONCLUDED

4

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CME METRICS REPORT 2021/ 2022 WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL



32,700NEW ZEALAND POPULATION ESTIMATE 2021



- 0 . 6 %POPULATION GROWTH 2016-2021



23,277KM²
GEOGRAPHIC
AREA



\$ 1,885 M GDP TO MARCH 2021



CME STAFF



FULL TIME EMPLOYEES

6

FTE/1000

0.17

NATIONAL AVERAGE 0.15

CONSENTS







INCIDENTS





ENFORCEMENT

5 WARNINGS ISSUED

APPLICATIONS

2 ENFORCEMENT ORDER ABATEMENT NOTICES
ISSUED

PROSECUTIONS CONCLUDED

12
INFRINGEMENT FINES
ISSUED

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SOUTHLAND REGIONAL COUNCIL



102,800 NEW ZEALAND POPULATION ESTIMATE 2021



4.5%POPULATION GROWTH 2016-2021



32,184KM²
GEOGRAPHIC
AREA



\$ 6 , 7 3 0 MGDP TO MARCH 2021



CME STAFF



FULL TIME EMPLOYEES

14

FTE/1000

0.14

NATIONAL AVERAGE 0.15

CONSENTS



4,916
ADMINISTERED





INCIDENTS



712
ENVIRONMENTAL
INCIDENTS REPORTED



100% RESPONSE RATE NATIONAL AVERAGE 99%

ENFORCEMENT

36

WARNINGS ISSUED ABATEMENT NOTICES ISSUED

PROSECUTIONS CONCLUDED

15

18

INFRINGEMENT FINES ISSUED

3

PROSECUTIONS IN PROGRESS

0

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CME METRICS REPORT 2021/2022 AUCKLAND COUNCIL



1,715,800 NEW ZEALAND POPULATION ESTIMATE 2021



9.1% POPULATION GROWTH 2016-2021



5,945KM²
GEOGRAPHIC
AREA



\$ 1 2 1 , 7 4 0 MGDP TO MARCH
2021



CME STAFF



FULL TIME EMPLOYEES

178

FTE/1000

0.10

NATIONAL AVERAGE 0.15

CONSENTS







INCIDENTS





ENFORCEMENT

NO DATA

WARNINGS ISSUED

NO DATA

ENFORCEMENT ORDER APPLICATIONS

2,435

ABATEMENT NOTICES ISSUED

6

PROSECUTIONS CONCLUDED

770

INFRINGEMENT FINES ISSUED

15

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CME METRICS REPORT 2021/ 2022 GISBORNE DISTRICT COUNCIL



51,300NEW ZEALAND POPULATION ESTIMATE 2021



6.0% POPULATION GROWTH 2016-2021



8,386KM²
GEOGRAPHIC
AREA



\$ 2 , 3 3 6 M GDP TO MARCH 2021



CME STAFF

FULL TIME EMPLOYEES

11

FTE/1000

0.21

NATIONAL AVERAGE 0.15

CONSENTS



7,753
ADMINISTERED





INCIDENTS



337 ENVIRONMENTAL INCIDENTS REPORTED



100% RESPONSE RATE NATIONAL AVERAGE 99%

ENFORCEMENT

38

WARNINGS ISSUED 38

ABATEMENT NOTICES ISSUED

5

INFRINGEMENT FINES ISSUED

0

ENFORCEMENT ORDER APPLICATIONS

2

PROSECUTIONS CONCLUDED

3

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TASMAN DISTRICT COUNCIL



57,450NEW ZEALAND POPULATION ESTIMATE 2021



9.6%POPULATION GROWTH 2016-2021



9,764KM²
GEOGRAPHIC
AREA



\$ 6,108 M GDP TO MARCH 2021



CME STAFF



FULL TIME EMPLOYEES

12

FTE/1000

0.21

NATIONAL AVERAGE 0.15

CONSENTS







INCIDENTS





ENFORCEMENT

77 WARNINGS ISSUED

ENFORCEMENT ORDER
APPLICATIONS

18
ABATEMENT NOTICES

PROSECUTIONS CONCLUDED

ISSUED

2 8
INFRINGEMENT FINES
ISSUED

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NELSON CITY COUNCIL



54,450NEW ZEALAND POPULATION ESTIMATE 2021



9.6%POPULATION GROWTH 2016-2021



477KM²
GEOGRAPHIC
AREA



\$ 6 , 1 0 8 M GDP TO MARCH 2021



CME STAFF



FULL TIME EMPLOYEES

0

FTE/1000

0.1

NATIONAL AVERAGE 0.15

CONSENTS







INCIDENTS





ENFORCEMENT

NO DATA

WARNINGS ISSUED

NO DATA

ENFORCEMENT ORDER APPLICATIONS

36

ABATEMENT NOTICES ISSUED

0

PROSECUTIONS CONCLUDED

28

INFRINGEMENT FINES ISSUED

0

PROSECUTIONS IN PROGRESS

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MARLBOROUGH DISTRICT COUNCIL



51,200NEW ZEALAND POPULATION ESTIMATE 2021



9.6%POPULATION GROWTH 2016-2021



10,773KM²
GEOGRAPHIC
AREA



\$ 3 , 5 0 5 M GDP TO MARCH 2021



CME STAFF



FULL TIME EMPLOYEES

14

FTE/1000

0.27

NATIONAL AVERAGE 0.15

CONSENTS







INCIDENTS





ENFORCEMENT

7WARNINGS
ISSUED

ABATEMENT NOTICES ISSUED

14

3 3
INFRINGEMENT FINES
ISSUED

NO DATA

ENFORCEMENT ORDER APPLICATIONS

0

PROSECUTIONS CONCLUDED

5

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- 1. Which council are you completing this survey on behalf of? [Regional/ Unitary]
- 2. And this is for?
 - · Northland Regional Council
 - Waikato Regional Council
 - Bay of Plenty Regional Council
 - Hawkes Bay Regional Council
 - Taranaki Regional Council
 - · Horizons Regional Council
 - Greater Wellington Regional Council
 - Environment Canterbury
 - Otago Regional Council
 - West Coast Regional Council
 - Southland Regional Council
 - Auckland Council
 - Gisborne District Council
 - Nelson City Council
 - Marlborough District Council
 - Tasman District Council
- 3. What is your name and contact details?

COMMITMENTS TO IWI

Post 2017/2018 regional context data from common national sources (e.g. Statistics New Zealand) instead of requiring councils to submit it. This also helped ensure comparability

4. In no more than 300 words describe your regional key commitments to work with iwi/Māori on CME. For example, joint management agreements or other co-management agreements.

Note: The report author may contact you for further information or clarification of your response.

CME OPERATIONS (MANAGING THE WORKLOAD)

COMPLAINTS

- 5. Does your council register/count:
 - an individual "incident" per notification?
 - one incident per event, regardless of the number of separate complainants?

Analysis of the 2021 / 2022 compliance monitoring and enforcement metrics for the regional sector

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6. How many notifications (complaints) were received from members of the public (or other sources, but excluding information from council monitoring activity) relating to environmental incidents or potential breaches of environmental regulation?

This might include information from, for example, emergency services attending an incident or perhaps a council staff member observing something while on other duties, but excludes information from council monitoring activity.

- No. of individual complaints/calls?
- · No. of individual incidents logged?
- Unknown
- 7. How many of these notifications were responded to by council?

 This response may be in any form e.g. phone call, site visit, desktop audit
- **8.** How many of these notifications were physically attended by council staff? If one incident had multiple visits, only count this as one.
- 9. How many of these notifications were confirmed as breaches of the RMA or subsidiary instruments?
- 10. How many of the breaches were for:
 - Breach of a resource consent?
 - Breach of permitted activity rules?

MONITORING RESOURCE CONSENTS & PERMITTED ACTIVITIES RESOURCE CONSENTS

- 11. How many individual, active resource consents exist in your region?

 Exclude Land Use Consents where the activity is completed e.g. Land use subdivisions where the subdivision is complete and certificates issued or land use building where the building has been constructed.
- 12. How many consents required monitoring during this period, in accordance with your monitoring prioritisation model/strategy?
- 13. How many of these consents were monitored (including desktop audit) in the period?

COMPLIANCE GRADINGS

From 2020/2021 onwards all councils adopted the four compliance gradings, these questions were removed.

- 14. What grades do you apply to non-compliance? (e.g. technical non-compliance, significant noncompliance)
 - Fully Compliant
 - Technical/Low Non-Compliance
 - Moderate Non-Compliance
 - · Significant Non-Compliance
 - Other (please specify)
- 15. What were the levels of compliance with consents according to the grades you use?

Note 1: Numbers provided under each grade is per monitoring event not per consent. E.g. a consent may be monitored 4 times in the year; on one occasion it may be Technically Non-Compliance and on three occasions it may be Fully Compliant, this would add 3 to the total of Fully Compliant and one to the total for Technical Non-compliance.

Note 2: The compliance grade is based on the condition with the worst compliance grade e.g. a consent with five conditions Fully Compliant and one condition Moderate Non-Compliance has an overall compliance grade of Minor Non-Compliance.

Note 3: Daily telemetry water readings where compliance with water take limits is continuously monitored are to be excluded from compliance grade totals.

- Fully Compliant
- Technical/Low Non-Compliance
- · Moderate Non-Compliance
- Significant Non-Compliance
- Other (please specify)

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MONITORING PERMITTED ACTIVITIES

- 16. Which permitted activities do you have a monitoring programme for?
 - Agriculture (excluding dairy)
 - Aquaculture
 - Construction
 - Dairy
 - Forestry
 - Horticulture
 - Industrial Stormwater
 - Mining
 - · Oil and gas
 - Tourism
 - Vineyards
 - Wineries
 - Wintering
 - Other (please specify)

MAKING DECISIONS ON PRIORITIES

- 17. What basis is used for determining what notifications/complaints/incidents are physically attended and with what urgency or priority?
- **18.** Describe how you determine which consents are monitored and how frequently? If there is a prioritisation model or compliance strategy, add link
- **19.** Describe the basis, which was used for determining what, if any, permitted activities were monitored. If there is a prioritisation model or compliance strategy, add link

STAFFING LEVELS

- **20.** How many FTEs does your council have who carry out monitoring roles? *Include contractors.*
- **21.** How many FTEs does your council have who carry out environmental incident or pollution response roles? *Include contractors.*
- 22. How many FTEs does your council have who carry out investigation or enforcement roles?
- 23. How many FTEs does your council have who carry out a combination of the above roles?
 - Note 1:: Include contractors

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- Note 2: Only answer this question if you have not included these staff in questions 21, 22 or 23
- **24.** How many FTEs does your council have in CME support roles?

 This includes administrative roles, e.g. staff who assist with issue of notices, reminder notices, upload of unpaid infringements to MoJ.

CME POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

From 2020/2021 onwards all councils had an enforcement and conflict of interest policy, these questions were removed.

- 25. What is your process for making decisions on prosecutions?
- **26.** Who has the delegation to authorise filing of charges for a prosecution at your council?



ACTING ON NON-COMPLIANCE

27. What was the total number of actions taken during the period for:

Note: This relates to the instruments issued in relation to the different sections of the Act (listed once for brevity)

- Formal warnings issued
- Abatement notices issued
- · Infringement notices issued
- Enforcement orders applied for
- Section 9 Use of land
- Section 12 Coastal marine area
- Section 13 Beds of lakes and rivers
- Section 14 Water
- Section 15 Discharges of contaminants
- Section 17 Duty to avoid, remedy & mitigate
- Other breach e.g. Section 22

PROSECUTION

28. How many RMA prosecutions were:

Note: For this question please consider an entire case (regardless of number of charges and defendants) as one prosecution.

- Concluded in the period
- · Still in progress in the period
- 29. What is the total number of individual (person) defendants convicted as a result of RMA prosecutions concluded in this period?
- **30.** For all of these (person) defendants what is the total number of convictions entered against them? For example, there may be a total of 27 separate convictions entered against a total of nine 'individual' defendants
- **31.** What is the total number of corporate (e.g. Crown, company, body corporate etc) defendants convicted as a result of RMA prosecutions concluded in this period?
- **32.** For all of these (corporate) defendants what is the total number of convictions entered against them? For example, there may be a total of 30 separate convictions entered against a total of 12 corporate defendants.
- **33.** Total number of convictions against: [see categories for sections of the Act as above]
 - an individual
 - a corporate entity

Total fine potential (Individual total \times \$300,000, corporate entity total \times \$600,000)

- **34.** What is the total amount of fines imposed by the courts as a result of RMA prosecutions concluded in this period?
 - Individual fines
 - Corporate fines
- **35.** What other sanctions, if any, have been imposed by the courts as a result of RMA prosecutions concluded in this period?
 - Prison sentence
 - Enforcement order
 - Reparation
 - Community Service
 - Discharge without conviction
 - Other

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- 36. How many prosecutions involved restorative justice, diversion or other alternative justice process?
 - Restorative justice
 - Diversion
 - Alternative justice
- **37.** Describe any outcomes relating to these processes.

EDUCATING AND ENGAGING WITH THE REGULATED COMMUNITY

- 38. Does your council have, or support, any education or engagement projects relating to compliance with the RMA or any of its derivative regulation? For example, workshops for earthworks contractors around erosion and sediment controls. Yes/No
- 39. If yes, briefly describe

CME REPORTING

- 40. What mechanisms does your council use to report CME data to the public? e.g. annual reports, reports to councillors
 - Annual Report
 - Report to Councillors
 - Snapshot

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- Report(s) to Council committee meetings (open to public)
- Other (please specify)



LONG-FORM-RESPONSES (QUESTION 3)

NORTHLAND REGIONAL COUNCIL

NRC has a range of intiatives to work in partnership with Māori. A key one is the Te Tai Tokerau Maori & Council Working Party (TTMAC), which is an advisory committee established in 2014. This groups meets monthly. Four of council's five other working parties have an equal number of Māori representatives sitting alongside councillors. This includes the Planning & Regulatory Working Party, which has oversight of CME as part of its purpose. Council has signed with two hapu; the Mana Whakahono a Rohe; Patuharakeke and Ngatirehia with the intention to sign with other hapu. There is an agreed process for hapu signatories to meet with the Northland Regional Council to discuss opportunities for hapu to be involved in council compliance and monitoring activities.

WAIKATO REGIONAL COUNCIL

The WRC has operative Joint Management Agreements (JMAs) with five "River" lwi - Waikato-Tainui, Raukawa, Te Arawa, Ngati Maniapoto and Ngati Tuwharetoa - as required by legislation. A key purpose of JMAs is to provide a framework for Iwi and the Council to discuss and agree processes for enabling co-management of planning, regulatory and other functions within the relevant lwi's geographic area of interest. For all currently operative JMAs, this includes RMA compliance, monitoring and enforcement (CME) functions of Council. Whilst each of the JMAs was individually negotiated, there are common themes across all in relation to CME. The key commitments relating to CME within the JMAs generally include biannual operational meetings to discuss monitoring priorities, extent and methods; the potential for Iwi involvement in monitoring and enforcement processes; responses to non-compliance; consent review opportunities; the effectiveness of conditions and the effectiveness of compliance policies and procedures generally. The JMAs require various CME-related information to be provided, at different times - for example, summary updates of enforcement actions (prosecutions, enforcement orders, abatement notices and infringement notices) undertaken by the Council under the RMA for the JMA area. Agreed outcomes and actions from biannual operational meetings will, where appropriate, be reported up to the corresponding co-governance committees. The JMAs have facilitated closer personal and working relationship with lwi which itself has engendered more effective engagement, co-operation and flow of information in both directions.

BAY OF PLENTY REGIONAL COUNCIL

BOPRC is continuing to build relationships between council and tangata whenua, and identify opportunities to work together in the regulatory space. Māori as kaitiaki is considered in the day to day implementation of our compliance programme. In practical terms, this may include ensuring tangatawhenua are notified of incidents in their rohe ('no surprises' approach) and involved in projects where appropriate (e.g. marae wastewater). CME information is also formally reported to co-governance groups (eg.Rangitaiki River Authority and TeMaru o Kaituna).

HAWKES BAY REGIONAL COUNCIL

The Council has a Māori Partnership Group who advises and offers strategic support and leadership to the Council and all staff in order to enable effective partnerships, engagement, and meaningful participation with tanagata whenua. The Council has the Maori committee, which includes both elected councillors and 12 representatives of the four Ngāti Kahungunu Taiwhenua/executive in our region. Additionally, there is the Regional Planning Committee and the Post Settlement Governance Entity representatives who work closely together and make recommendations to the Council to ensure the effective implementation of plans, processes, monitoring and enforcement. The Council work closely with iwi with significant incidents, investigations and prosecutions. The Council regularly obtains cultural impact statements from iwi for most prosecutions.

TARANAKI REGIONAL COUNCIL

The Council has 3 iwi appointed representatives on each of its Consents and Regulatory and Policy and Planning Committees. This provides for CME input at this level. In addition, the Council engages directly with iwi over prosecutions and obtains victim impact statements.

HORIZONS REGIONAL COUNCIL

No formal agreements are in place at this stage with Iwi around CME; however, in the event of a major incident or comprehensive investigation, the relevant iwi are notified. In relation to comprehensive investigations Council endeavors to obtain cultural impact statements from iwi that are then put before the court as part of the sentencing process.

GREATER WELLINGTON REGIONAL COUNCIL

The Council has no formal CME agreements with Iwi. The proposed Natural Resource Plan for the Wellington Region lays out the collaborative work and strategy for involving iwi. Part of that collaborative work is the ongoing establishment of Whaitua's to engage iwi and communities in a catchment focused approach to management of the environment. This intrinsically includes a CME element.

ENVIRONMENT CANTERBURY

While we do not currently have any CME joint management arrangements in place, there is an aspiration to do so in the future. In the meantime, we alert some of the rūnanga to incidents as they occur, to enable them to indicate those that they want to advise on, and we currently fund cultural impact statements to support decision making processes regarding enforcement decisions with those rūnanga. We have a pilot project in South Canterbury with one rūnanga regarding a co-design approach to fish screen compliance, which is progressing positively. In 2022-23 we will be extending that to other parts of the region, as rūnanga see fit. In response to concerns from a rūnanga in the northern part of the region, we have established a new CME position, and involved the rūnanga in the appointment process. In 2022-23 we plan to deliver on greater rūnanga involvement in our CME functions.



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OTAGO REGIONAL COUNCIL

No formal agreements at this stage with iwi around CME, however, in the event of a major incident or comprehensive investigation iwi are advised. We have used iwi for cultural impact assessment reports on prosecution cases. We also notify Aukaha of any incidents involving waterways. ORC is working with Aukaha and Te Aō Marama Incorporated to improve engagement and involvement in CME activities, including notification of relevant pollution incidents and monthly hui to discuss cases and provide progress updates.

WEST COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL

The West Coast Regional Council and Poutini Ngai Tahu have signed a Mana Whakahono a Rohe - Iwi Participation Arrangement. The arrangement formally acknowledges the partnership and relationship between Council and Ngai Tahu. The document can be found on Councils web site under Strategies - publications. Te Runanga Ngati Waewae and Te Runanga Makaawhio have representation on Council and in decision making on relevant Council committees such as the Resource management Committee.

SOUTHLAND REGIONAL COUNCIL

Ngāi Tahu ki Murihiku (tangata whenua) have a particular interest in the work of Environment Southland. And mutually, the council has responsibilities towards Māori and Māori cultural and spiritual values. The approach we have in Southland today is unique in the South Island. Its aim is to ensure Māori values are reflected in the council's decision-makina, so that Southland's mauri is protected for now and generations to come. Te Aō Marama Incorporated (the environmental arm of Ngāi Tahu ki Miruhiku) was one of the key facilitators when the relationship between the council and iwi began in the early 90s. Te Aō Marama was delegated the responsibility of dealing with councils on environmental matters, on behalf of the four papatipu rūnanga who hold mana whenua over all ancestral lands in Murihiku - Awarua, Hokonui, Ōraka Aparima and Waihōpai. For 25 years the relationship with Environment Southland continues to grow, with various protocols being developed to ensure smooth and efficient processes for plan development and consents management, a jointly funded iwi policy advisor position, an iwi management plan Te Tangi a Tauira, and a partnership to improve Southland's water and land through the People Water and Land programme - Te Mana o te Tangata, te Wai, te Whenua. The most recent milestone in the council's relationship with iwi is the inclusion of mana whenua positions on two of Environment Southland's committees. Environment Southland, refers to the iwi relationship as te koura tuia the 'golden thread' that we weave through all our work. It's just part of how we operate. There is a commitment to the responsibility of improving Southland's local government understanding of all things Māori.

AUCKLAND COUNCIL

One of the organisational strategy focus is to give effect to Te Teriti through outcomes for Māori. For us that means involving mana whenua through regulatory decisions and help protect the history and environment of Auckland by CME and education.

GISBORNE DISTRICT COUNCIL

Council is committed to providing for the rights of Māori in decision-making processes and allowing the roles as tinorangitiratanga and kaitiaki to be exercised. Whilst there are no specific CME agreements GDC has several relationship and management agreements with Māori stakeholder groups (iwi/hapū, land trusts and others). These include memorandums of understanding, joint management agreements, co-management and co-governance arrangements and joint protocols for a particular site or process. Internally GDC has developed a resource for staff (Te Matapihi) to develop confidence when engaging with Māori. This resource provides an interactive map of iwi/hapū groups that identifies areas of interest for hapū/iwi groups in the region and lists all engagements/projects with mana whenua to reduce duplicity of contact.

NELSON CITY COUNCIL

No formal agreements are in place; Iwi are involved in revising Plan provisions and Council facilitates having an iwi monitor on site alongside Council's monitoring officer when this is requested. All iwi are sent a summary of all resource consent applications on a weekly basis. Council is also financially supporting iwi to build capacity in state of the environment monitoring and to establish cultural health monitoring practices.

TASMAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

No formal arrangement around CME at this stage. Strategy being developed as part of wider engagement and being given priority. Some engagement is occurring through consent monitoring where conditions allow.



Date 22 November 2022

Subject: Prosecution Sentencing Decision - C Boyd

Approved by: A D McLay, Director - Resource Management

S J Ruru, Chief Executive

Document: 3115993

Purpose

1. The purpose of this memorandum is to update Members on the prosecution of Mr C Boyd for a breach of the Regional Fresh Water Plan for Taranaki. This involved diverting a 530 metre section of an unnamed tributary of the Mangatengahu Stream via two separate diversion channels, between 15 October 2019 and 29 November 2019; and failing to comply with two subsequent abatement notices requiring all earthworks to cease and to ensure silt and sediment controls were installed and maintained about the works site.

Executive summary

- 2. The Council responded to a complaint about a discoloured stream, undertook a thorough investigation and applied the Council's Enforcement Policy (2017). Noncompliance by Mr Boyd has been ongoing with abatement notices and infringement notices issued, without a change in behaviour. A prosecution was the next step under the Council's Enforcement Policy.
- 3. The result is a guilty plea and successful prosecution with a reasonable fine. The sentencing decision provides insight into the rational for the decision.

Recommendation

That the Taranaki Regional Council:

a) receives this report and notes the successful outcome of the prosecution of Mr C Boyd.

Background

4. The environmental incident was considered by the Chief Executive, acting under delegated authority from the Council, and the decision to prosecute was presented to the Committee, for information purposes, on 19 May 2020.

Incident

- 5. In summary, between 15 October 2019 and 29 November 2019, Mr Colin Boyd carried out a significant amount of earthworks in and around the Mangatengahu Stream. The works included extensive stream modification (diversion), the construction of two diversion channels, the installation of two culverts and insufficient silt and sediment controls resulting in the discharge of contaminants into the tributary.
- 6. Two abatement notices were subsequently served on Mr Boyd requiring the installation, monitoring and maintenance of silt and sediment controls; and all for earthworks to cease.
- 7. An appeal of Abatement Notice EAC-22969 was lodged by Mr Boyd. All issues were resolved at a court directed mediation hearing and the appeal was subsequently withdrawn. Iwi attended the mediation and were very concerned about Mr Boyd's actions.
- 8. Subsequent inspections of the site found that both abatement notices had been contravened by Mr Boyd.
- Non-compliance by Mr Boyd has been ongoing with abatement notices and infringement notices issued, without a change in behaviour. A prosecution was the next step under the Council's Enforcement Policy.
- 10. In summary, the prosecution relates to the discharge of contaminants, namely sediment into water, the reclamation of a tributary and contravention of an abatement notice.

Prosecution update

- 11. The defendant pleaded guilty to the four charges against him. Sentencing was passed on 4 October 2022 and judgement of Judge Dickey on the sentencing is attached. The rationale for the decision is set out in the judgement and a number of factors are considered in determining the sentence. The fine reflects the seriousness of the incident.
- 12. The Court extensively used Council scientific evidence in its deliberations. There were several systematic failures, resulting in the adverse discharges. Further details are set out in the decision.
- 13. Mr Boyd was convicted and fined \$78,750 for the three discharge and reclamation charges and \$17,000 for the abatement notice charge, \$95,750 in total.
- 14. The Court also issued an Enforcement Order which was served on Mr Boyd, requiring reinstatement of the unnamed tributary of the Mangatengehu Stream and infilling of a diversion channel.
- 15. Mr Boyd has now appealed the sentence imposed by the court.

Financial considerations—LTP/Annual Plan

16. This memorandum and the associated recommendations are consistent with the Council's adopted Long-Term Plan and estimates. Any financial information included in this memorandum has been prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting practice.

Policy considerations

17. This memorandum and the associated recommendations are consistent with the policy documents and positions adopted by this Council under various legislative frameworks including, but not restricted to, the *Local Government Act* 2002, the *Resource Management Act* 1991 and the *Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act* 1987.

Iwi considerations

18. This memorandum and the associated recommendations are consistent with the Council's policy for the development of Māori capacity to contribute to decision-making processes (schedule 10 of the *Local Government Act* 2002) as outlined in the adopted long-term plan and/or annual plan. Similarly, iwi involvement in adopted work programmes has been recognised in the preparation of this memorandum.

Community considerations

19. This memorandum and the associated recommendations have considered the views of the community, interested and affected parties and those views have been recognised in the preparation of this memorandum.

Legal considerations

20. This memorandum and the associated recommendations comply with the appropriate statutory requirements imposed upon the Council.

Appendices/Attachments

Document 3115712: Boyd - Sentencing decision - 14-10-22

IN THE DISTRICT COURT AT NEW PLYMOUTH

I TE KŌTI-Ā-ROHE KI NGĀMOTU

CRI-2020-043-000533 [2022] NZDC 19123

TARANAKI REGIONAL COUNCIL

Prosecutor

 \mathbf{v}

COLIN DAVID BOYD

Defendant(s)

Hearing: 22 July 2022 via AVL

Appearances: K de Silva for the Prosecutor

PJ Mooney for the Defendant

Judgment: 4 October 2022

JUDGMENT OF JUDGE MJL DICKEY

Introduction

- [1] The defendant, Mr Colin Boyd, pleaded guilty to four charges relating to the discharge of contaminants, namely sediment, into water being an unnamed tributary of the Mangatengehu Stream (in October 2019),¹ the reclamation of that unnamed tributary (in October 2019)² and the breach of an abatement notice (between December 2019 and 13 March 2020).³
- [2] The maximum penalty for each charge is a fine not exceeding \$300,000.

TARANAKI REGIONAL COUNCIL v COLIN DAVID BOYD [2022] NZDC 19123 [4 October 2022]

¹ CRN 20043500159 and CRN20043500160.

² CRN 20043500162.

³ CRN 20043500165.

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[3] Ms de Silva, for the Council, proposed a starting point of at least \$100,000 for the discharge and reclamation charges and a separate starting point of \$30,000 for the abatement notice offence. Mr Mooney, for the defendant, proposed a starting point of \$40,000, with an increase of \$5,000 for the abatement notice offence.

Background⁴

- [4] The offences occurred at Mr Boyd's farm (the Farm) at Surrey Road, Inglewood. The Farm is approximately 480 hectares and is predominantly used as a dairy platform, however quarrying and land farming (disposal of waste drilling muds and fluids) activities are also undertaken on the Farm.
- [5] The Farm is owned by Mile Square Farms Limited. Prior to this Mr Boyd owned the Farm for approximately 25 years. Mr Boyd is the sole director and shareholder of Mile Square Farms Limited.
- [6] The Farm covers approximately six land titles, however it is run as one single farming operation. The works were carried out on one of these titles, namely Identifier TNJI/397, comprising approximately 63.5043 hectares.
- [7] The Mangatengehu Stream and a tributary flow west to east through the Farm. The tributary has large bends and pools within it and its banks harbour a riparian margin with vegetation that is very mature in places.

Circumstances of the offending⁵

- [8] The Defendant carried out a significant amount of earthworks on part of the land (title TNJ1/397) in and around a section of the tributary (the Site) to reclaim part of the bed of the tributary. There was discharge of sediment into the tributary because the silt and sediment controls were inadequate.
- [9] On the evening of 27 October 2019, a Council Officer responded to a complaint that the tributary below the Site was discoloured.

⁴ Summary of facts dated 7 March 2022 at [2] – [8].

⁵ Summary of facts at [12] – [35].

[10] Between 27 October 2019 and 13 March 2020, a number of inspections were undertaken at the Site.

29 October 2019 - inspection

- [11] On 29 October 2019 Council Officers inspected the Site. They found that the following works had been undertaken to reclaim the bed of the tributary. The works that resulted in the reclamation included diversion of the tributary and therefore the following description of the works includes "diversion":
 - (a) a diversion (**Diversion 2**) was under construction at the Site;⁶
 - (b) the Diversion 2 channel intercepted the tributary and directed both surface water and ground water into an existing land drainage channel which then directed the flow back into the tributary approximately 180 metres downstream at a neighbouring property;
 - (c) significant scour/erosion of the Diversion 2 channel had occurred resulting in silt/sediment discharging into the tributary in the neighbouring property. No silt control measures were in place throughout the worked area;
 - (d) the cross-sectional area of the channel of Diversion 2 ranged from approximately 4 metres deep and 5 metres wide (20 m²) to smaller sections of 2.5 metres deep to 3 metres wide (7.5 m²); and
 - (e) as a result of the construction of the Diversion 2 channel, a 160 metre length of the tributary, between the upper point where the Diversion 2 channel intersected the tributary and the lower point on the neighbouring property where the water was reintroduced into the tributary from the diversion channel, has been drained.
- [12] A 278 m long section (approximately) of the tributary had been reclaimed as a result of diversion and/or filling in and the majority of associated riparian vegetation had been removed.

⁶ A charge CRN 20043500163 relating to Diversion 1 was withdrawn.

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30 October 2019 – Abatement notices

- [13] On 30 October 2019, two abatement notices were served on Mr Boyd:
 - (a) Abatement Notice EAC-22969 required Mr Boyd to immediately cease all earthworks and the associated silt and sediment discharge which are in contravention of Rules 55 and 74 of the Regional Freshwater Plan for Taranaki (**RFWP**); and
 - (b) Abatement Notice EAC-22970 required Mr Boyd to install silt and sediment controls and ensure that runoff from disturbed areas is directed through the silt controls by 3 November 2019.

4 November 2019 - Re-inspection

- [14] On 4 November 2019 a re-inspection was undertaken to assess compliance with the Abatement Notices.
- [15] Silt and sediment controls had been installed within the channel of Diversion 2 but were insufficient to cope with significant rainfall events. A significant amount of erosion had occurred within the channel of Diversion 2.

21 November 2019 - Re-inspection

- [16] On 21 November 2019, a re-inspection found contravention of Abatement Notice EAC- 22969 (there is no charge for this contravention):
 - (a) the installed silt and sediment controls had failed within the channel of Diversion 2 and were providing no treatment of the water within the channel prior to discharging into the tributary; and
 - (b) significant erosion had occurred within the channel of Diversion 2 and surrounding areas.

25 November 2019 – Abatement notice

- [17] On 25 November 2019, a Council Officer spoke with the Defendant via phone about the inspection on 21 November 2019 and advised him of the requirement to maintain silt and sediment controls at the Site.
- [18] On 25 November 2019, a further Abatement Notice (EAC-23018) was posted and emailed to Mr Boyd. The Notice required Mr Boyd to:
 - Action 1. Install silt and sediment controls to replace the silt and sediment controls that have failed.
 - Action 2. Ensure that all storm water runoff from disturbed area is directed through the silt and sediment controls.
 - Action 3. Check and maintain the silt and sediment controls.
 - Action 4. Replace any silt and sediment controls that fail.

29 November 2019 - Re-inspection

- [19] On 29 November 2019, a re-inspection of the Site found contravention of Abatement Notice EAC-22969.⁷
- [20] A large yellow digger was found at the Site. The digger was not in operation at the time of the inspection.
- [21] Further works had been undertaken sometime after the 21 November 2019 inspection:
 - (a) a large concrete culvert had been installed within the tributary and a significant amount of scouring and erosion was observed on the downstream (eastern) side of the Large Culvert; and
 - (b) further north and bordering on the boundary of the Site was evidence that further works had been conducted within the tributary.

⁷ The charge for contravention of Abatement Notice EAC-22969 has been withdrawn.

[22] The Officer phoned Mr Boyd and discussed the recently discovered Works. Mr Boyd stated that he believed that he could do the works as he believed the cease Abatement Notice (EAC- 22969) only applied to the immediate area about the diversion works.

3 December 2019 - Re-inspection

- [23] On 3 December 2019, a re-inspection of the Site found contravention of Abatement Notice EAC-23018. The charge CRN 20043500165 is for contravention of Abatement Notice EAC-23018.
- [24] At the time there was sustained light rainfall, the installed silt and sediment controls were operating, however were offering minimum treatment:
 - (a) there was heavy silting within the tributary downstream of the discharge from the Site;
 - (b) there had been no further silt and sediment controls installed;
 - (c) the two controls were full of silt and offering no treatment; and
 - (d) a significant amount of erosion of the batter within the channel of Diversion 2 had occurred since the previous inspection and rilling from overland water flow was evident on exposed areas.

13 March 2020 - Re-inspection

- [25] On 13 March 2020, a re-inspection of the Site found contravention of Abatement Notice EAC-23018.
- [26] At the time there was light water flows within the channel of Diversion 2:
 - (a) there was heavy silting within the channel of Diversion 2 and the installed silt controls were full and offering no treatment;
 - (b) there had been no further silt and sediment controls installed;

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- (c) a significant amount of erosion of the batter of the channel of Diversion 2 had occurred since the previous inspection; and
- (d) the silt and sediment controls had not been maintained.

Regional Freshwater Plan for Taranaki⁸

[27] Rule 74 allows for minor realignments or modifications of a stream as a permitted activity, provided the stated conditions can be met. Rule 74 contains nine conditions to avoid, remedy or mitigate actual or potential adverse effects that could potentially arise from the activity. The works undertaken breached a number of conditions of Rule 74, including those set out in the Table below.

| Rule 74 - Conditions breached | Assessment of Works undertaken |
|--|---|
| Drainage channel shall be no greater than 4m² in cross-sectional area | The Diversion 2 channel had been cut through the land and, at points measured in excess of 5m across and 4m deep. |
| No significant erosion, scour or deposition shall result or be liable to result from channel modification | Significant amounts of silt and sediment evident in the tributary. |
| Realignment or modification shall not restrict the passage of fish | Parts of the tributary had been filled in for the purposes of land reclamation. Any filling in of a stream results in the permanent loss of fish habitat and passage. |
| Realignment or modification shall not cause flooding or erosion of downstream or adjacent properties | Significant erosion as evident from the amounts of silt and sediment discharged and/or deposited in the tributary. |

[28] The works are not expressly allowed by a national environmental standard or a resource consent.

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⁸ Summary of facts at [36] – [38].

Sentencing principles

[29] The purposes and principles of the Sentencing Act 2002 are relevant. The High Court in *Thurston v Manawatu Wanganui Regional Council*⁹ provides a useful summary of the approach to be taken to sentencing, which includes consideration of culpability; precautions taken to prevent discharges; the vulnerability or importance of the affected environment; extent of damage; deterrence; capacity to pay a fine; disregard for abatement notices; co-operation and guilty pleas.

Environmental effects

- [30] There was a disputed facts hearing on this matter. The central disputed facts related to the environmental effects of the offending. In my decision I found:¹⁰
 - [36] Having taken all the evidence presently available to me into account, I find beyond reasonable doubt that the unnamed tributary the subject of this prosecution would have retained either a permanent or intermittent flow of water, which would have supported instream biodiversity and which in turn has been adversely affected by Diversion 2. The extent to which historical works upstream of this area would have impacted flows in the unnamed tributary is not clear. However, the only evidence I have on effects of the offending works is that provided by the Council witnesses.

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- [38] Having determined that the unnamed tributary in which works were undertaken was either a permanent or intermittent stream at the time the offending works were undertaken, there is no basis to reject the evidence of the Council's witnesses on effects.
- [39] Further, I accept the evidence of the Council's witnesses that their assessments and conclusions as to the effects of the offending relate to Diversion 2. Therefore, for the purpose of assessing the environmental effects of the offending, I would place significant weight on the reports of the Council witnesses.
- [31] Reports from the Council were provided by:
 - (a) Mr DR Harrison, Director-Operations at the Council. He provided a tracked change version of his report dated 11 March 2022 entitled Reclamation and diversion of an unnamed tributary of Mangatengehu

⁹ Thurston v Manawatu Wanganui Regional Council HC Palmerston North CRI-2009-454-24, -25, -27, 27 August 2010.

¹⁰ *Taranaki Regional Council v Boyd* [2022] NZDC 10744 at [36] – [39].

Stream and deposition of material in the channel at the Mile Square Farms Limited property, Derby Road, Tariki;

- (b) Mr PJ Deegan is an Environmental Scientist Freshwater Biology with the Council. He provided a tracked-change version of his report entitled Assessment of effects on freshwater fish in unnamed tributaries of the Mangatengehu Stream in relation to unauthorised earthworks and reclamation at a property at Derby Road;
- (c) Ms BR Zieltjes is an Environmental Scientist with the Council. Her report is entitled *Report on bio-monitoring of an unnamed tributary of the Mangatengehu Stream in relation to unauthorised earthworks at a property at Derby Road*.
- [32] Mr Harrison made several observations about the effects of the recent works in his report:
 - 14. The infilled channel has been completely removed from the environment and no longer provides natural ecological, hydrological and geological services.

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- 18. The excavated channels are steep sided, run in straight lines with occasional 90 degree bends, and typically have a uniform cross-section and grade. The ground material that the channels have been cut into predominantly consists of loose gravels, sand overlain with clay, and a thin layer of topsoil (see Figure 5).
- 19. This gravel and sand material is highly erodible ...

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- 24. ... The excavated channels have no riparian vegetation.
- 25. Riparian vegetation provides habitat and food for a range of native and beneficial organisms.
- 26. This reach was a stream of high naturalness that supported instream biodiversity and was a continuation of the natural channel upstream and downstream of the works area, allowing geomorphic processes, such as gravel transport and erosion, to happen naturally.
- 27. The excavated channel would not have the same life supporting capacity as the natural channel. Erosion rates will be high for many years, and geomorphic and hydrological processes will be altered indefinitely.

- 28. In my opinion, the potential adverse effects of infilling the natural channel and diverting the stream into an excavated channel will be significant and long lasting.
- [33] Mr Harrison concluded that the work undertaken to modify the unnamed tributary "has caused significant adverse effects on the environment, and still has the potential to cause further adverse effects on the environment". He said:
 - 29. It is my view that the work undertaken to modify the unnamed tributary of Mangatengehu Stream on the Mile Square Farms Ltd Property on Derby Road, Tariki, has caused significant adverse effects on the environment, and still has the potential to cause further adverse effects on the environment.
 - 30. Adverse effects include: pollution of water and the downstream streambed from a discharge of silt and sediment; habitat loss in downstream reaches caused by silt and sediment smothering streambed gravels and cobbles; habitat loss caused by the destruction of mature riparian vegetation; habitat loss caused by the destruction of the streambed over the modified reach.
 - 31. Potential adverse effects include: ongoing silt and sediment loss caused by disturbed earth and erosion of the excavated channel; increased flood flows; reduced summer low flows; and a major adjustment to natural geomorphic processes causing an increase in downstream erosion, and damage and loss of capacity to downstream culverts and bridges.
 - 32. The adverse effects have been significant and will continue for many years.

[34] Mr Deegan's summary and conclusion includes:¹¹

The stream channel that was altered by reclamation no longer provided any suitable permanent fish habitat as a result of the infilling of the Stream. The work likely resulted in the loss of all fish within that 278 metre stretch (as per the agreed summary of facts) of stream, by result of crushing from dirt and other substrates. ... It is expected that anywhere from 200-600 non-juvenile fish were killed by the direct infilling of the Stream, although in terms of total fish life stages killed this could be a very conservative figure depending on the abundance of larvae or juvenile non-migratory bully species, or other species that spawn in the headwaters of streams, such as lamprey and shortjaw kokopu.

... In my professional opinion, based on the sediment loading I have witnessed, I expect that there has been a significant displacement of fish from the Stream above the confluence as a result of the loss of habitat diversity. I also expect that the effects of prolonged exposure of fish to suspended sediment and deposited sediment reach beyond the confluence, although the level of effects is hard to quantify, and will be lower than that above the confluence due to the additional flows from Stream 2. The discharge of

¹¹ At pages 18 – 19.

sediment has and likely continues to be causing damage to fish gills (and the subsequent increased risk of infection, disease, and predation for those fish), the changing of normal behaviours of resident fish (including migration away from the area and feeding activities), and the loss of food resources available to those fish (loss of macroinvertebrates displaced by sediment). Deposited sediments will also be smothering egg habitat for fish, and making it less available, resulting in the loss of eggs and increasing the competition for egg laying locations respectively.

It is important to outline the long term effects of habitat loss from stream reclamations. In contrast to 'one off' contaminant discharge incidents where recruitment into an affected area can instantly begin when the water quality is below chronic and acute levels (in most cases), it can take years to thousands of years for the habitat values of reclaimed stream to become available either through anthropogenic intervention or natural processes. The implications of loss of habitat can extend for a significant period, and therefore, the effects can be cumulative over many generations for fish species. ...

Overall, I believe the earthworks and reclamation in the Stream has resulted in the significant loss of and loss of access to high quality habitat for a variety of fish species. The works have likely resulted in the deaths of a significant of fish over several species, some of which may have had a conservation status of at risk declining and possibly nationally vulnerable, and that were also regionally significant species.

[35] Ms Zieltjes' report concluded: 12

Extensive sediment was evident throughout the Stream below the unauthorised earthworks. The impacts from the sediment discharge from the works will likely be problematic for some time. It is probable the sediment will only be removed by high flows, and is expected to require numerous floods to be completely removed, provided there is no additional input of sediment into the Stream. Overall, in my opinion, the unauthorised earthworks and reclamation of the Stream has resulted in significant loss of high quality macroinvertebrate habitat. It has resulted in the displacement and likely death of numerous macroinvertebrates and fish. These works resulted in the discharge of sediment into the Stream, which will have had chronic impacts on biota for hundreds of metres downstream.

[36] A cultural impact statement was provided by Anaru Parker White and Sarah Katarina Mako on behalf of Pukerangiora Hapū and Te Kotahitanga o Te Atiawa Trust (**Te Kotahitanga**). Te Kotahitanga is the post settlement governance entity for Te Ataiwa. The statement records:

In our opinion, the works have not recognised and provided for the relationship and culture and traditions of Pukerangiora and Te Atiawa with our ancestral lands and waters, nor the cultural, traditional, historical and spiritual relationship Pukerangiora and Te Atiawa have with the area as statutory acknowledgement.

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¹² At page 11.

[37] The statement identified that the works undertaken are inconsistent with principles, values, objectives and policies of *Tai Whenua*, *Tau Tangata and Tai Ao – Te Atiawa environmental management plan*. The objectives include the protection and enhancement of mauri or life supporting potential of freshwater resources. The policies include opposing man-made alterations to river courses.

[38] The statement further observes:

It is important to note that these are not the first works Mr Boyd has undertaken on his property. These works contribute to a continuation of cumulative effects from works Mr Boyd has undertaken on the ancestral lands and waters of Pukerangiora. Those cultural and environmental effects include, but are not limited to:

- a. Pollution of water and the downstream streambed from discharge of silt and sediment;
- b. Habitat loss caused by the diversion and in the downstream reaches caused by silt and sediment smothering streambed gravels and cobbles;
- c. Habitat loss caused by the destruction of mature riparian vegetation;
- d. Habitat loss caused by the destruction of the streambed over the modified reach;
- e. Increased flood flows;
- f. Adjustment to natural geomorphic processes;
- g. The loss of a significant number of fish over several fish species, including taonga species.
- [39] Mr Mooney referred to my decision on the disputed facts and submitted that I can still consider the impact of earlier work, which would have had cumulative effects on the environment. In my decision I noted that the impact of those works on flows in the tributary was not clear. However, the evidence I received on effects of the works in terms of other matters is clear.
- [40] I accept the conclusions on environmental effects from the three report writers. The effects include loss of biodiversity, impacts on geomorphic and hydrological processes, increased erosion rates, pollution, habitat loss, displacement and killing of macroinvertebrates and fish, exposure of fish to sediments, and smothering of egg habitat for fish. I agree with the report writers that the effects are significant, cumulative and long-lasting. I am concerned with the effects on the relationship,

culture and traditions of Pukerangiora and Te Atiawa. In all the circumstances I determine that the environmental and cultural effects of this offending are serious.

Culpability

- [41] Ms de Silva submitted that Mr Boyd's culpability falls into the most serious category as the works were deliberate and blatant and there were no attempts to comply.
- [42] Ms de Silva submitted Mr Boyd was well aware that the work was in breach of the RMA. She submitted Mr Boyd's history of non-compliance is relevant here but in the sense that, given the extraordinary level of non-compliance and resulting interaction with the Council, Mr Boyd was well aware that a resource consent was required for the work, in particular:
 - (a) the enforcement order that he agreed to in December 2013 required remedial work including erosion and sediment controls; and
 - (b) his convictions and sentence in August 2016 were for work in and adjacent to the Mangatengehu Stream: one charge for contravention of the December 2013 enforcement order; and seven charges under ss 13, 14 and 15 of the RMA involving the damage of habitats in the bed of the Stream, discharge of sediment into the Stream, reclaiming and disturbing the bed of the Stream, diverting water and draining the bed of the Stream and depositing in the bed of the Stream;
 - (c) the six abatement notices issued in relation to earthworks in 2011, 2013 and 2018; and
 - (d) all of the site inspections and other communication from the Council in relation to the above enforcement action.
- [43] Ms de Silva highlighted that the Court found in the 2016 sentencing decision that the work was undertaken to improve farm productivity and was deliberate.¹³ The same can be said of the work discovered in October 2019.

¹³ R v Boyd [2016] NZDC 16558 at [4] – [6].

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- [44] Ms de Silva submitted Mr Boyd was well aware that the tributary was of high quality and contained a number of species of fish and sediment would affect habitats downstream because this was noted by the Court in the 2016 sentencing decision.¹⁴
- [45] Mr Mooney disputed that the offending falls within the most serious category. Mr Boyd was aware that he was permitted to construct drains within the property; he had done so over many years without criticism.
- [46] In relation to the 2016 offending, Mr Mooney advised that related to a stream that was 830 metres long which had been dammed and diverted away. The stream that was diverted was significantly different from what had been flowing beneath the original diversion which is not the subject of these charges. Further, any water flow within the diversion channel was as much a reflection of underground springs as opposed to any surface water.
- [47] It is disputed that the contravention of the abatement notice was blatant. Rather, Mr Mooney submitted, it reflects a failure by the defendant to maintain the silt and sediment controls. In terms of the abatement notice the controls had been installed but were 'insufficient to cope with significant rain fall events'. It was submitted a blatant disregard would have been a failure to install any controls at all.
- [48] Mr Boyd's history of interactions with the Council and the past prosecution would have put him on notice of the need to take care in undertaking earthworks on the property. Mr Boyd maintains that he can construct drains as a permitted activity, and has done so without criticism. I am to infer, I think, that this offending therefore is somewhat of an aberration and not indicative of a deliberate or blatant failure to observe the rules. I do not agree.
- [49] Given the nature and extent of the works undertaken I conclude that Mr Boyd was highly reckless in his approach to earthworks and in his response to directions from Council officers and abatement notices. Mr Boyd could have checked with the Council prior to undertaking the works but chose not to. He could have taken more

¹⁴ At [16] and [17].

care in his response to the Abatement Notices. No reason has been offered for that failure.

Starting point

[50] Ms de Silva referred me to the following cases: *Taranaki Regional Council v Potroz* (*Potroz*); ¹⁵ *Hardegger & Hardegger Trustees Ltd v Southland Regional Council* (*Hardegger*); ¹⁶ *R v Boyd*; ¹⁷ *Otago Regional Council v Gibson* (*Gibson*); ¹⁸ and *Taranaki Regional Council v Bunn Earthmoving Ltd* (*Bunn Earthmoving*). ¹⁹

[51] Ms de Silva submitted the *Potroz* case is the most relevant comparison, in relation to the nature of the environment and extent of damage. She submitted the point of difference is culpability; Mr Potroz was found to be highly reckless and she submitted Mr Boyd's culpability falls into the most serious category.

Taranaki Regional Council v Potroz [2020] NZDC 9077 – three representative charges relating to draining the bed of a stream, damming water and discharging contaminants into water undertaken on the defendant's farm in an unnamed tributary. The Court concluded that the effects of the works on the environment were significant and highly adverse. Regarding Mr Potroz's culpability, the Court found that he had been highly reckless in his approach to trying to resolve his water supply issues. Starting point of \$65,000.

Hardegger & Hardegger Trustees Ltd v Southland Regional Council [2017] NZHC 469 – three charges relating to excavating and disturbing the bed of the Oreti River, placing a culvert in the bed of Starvation Creek and disturbing the bed of the Creek. The High Court adopted a global starting point of \$50,000, apportioned as \$35,000 to Mr Hardegger and \$15,000 to the company.

¹⁷ R v Boyd [2016] NZDC 16558 – eight charges, seven related to damaging habitats in or on the bed of a river, discharging silt and sediment into water, reclaiming and disturbing the bed of a river, diverting water draining the bed of a river and depositing substances in the bed of a river, one charge of contravening an enforcement order. The environment affected by the offending was almost a kilometre of the original stream and the works had a significant impact on the stream environment. Meanders were cut off and dried, sediment deposited and the habitat of freshwater fish, crayfish, bullies and other species destroyed. Further, the resulting erosion led to significant deposition of sediment further downstream. Given Mr Boyd's long history in farming and his connections with quarrying and the earthmoving industry, the Court said there was no doubt that Mr Boyd must have been aware of the need to obtain resource consents prior to undertaking the works; however, no such application was made. The Court concluded that the works were a considered and deliberate breach of known responsibilities. Starting point \$60,000.

Otago Regional Council v Gibson [2016] NZDC 14362 – four defendants to a joint charge relating to the unlawful disturbance of the bed of a stream, used a digger to remove vegetation over 1.3km. In the case of this particular waterbody the effects were serious. Starting points ranging from \$20,000 to \$30,000.

Taranaki Regional Council v Bunn Earthmoving Ltd DC New Plymouth CRI-2013-021-473, 5 November 2013 – three charges related to work in and around a tributary of a river on a farm. A combination of factors led the Court to conclude that this was a matter of some considerable seriousness: the extent of the works; the seriously detrimental effects on the stream environment; the extent of discernible effects and the fact that it was not possible to reinstate the tributary to its original condition. Further, the offending was deliberate. Starting point \$70,000.

- [52] Ms de Silva submitted the starting point for Mr Boyd for the s 15(1)(a), s 15(1)(b), and s 13(1)(e) charges should be at least \$100,000 to reflect his much higher culpability.
- [53] Ms de Silva submitted there should be a separate starting point for the abatement notice offence of \$30,000. She referred to *Southland Regional Council v Dodds* in which the Court stated:²⁰

Turning to the charge of breach of abatement notice, I record the Court's common observations that such breaches are inherently serious matters in and of themselves and warrant the imposition of penalties which deter non-compliance with legally issued Council notices. Abatement notice penalty considerations without any particularly aggravating factors commonly range in the \$20,000-\$30,000 range.

- [54] Ms de Silva submitted that penalties should ensure that it is unattractive to take the risk of offending on economic grounds; the penalty should have a sting and cause the polluter to internalise the environmental cost.
- [55] Ms de Silva submitted there is a real need for specific deterrence because Mr Boyd has complete disregard for the RMA. She also submitted there is a need for general deterrence because:
 - (a) the offending was in a sensitive waterway which was the habitat of at Risk-Declining Nationally Vulnerable and Regionally Significant fish;
 - (b) this type of offending can go undetected. When the activity is undertaken without a consent, the Council will usually only discover the activity via a complaint as happened here; and
 - (c) in this case (and those she referred to) the work was undertaken to "improve" the farm.
- [56] Mr Mooney observed the facts of each case are always different and comparisons are often difficult. In relation to the cases referred to by the prosecution he made the following comments:

²⁰ Southland Regional Council v Dodds [2021] NZDC 16836 at [16].

- (a) in relation to *Potroz*, he submitted that the offending in that case was a much higher level. Mr Potroz dammed a river such that water backed up 90 metres upstream. Mature riparian vegetation had been removed for a distance of about 250 metres. In the current case, there was no damming or similar, rather, it was the earlier drainage work (and associated diversion) that caused a significant reduction in the flow in the unnamed tributary. There was no riparian planting;
- (b) in *Hardegger*, he submitted that involved more significant offending.

 The river was a significant river;
- (c) in *Boyd*, that involved a diversion of an 830 m section of a stream;
- (d) in Gibson, it was submitted the facts of that case are significantly more serious. A digger was used to remove vegetation from a water body over 1.3 km. The reservoir downstream of the work was a regionally significant brown trout fishery and the waterway was one of two spawning streams which stocked the reservoir;
- (e) in *Bunn Earthmoving*, there were significant adverse effects for between 2100 and 3000 metres. The waters were rendered toxic. The effects persisted for at least a month.
- [57] Mr Mooney submitted that this case is not dissimilar from *Waikato Regional Council v Tui Glen Farm*.²¹
- [58] Mr Mooney stated that the main difficulty for the prosecutor in this case is that it is unable to isolate any adverse effects when any supposed effects are a reflection of earlier work undertaken on the farm. In the circumstances, it was submitted that a starting point of \$40,000 would be appropriate.

²¹ Waikato Regional Council v Tui Glen Farm DC Hamilton CRI-2011-072-126, -129, -130, -131, - 132, -135, 14 August 2012 – earthworks undertaken for farming purposes without resource consent. Regarding the effects by Tui Glen Farm Ltd the effects on the environment were minimal. The Court found that Mr Walling had a somewhat cavalier attitude to the issue of sediment and erosion control, and ought to have known that a more precautionary approach was required. Tui's behaviour, as exhibited by Mr Walling, was reckless, though not at the highest level. Starting point \$40,000. As to the offending by Walling Family Farms Ltd, Mr Walling was extremely careless in his approach to the checking of a resource consent to see if it covered the works in question. Starting point \$35,000.

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[59] Mr Mooney submitted that there could be an increase for the breach of the abatement notice. He submitted that any such breach was a reflection of the installed controls not being able to cope with heavy weather conditions. He submitted an increase of \$5,000 would be appropriate, bringing the starting point to \$45,000.

[60] There is a considerable difference in starting points proposed by counsel. The cases to which I was referred provided some assistance, but are not determinative of the outcome. *Potroz* and the earlier case involving Mr Boyd assist. It needs to be remembered, however, that the environmental effects of this offending are serious and ongoing. Further, I have found Mr Boyd to have been highly reckless in his approach to these works and insufficiently responsive to the abatement notices issued requiring the installation and maintenance of silt and sediment controls.

[61] In these circumstances I impose starting points of \$75,000 for the discharge and reclamation charges and \$20,000 for the abatement notice offence.

Aggravating and mitigating factors

Uplift

[62] Mr Boyd has previous convictions under the RMA and abatement notices, infringement notices and enforcement orders issued to him:²²

- enforcement order dated 18 December 2013 requiring remedial works including installation of erosion and sediment controls for earthworks and stream works discovered by the Council in 2013;
- (b) convictions for earthworks undertaken in 2013 in and around the Mangatengehu Stream;²³
- (c) conviction for obstruction in 2001;²⁴ and

²² Summary of Facts at [10].

²³ R v Boyd [2016] NZDC 16558.

²⁴ Taranaki Regional Council v Boyd DC New Plymouth CRN0043008466-68, 5 November 2001 – obstructing or hindering enforcement officers, fined \$750.

- (d) a total of 17 abatement notices (2009, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2016, 2017, 2018 and 2019) and six infringement notices (2015, 2016 and 2018).
- [63] Ms de Silva submitted an uplift should be applied for Mr Boyd's previous convictions. She referred me to a number of cases where an uplift has been applied for previous convictions.²⁵ Most of those cases refer to *Yates v Taranaki Regional Council* where the High Court described an uplift of one-third of the starting point as being within the upper range appropriate to reflect previous offending.²⁶ Factors such as lapse of time since the previous offending, similarity with previous offending, relative seriousness of respective offences and the number of offending incidents will all come into play.
- [64] Ms de Silva submitted an uplift of 25 percent is appropriate for Mr Boyd when the following factors are applied:
 - (a) Mr Boyd had eight convictions imposed in 2016 for offences found in November 2013. These offences are serious with a combined starting point of \$60,000;
 - (b) the previous offending is very similar: earthworks and stream works; in the same catchment, on the same farm and a few hundred metres from the offences discovered in October 2019;
 - (c) the 2013 enforcement order, 17 abatement notices and six infringement notices are also relevant;

Otago Regional Council v Clutha District Council [2020] NZDC 26125 – one previous conviction, five percent uplift; Gisborne District Council v PF Olsen Ltd [2020] NZDC 19089 – two previous convictions, 10 percent uplift; Southland Regional Council v Fernlea Farm Ltd & W Carpenter [2020] NZDC 10046 – 18 previous offences, uplift of 25 percent; Waikato Regional Council v B & B Singh Ltd & G Singh [2019] NZDC 15895 – one previous conviction on four charges, 10 percent uplift; Southland Regional Council v Gladvale Farms Ltd & G Lindsay [2018] NZDC 25071 – previous conviction, uplift of 10 percent; Porirua District Council v Judgeford Heights Ltd, McPhee & C&M Transport Ltd [2017] NZDC 27346 – one previous conviction, defendants subject to 57 infringement notices, 20 percent uplift; Yates v Taranaki Regional Council HC New Plymouth CRI-2010-443-8, 14 May 2010 – two previous convictions, one-third uplift.

²⁶ Yates v Taranaki Regional Council HC New Plymouth CRI-2010-443-8, 14 May 2010.

- (d) it is acknowledged that the conviction imposed in 2001 for obstruction is not very relevant.
- [65] Mr Mooney submitted that if an uplift is reflected as a percentage, then any such percentage when expressed in dollar terms must be such that it does not become a significant penalty when compared with the original penalty imposed for those earlier offences. It was thus submitted that an uplift of 20 percent may be more appropriate.
- [66] Having regard to the previous conviction in 2016 and the numerous abatement notices and infringement notices issued since 2009, I determine that an uplift of 25 per cent is appropriate. That is to be applied to the discharge and reclamation charges.

Guilty plea

- [67] Ms de Silva highlighted that the guilty pleas were entered on 9 March 2022 as a result of an agreement reached on 7 March 2022. The trial was scheduled for 21 24 March 2022. She submitted the pleas are very late and that the appropriate discount is 10 percent.
- [68] Mr Mooney submitted the discount should be higher. He noted that Mr Boyd originally faced a number of other charges. The matter was resolved following discussions whereby some of those earlier charges were withdrawn. He submitted that in such circumstances a discount of between 15 percent and 20 percent would be more appropriate.
- [69] The Council, having first reconsidered its position proposed 15 per cent but has now retracted that and remains with its original proposal of 10 percent. Ms de Silva noted that the three charges withdrawn were lesser charges. Counsel referred to a number of decisions where a guilty plea was made on the day of or very close to the hearing. In those cases the discounts were between 10 and 15 per cent.²⁷

²⁷ Huka View Dairies v Manawatu-Whanganui Regional Council [2021] NZHC 1462; Te Kinga Farms Ltd v West Coast Regional Council [2015] NZDC 293; Banora v Auckland Council [2019] NZHC 2545.

- [70] Ms de Silva submitted that the Council expected sentencing to proceed on 22 March 2022. Instead a disputed facts hearing was necessary. The Council's position is that the appropriate discount should be 10 percent because of the findings in the decision on the disputed facts.
- [71] Ms de Silva referred to *Bay of Plenty Regional Council v Specialised Container Services (Tauranga) Ltd*,²⁸ a prosecution for discharge of hydraulic oil. There was a disputed facts hearing and an early guilty plea. The Court allowed a discount of 15 percent.
- [72] Given the outcome of the disputed facts hearing and the relatively late entry of four guilty pleas I allow a discount of 15 per cent.

Enforcement order

- [73] The Council seeks an enforcement order for remedial work as part of the sentence.
- [74] After several opportunities for discussion, the parties agreed on the terms of a draft enforcement order.
- [75] Ms de Silva submitted that Mr Boyd should not be given credit for work required by an enforcement order because this falls into the category described in *Thurston*; that the defendant must comply with environmental obligations and should get no credit for having belatedly done so. Mr Mooney submitted that a discount of five percent is appropriate for his co-operation in agreeing an enforcement order.
- [76] While the works that have been agreed are in effect Mr Boyd remedying a situation of his own creation, I find it is appropriate to recognise that agreement and allow a discount of five per cent on the discharge and reclamation charges.

²⁸ Bay of Plenty Regional Council v Specialised Container Services (Tauranga) Ltd [2018] NZDC 23159.

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[77] In the circumstances I consider it desirable to make orders largely on the terms

proposed in the draft orders attached to the joint memorandum dated 17 August 2022.

The orders are attached as **Appendix 1**.

Financial circumstances

[78] In the hearing there was some discussion as to how the fine ought to be paid.

Following further enquiry from the Court in a Minute dated 16 September 2022

I understand there to be no issue as to payment of the fine.

Outcome

[79] I have adopted the two-step methodology outlined by the Court in Moses v R.²⁹

[80] Accordingly, Mr Boyd is convicted and ordered to pay a fine of \$78,750 for

the discharge and reclamation charges and \$17,000 for the abatement notice charge.

In terms of s 342(2) of the RMA, I order that 90 percent of the fine be paid to the

Taranaki Regional Council. The fine is to be paid within 28 days of the date of this

Judgement.

Judge MJL Dickey

District Court Judge | Kaiwhakawā o te Kōti ā-Rohe

Date of authentication | Rā motuhēhēnga: 04/10/2022

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²⁹ Moses v R [2020] NZCA 296 at [45] to [47].

Diversion 2 Channel Point where Diversion 2 discharges back into the Tributary on neighbouring Diversion 1 Channel property Property boundary Area of completely filled in Tributary

Annexure "A" to Enforcement Orders. Taranaki Regional Council v Colin David Boyd. The approximate boundary of the Area is shown by the dotted black line.

Constructed Diversion 2 Channel with stream flow direction. The Diversion 1 Channel is included as a reference point.

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Annexure B

Mile Square Farms Limited, the owner of the land, contained in Record of Title identifier TNJ1/397 (legal description: Part Section 13 Block XII Egmont Survey District), situated at Surrey Road, Inglewood (the Property) agrees, on an unconditional and irrevocable basis, to allow:

- 1. The work required by the Enforcement Orders; and
- 2. Any access required by Mr Colin David Boyd and any experts, contractors, Taranaki Regional Council staff and representatives of Pukerangiora Hapū, Te Kotahitanga o Te Atiawa Trust and any other parties to the Property to allow compliance and monitoring and any other necessary work for the Enforcement Orders.

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Colin David Boyd, sole director and shareholder of Mile Square Farms Limited

Date

Appendix 1

IN THE ENVIRONMENT COURT AT AUCKLAND

I TE KŌTI TAIAO O AOTEAROA KI TĀMAKI MAKAURAU

Decision [2022] NZEnvC 185 ENV-2022-AKL-000177

IN THE DISTRICT COURT AT NEW PLYMOUTH

I TE KŌTI-Ā-ROHE KI NGAMOTU

> Decision [2022] NZDC 19123 CRI-2020-043-000553

IN THE MATTER OF enforcement orders under sections

339(5)(a), 314(1)(a)(i), 314(1)(b)(ii), 314(1)(d), 314(2), 314(3) and 314(5) of the Resource Management Act 1991

BETWEEN TARANAKI REGIONAL COUNCIL

Applicant/Prosecutor

AND COLIN DAVID BOYD

Respondent/Defendant

Date of Issue: 4 October 2022

ENFORCEMENT ORDERS

[1] The District and Environment Courts make the following Enforcement Orders under sections 339(5)(a), 314(1)(a)(i), 314(1)(b)(ii), 314(1)(d), 314(2), 314(3) and 314(5) of the Resource Management Act 1991 (**the RMA**).

Remedial works orders

- [2] Colin David Boyd (the Respondent) shall instruct experts, namely WSP New Zealand Limited and Mr Hugh Barnes, Consultant Engineer of Hugh Barnes Consultants Limited to prepare a proposed plan (the Plan) in (as a minimum) the approximate area shown by the dotted black line (the Area) on annexure "A" for remedial works (the Remedial Works) at the property, which is described in Record of Title identifier TNJ1/397 (legal description: Part Section 13 Block XII Egmont Survey District) situated at Surrey Road, Inglewood (the Property) being:
 - (a) reinstatement of the unnamed tributary of the Mangatengehu stream (**Tributary**); and
 - (b) the infilling of the Diversion 2 Channel.
- [3] The Plan is to include the following (inter alia):
 - (a) a requirement to appoint one or more of the experts as a Project Manager (the Project Manager) to supervise the Remedial Works;
 - (b) details of suitably experienced contractor/contractors to undertake the Remedial Works;
 - (c) a requirement for the Project Manager to notify Pukerangiora Hapū and Te Kotahitanga o Te Atiawa Trust and provide them with an opportunity to identify cultural values and issues of tikanga for the Remedial Works;
 - (d) consideration of cultural values and issues of tikanga identified by Pukerangiora Hapū and Te Kotahitanga o Te Atiawa Trust;
 - (e) a requirement to adopt and implement best practice for erosion and sediment control for the Remedial Works;

- (f) the objectives of the Remedial Works shall include restoration of the riparian margins and instream habitat;
- (g) a requirement for fencing of the Area in order to protect the Remedial Works once the Remedial Works are completed;
- (h) consideration of whether the Remedial Works should include area(s) outside of the approximate area shown by the dotted black line (identified on annexure "A") in order to achieve the objectives of the Remedial Works and any of the requirements listed above in 10 d) g);
- (i) a schedule with the date by which each step of the Remedial Works is to be completed and information explaining why the dates are considered reasonable;
- (j) a requirement for the Remedial Works to be completed within one year of the date of issue of these Enforcement Orders;
- (k) information about the appropriate applications and consents required, to complete and implement the Plan, in accordance with the requirements of the RMA, the Regional Freshwater Plan for Taranaki and the Resource Management (National Environmental Standards for Freshwater) Regulations 2020;
- (l) a requirement to undertake regular monitoring and maintenance of the Remedial Works including: maintenance of fencing for stock exclusion; monitoring and mitigation works to control erosion within the vicinity of the Remedial Works; maintenance of fish passage throughout the Remedial Works; maintenance of riparian margins; and monitoring and maintenance to ensure suitable aquatic habitat is maintained.
- [4] The Respondent shall, submit the proposed Plan, to the Council by Monday, 14 November 2022.
- [5] The Council may obtain a review of the proposed Plan, by appropriately qualified expert(s) (either Council staff and/or external experts), and make any amendments to

the proposed Plan on their recommendations, for the Remedial Works. The Council shall either approve or amend the proposed Plan and provide to the Respondent the approved or amended Plan, by Monday, 19 December 2022.

[6] Once the Plan has been approved or amended by the Council, the Respondent shall:

- (a) Ensure that any necessary resource consents are applied for and obtained in accordance with the requirements of the RMA to complete the Plan; and
- (b) Arrange for the Remedial Works to be undertaken in accordance with the Plan.

Prohibition orders

[7] The Respondent is prohibited from undertaking any earthworks and/or streamworks and/or any activity that compromise the Remedial Works, on the Property, except as permitted by: resource consent and/or any Regional Plan and/or the Resource Management (National Environmental Standards for Freshwater) Regulations 2020; and/or these or any other enforcement orders.

Further orders, terms and conditions

Correspondence with Council & Respondent

[8] Correspondence with the Council shall be made (in relation to notifications, agreements and timeframes within these Enforcement Orders) by contact with Jared Glasgow at jared.glasgow@trc.govt.nz or another representative of the Council as notified, in writing, by the Council to the Respondent.

[9] Correspondence with the Respondent shall be made (in relation to notifications, agreements and timeframes within these Enforcement Orders) by contact with the Respondent at 9 Kohe Place, Inglewood 4330 or a representative of the Respondent at another address as notified, in writing, by the Respondent to the Council.

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Costs

[10] The Council pursuant to sections 314(1)(d) and 314(2) is entitled to recover

from the Respondent any actual and reasonable costs and expenses incurred by the

Council for: monitoring and steps to require compliance by the Respondent with these

Enforcement Orders; and any review and amendments of the Plan referred to in order

5 of these Enforcement Orders.

Applies to personal representatives, successors and assigns of the Respondent

[11] An order pursuant to section 314(5) of the RMA that all obligations of the

Respondent, Colin David Boyd shall apply to each of his personal representatives,

successors or assignees to the same extent as it applies to the Respondent.

Commencement of orders

[12] These Enforcement Orders shall take effect when the Orders are issued.

Service of orders

[13] These orders shall be served on the Respondent and the owner of the Property,

Mile Square Farms Limited. The Court records the owner's consent to the works

required by the orders: see Annexure B.

Registration in the Environment Court

[14] These Enforcement Orders made in the District and Environment Courts and

shall be registered in the Environment Court at Wellington so that any further

proceedings under the RMA in relation to these Enforcement Orders may be

commenced, dealt with and heard in the Environment Court at Wellington.

MJL Dickey

District Court and Environment Judge

AGENDA AUTHORISATION

Agenda for the Operations and Regulatory Committee meeting held on Tuesday 22 November 2022.

Confirmed:

16 Nov, 2022 12:53:48 PM GMT+13

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