



Notes

Meeting Title: Wairoa Wastewater – Stakeholder Focus Group Meeting 6

Date & Time: Monday 31st July 2017 2017; 9:30-12:10pm

Location: Wairoa Airport

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Stakeholder Group Attendees: Min Johansen Charles Lambert; Jean Cooper; Michelle McIlroy; Katarina Kawana; Gary Mayo; Beretta Keefe

WDC Staff and Project Team: Jamie Cox; Duane Culshaw; Neil Cook; Hamish Lowe; Karen Akuhata; Angela Lane; Patrick Knerlich.

Apologies: -

Notes: Meeting agenda was changed from original

Timing	Activity
9:30 am	Introduction
	Discussion: Karakia Welcome/Introductions
	Outcome:
9:35 am	Session 2 – Meeting 5 Recap
	Discussion: Recap Any points from technical reports that stand out? Details covered and questions Briefing on discussions with Councillors at Forum following last meeting
	Outcome: A discussion was held that revisited on the hui-a-iwi, this led into a discussion regarding the tangata whenua worldviews report. The hui-a-iwi was well received, approx. 25 people were present and the catchment was well represented from iwi representatives. The view of iwi at the hui-a-iwi saw a 'mountain to sea' approach to restoring the Wairoa River. From discussions with iwi at hui-a-iwi, the tangata whenua worldviews report will be valuable for the discussion about river health. The outline of this report has been completed by Hamish and Duane but further discussion is needed between iwi and hapu to fill the gaps of knowledge that are missing from any prior reports. This report needs to have balance and credibility for all hapu. This report will bring together the stories that have not already been told and the understanding of differences with mahinga kai, kaitiaki etc.

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	<p>Jamie presented a pie chart image on the whiteboard indicating how council money could be invested in the river and treatment system. A percentage could potentially be given to the wider catchment compared to the wastewater discharge (say....approx. 15% w/w discharge and 75% other factors/wider catchment). Discussion included using the Whangawehi catchment as a template for the Wairoa River catchment (i.e. catchment management plan, a governance leadership model); this has been done before so Wairoa is more than capable of having a similar approach.</p> <p>Options for the wider catchment have been discussed in these Stakeholder meetings but these discussions may need to have their own forum/ separate Stakeholder group as this involves other affected parties not just the township and surrounding area.</p> <p>ACTION: Tuesday morning to discuss worldviews report (Michelle, Naomi, Katarina, Beretta, Duane, Hamish, Jamie, Neil) – a discussion was held at Taiwhenua with Nigel How, Nigel will complete this report – further notes have addressed this discussion.</p>
9:45 am	<p>Session 3 – Options</p> <p>Discussion: Work through each option and rank as a group What is suitable for Wairoa? Consider all values – Cultural, Financial, Recreational, Environmental</p> <p>Outcome: This section was briefly covered to highlight the range of potential options. Options were not ranked but briefly discussed.</p> <p>Discussion included a HRLP option and the operation at Hastings. The rock passage at Hastings was considered to not be an option for Wairoa; a more meaningful treatment system would be needed that passed over land and soil, not just a concrete passage.</p> <p>Rapid infiltration was another option that was discussed. This option is viewed as a means of wastewater passing through papatuanuku for transformation before it enters water. The most appropriate location for this set up would be west of the Whakakmahia lagoon. Stakeholders were keen to follow through with this idea.</p> <p>Other options discussed included reducing the reticulation flow by 50%, all Stakeholders are aware this option would take time to be completed. The discussion also reverted to funding and how Wairoa could best manage an upgrade of the wastewater. Ideas such as including sections of a wastewater upgrade could be included as part of improving the wider catchment.</p>
10:00 am	<p>Morning Tea</p>
10:15 am	<p>Session 3 – Options Continued</p> <p>Discussion: Work through each option and rank as a group What is suitable for Wairoa? Consider all values – Cultural, Financial, Recreational, Environmental</p> <p>Outcome: We didn't have time to work through the options. An undertaking was given to circulate options prior to the next meeting.</p>

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10.45 am	Session 4 – Holistic View of the Wairoa River								
	Discussion: Looking at the bigger picture How will the wastewater options impact on the wider river?								
	Outcome: Neil used the whiteboard to create discussion about the wider catchment and divided the holistic view of the river into four areas:								
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11.15am	Session 5 – What Has Been Missed/What Can Be Dropped?								
	Discussion: Considering the bigger picture, what options need to be included or taken out from our wastewater options?								
	Outcome: Didn't get a chance to talk through opportunities to cover. Include in next meeting.								
11.45am	Session 6 – Community Consultation								
	Discussion: Hui-a-iwi yesterday – feedback Public meeting tonight at 5pm – any thoughts?								
	Outcome: This session was discussed at the beginning of the meeting regarding the hui-a-iwi. No changes are to be made to the presentation for the public meeting								

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11.55am	Session 7 – Administration
	Discussion: Dropbox updated – can everyone access? Future topics for discussion Next meeting focus – options and engagement process with the community Meeting date and time
	Outcome: Everyone has access to dropbox, files will continue to be updated and Stakeholders will be notified of this. Options were to be sent to Stakeholders but a change in focus regarding bringing in the wider catchment is currently taking priority.
12.10pm	Lunch