## Wairoa Wastewater Stakeholder Focus Group

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## **Notes**

**Meeting Title:** Wairoa Wastewater – Stakeholder Focus Group Meeting 5

Date & Time: Monday 10<sup>th</sup> July 2017; 12:00 - 4:00 pm

Wairoa Airport **Location:** 

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**Stakeholder Group** 

**Attendees:** 

Min Johansen; Jean Cooper; Katarina Kawana; Naomi Wilson; Michelle

McIlroy; Paul Sullivan; Gary Mayo;

Team:

WDC Staff and Project Jamie Cox; Duane Culshaw; Neil Cook; Hamish Lowe; Angela Lane;

Karen Akuhata, Patrick Knerlich.

Apologies: Kitea Tipuna

Timing	Activity
12:00 pm	Lunch
12:30 pm	Introduction
	Discussion:  Karakia  Welcome/Introductions
	Outcome:
12:40 pm	Session 2 – Meeting 2
	Discussion: Recap On site visits Hastings WWTP – highlights, lowlights Waipukurau WWTP – highlights, lowlights Difference between Wairoa, Hastings and Waipukurau WWTP's
	<ul> <li>Outcome:</li> <li>Co-management at Hastings was a way HDC dealt with lack of early tangata whenua engagement— need to include tangata whenua early on.</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Felt that Hastings option was out of the price range for Wairoa and discussed the need to have options on the table that are affordable – this should include funding on improving infrastructure (fixing infiltration)</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>While Waipukurau had a high level of treatment, their engagement process with tangata whenua seemed limited.</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Was clear that the level of treatment to avoid effects was dependent on the nature of the receiving environment. Despite this HDC had a relatively high level of treatment to meet what was mostly concerns of tangata whenua.</li> </ul>

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	<ul> <li>Discussed that Wairoa's treatment is close to meeting standards, more advanced than old pond system – doesn't require improvement for water quality but a new system may require new treatment to upgrade.</li> </ul>
1:15 pm	Session 3 – Technical Reporting
	Discussion: Hamish and Angela summarised some of the reporting to date.  Existing system  Treatment Plant Summary  Receiving Environment Summary  Current Outfall Description  In-River Summary  Recreational Use Summary  Land Options  Land Treatment Opportunities  Cost of Land Procurement  HRLP  History of Wairoa River Mouth  Big Picture  Planning  Natural Hazards  Cultural  Forward Reporting  Summary of viable and acceptable technologies  BPO  Cultural Impact Assessment  Feasibility Investigations  Conceptual Design  Land AEE  Water AEE  Outcome:  All of these reports are available via the dropbox link  Treatment plant and reticulation were mentioned – decreasing overflows = spend on reticulation (Waipuk have shown this by spending from other budgets)  Discussed the issue when the bar is closed that discharge into the river has to occur due to minimal storage  Discussed potential options and focussing on treatment vs discharge. It was noted that the discharge should be the focus.  The current pond site is located on a waahi tapu site – mitigation options were discussed and included lifting the waahi tapu, changing treatment options and increasing storage. The potential cost of relocating would be a factor in this decision – but options to relocate should still be considered as well as addressing cultural mitigation.
	Discussed the need to move forward with options for next meeting and work through these options and reasons why they are feasible/ not feasible
2:15 pm	Session 4 – Decision Criteria
	Discussion:  Concept selection  What structure/criteria should we use?  What engagement should we use to get feedback?  Preferred option selection criteria

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	Outcome:
	NC and HL to come up with options for the next Stakeholder meeting
3:00 pm	Afternoon Tea
3:10 pm	Session 5 – Community engagement
	Discussion: Plan Council Forum Newspaper articles Community Meeting
	Group meetings Outcome:
	1st newspaper article set to go out next week, informing community of public engagement, with a follow up article the following week
	Action: Michelle, Naomi, Katarina and Duane to organise Hui-a-Iwi on Sunday 30 <sup>th</sup> July
3:30 pm	Session 6 – Other Matters
	Discussion:  Any other fact sheets needed?  What technical information is needed
	Outcome:
3:45 pm	Session 7 – Administration
	Discussion:  Future topics for discussion  Next meeting focus  Information on line – everyone can access?
	Outcome:  Next Stakeholder meeting set for <b>Monday 31</b> st <b>July</b> in the morning (public engagement with be in the afternoon)
4:00 pm	Finish