

21 December 2023

Christopher Hetherington



Dear Christopher

Request for Information – Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987

We refer to your official information request dated 20 November 2023 for the following information:

- Any correspondence or documents that refers to the impact of the odour from the Seaview Wastewater Treatment Plant on the local community.
- All correspondence between the Mayor, Councillors and Hutt City Council employees, and external parties, regarding the performance of the Seaview Wastewater Treatment Plant.

As per our correspondence, we have transferred the following parts of your request over to Wellington Water:

- Any requests to Central Government for funding to replace, fix or remediate the Seaview Wastewater Treatment Plant.
- Any reports or advice about long term plans for the performance of the Seaview Wastewater Treatment Plant.

Please expect a direct response from Wellington Water.

The following link to the Long-Term Plan/Annual Plan Subcommittee relates to part of your request that we have sent to Wellington Water. Pages 109 – 136 include investment for the odour control works.



Long Term Plan/Annual Plan Subcommittee

http://infocouncil.huttcity.govt.nz/Open/2023/11/LTPAP_27112023_AGN_3176_AT.PDF

All other documents related to correspondence have been combined and added below.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this decision. Information about how to make a complaint is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or freephone 0800 802 602.

Please note that this response to your information request may be published on Hutt City Council's website. Please refer to the following link: www.huttcity.govt.nz/council/contactus/make-an-official-information-act-request/proactive-releases

Yours sincerely

Lucy Hodgins

Administration Support – Legal Team

From: [REDACTED]
Subject: Fwd: [EXTERNAL] Office a comp a nt about a breach to the Resource Management Act by the Seawater Wastewater Treatment Plant. [#7AAD4F]
Date: 12 December 2023 at 3:43 PM
To: Brady.Dyer@huttcity.govt.nz



H Brady

I'm really sorry this is coming across as an attack against you, it's not. We have had to put up with the smell of the seawater treatment plant for a long time. Every time it's southerly and we get to deal with this short-term issue, we've been compensating for at least 7 years.

Anyway, you asked for my proof that the odour abatement has no consent and here it is. This letter from GWRC and Cleary states the plant is operating without consent for them, yet they won't enforce it.

With this information, on top of all the other information regarding the smell, we have gone to EPA, due to GWRC not enforcing the consent. They are now looking into it. We are in touch with the media to get action and make it known that it's operating without consent.

This is a real issue for the community and the workplaces around seawater.

I can also supply links to the studies that have shown long-term health effects of the chemicals being sprayed for you to see.

Thanks [REDACTED]

----- Forwarded message -----

From: Amanda O'Brien <Amanda.O'Brien@gw.govt.nz>
Date: Tue, Dec 12, 2023 at 11:27 AM
Subject: Office a comp a nt about a breach to the Resource Management Act by the Seawater Wastewater Treatment Plant.

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

In response to your notification/comp a nt received Monday, 27 November 2023. My notes included a long with some follow up:

- The consent was granted in 1996 well before the odour canons were in use. While the consent doesn't specifically relate to the odour canon, versus bed discharges should not occur as required in condition 19.
- The odour canon does require consent under our regulatory rules, it currently is not consented.
- GWRC have previously requested information around public risk and Regulatory Public Health have responded stating this is not a public health risk. Based on this information we deemed it too risky to allow the continued use of the odour canons in the form of mitigating odour without consent until a consent is lodged.
- The compliance officer has taken this comp a nt to assess next steps for compliance which to date has included discussions with WWL around the effectiveness of the odour canon in mitigating the odour and the best way to use the canon e.g. directly at the known source versus high into the air (to ensure compliance with versus bed discharges under condition 19) and actions WWL need to take toward obtaining consent for odour canon use.
- Enforcement actions should not be pursued for the use of the odour canon.

Cheers,

Amanda O'Brien, CEnvP, MSc, BSc(Hons)

Āpiha Matua – Aroturuki / Senior CME Advisor | Greater Wellington Te Pane Matua Taiao

From: Car Kuske <Car.Kuske@gw.govt.nz>
Sent: Friday, December 8, 2023 8:11 AM
To: Amanda O'Brien <Amanda.O'Brien@gw.govt.nz>
Subject: FW: Re: Office a comp a nt about a breach to the Resource Management Act by the Seawater Wastewater Treatment Plant. [#7AAD4F]

Hey Amanda,

This not fier wants a written response with what you spoke to them over the phone regarding SWWTP odour baster, are you able to assist?

Cheers

From: Info <Info@gw.govt.nz>
Sent: Thursday, 7 December 2023 7:55 pm
To: Car Kuske <Car.Kuske@gw.govt.nz>
Subject: FW: Re: Office a comp a nt about a breach to the Resource Management Act by the Seawater Wastewater Treatment Plant. [#7AAD4F]

Ka Ora Car,

I have looked up his ozone case, and it says you got back to him regarding his concerns.

But he would like what you said to him over the phone in writing.

The ozone case: 25540

Ngāa mihi nui,

Rebecca.

Contact Centre

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-----Original Message-----

Sent: Thursday, 7 December 2023 5:59:14 pm
To: "Info" <Info@gw.govt.nz>
Subject: Re: Office a comp a nt about a breach to the Resource Management Act by the Seawater Wastewater Treatment Plant. [#7A10EG]

This is the 3rd time I have asked, can I please get a written response to my email.

On Sun, 3 Dec 2023, 4:41 pm [REDACTED] e:

Can I please get a written response to this?

Can I please get a written response to this email please. I got a phone call today, thank you, but a written response is required.

Thanks

On Mon, 27 Nov 2023, 8:20 pm Info, <Info@gw.govt.nz> wrote:

Kia ora [REDACTED]

Thank you for contacting Greater Wellington Regional Council, regarding breach of Resource Management Act by Seaview Wastewater Treatment Plant.

I have forwarded your email to our team for their attention and follow up. They will be respond to your enquiry as soon as possible.

Please note your reference number for this enquiry is: 39707.

Should you have any further questions, in the meantime, please let us know.

Ngaa mihi nui,

Lafo

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-----Original Message-----

Sent: Monday, 27 November 2023 8:05:54 pm

To: nfo@gw.govt.nz

Subject: Official complaint about a breach to the Resource Management Act by the Seaview Wastewater Treatment Plant.

I wish to lay a formal complaint about a serious breach to the Resource Consent WGN950162(01) for the Seaview Wastewater Treatment Plant.

WGN950162 [1] Contaminants Discharge to Air WWTP (Seaview WWTP)

In the additional conditions to Resource Consent WGN 950162 (01):

Condition 18 states that the opacity of all discharges from combustion applications and any sudge drier (excluding steam) shall not exceed 20%, except for a period of ten minutes for start up from cold.

Condition 19 of the Resource Consent states that "There shall be no visible discharges, excluding water vapour or clean steam, from any activity on the site, excluding activities specified in condition 18".

However, for several years, the Seaview Wastewater Treatment Plant has used "odour blasters". For examples: "This work may take up to three months to complete and we are running odour blasters during this time to help reduce the odour" : <https://www.wellingtonwater.co.nz/about-us/news-and-media/news-and-media-2/seaview-wastewater-treatment-plant-odour-causing-a-stink/>.

However, as you can see in the attached video footage of the odour blasters, which are located within the Seaview Wastewater Treatment Plant, the odour blasters emit a plume of clearly visible spray, which we have been advised is a chemical called Hi Chem Disinfectant Reodorant (quaternary ammonium compounds, alkylbenzyl dimethyl chloride).

This clearly breaches conditions 18 and 19 of the Resource Consent WGN 950162(01).

We would like to register this complaint formally, and be notified of the GWRC penalty for this infringement, and to ensure that this ceases immediately.

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

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From: [REDACTED]
Subject: Re: [EXTERNAL] Seawater treatment plant - Stench
Date: 27 November 2023 at 2:00 PM
To: Brady Dyer Brady.Dyer@huttcity.govt.nz



What is going to be done in short term to fix the plant continuity breach given the consent. A consent is there for a reason. Not just breach it, and pay a fine.

Yes I understand they are doing maintenance now, but we all know that breach is consent once it's done.

So what will be done to fix plant so it can meet its consents, so the workers and families that are close to the plant do not have to put up with the stench?

The council says it's not a health issue, but if it makes you sick or makes you feel sick, that's a health issue. Can this advice please be changed so it's correct.

Continuity breach given consent is not acceptable and should not be tolerated.

On Mon, 27 Nov 2023, 8:31 am Brady Dyer, <Brady.Dyer@huttcity.govt.nz> wrote:

That's currently the options put forward by officers, this isn't for a decision though - it's to decide what to consult with the public on - the decision isn't made till June next year. I'd suggest we bring this project forward at today's meeting.

There's public comment available at 9:30am if you'd want to speak, but as I said this will go out for public consultation

Ngā mihi,
Brady Dyer

[REDACTED]

(Apologies if this message was brief, it was sent on the go from my Waea/ Phone)

On 27/11/2023, at 7:26 AM, [REDACTED] wrote:

Brady, am I reading this correctly? The four options proposed in the papers you sent all propose to delay works to address the odour from the plant? Sure or not? Why have the community not been advised of this?

On Fri, 24 Nov 2023, 4:20 pm Brady Dyer, <Brady.Dyer@huttcity.govt.nz><mailto:Brady.Dyer@huttcity.govt.nz>> wrote:

Thank you again for reaching out and sharing your concerns regarding the Wellington Water treatment plant. I understand how distressing the ongoing odour issue has been for the local community. I'm frequently in the area with school drop-offs and can't imagine how bad it's being there day in day out. This morning we discussed the Seawater Treatment Plant at length at the Shared Services Committee. And I asked the question you raised below to our officers.

Regarding the current maintenance work, I want to assure you that while this work primarily focuses on upkeep, it's a step towards improving the overall functioning of the plant. This maintenance is part of a broader strategy to address the issues you've mentioned. It's crucial to maintain and improve the existing infrastructure as we plan for more significant upgrades. It will greatly improve the odour issues we've had recently once complete early next year.

I'd like to update you on the plant's upgrade situation. While we haven't secured funding yet, there's an important development to note. This Monday, a council paper will be presented to consider when improvements to the plant could be made. It's operating as designed currently, but we acknowledge the need to reduce the odour impacts. The estimated cost for these improvements is about \$13 million, earmarked for 2026-2028 in the current plans (you can see these on our website on the papers for Monday's meeting on page 129 <http://nfocouncil.huttcity.govt.nz/RedrectToDoc.aspx?URL=Open/2023/11/LTPAP_27112023_AGN_3176_AT.PDF>). However, the council could decide to bring this timeline forward. It's a challenging decision, especially in these financially difficult times, with rates already projected to increase by about 15-20%. Rest assured, we are weighing all options carefully.

In response to the need for better communication and handling of concerns like yours, progress is being made so that complaints through any avenue are consolidated into one system. This initiative is aimed at better managing the complaints process, allowing for more efficient and effective communication between residents and Wellington Water. The best option when there are any odour issues is to call Hutt City Council.

If you have any more questions or need further clarification, please don't hesitate to get in touch. There will also be a public meeting in approximately 10 days, if you keep an eye on the Wellington Water Facebook page they will be announcing the details short of when and where this meeting will take place.

Ngā mihi,
Brady

On 24/11/2023, at 7:53 AM, [REDACTED]

We have done to mediate about this since the Hutt City council thanks it's a okay. Thanks

On Thu, 23 Nov 2023, 7:17 pm [REDACTED]

H Brady

I just watched the video on the shared services committee today regarding the Seawew treatment plant

How disgusting and patronizing was Bruce Hodgins when he said "Stop poisoning". Shows he's completely out of touch with what we are going through.

The fact that the councillors laughed and thought it was funny, when I had a ready-made email you makes it worse. Imagine how we are feeling at the moment. We are here to help and you people think it's funny. Disgusting.

He should be asked to resign immediately if that's how he feels.

To make it worse, the councillors only cared about how this will affect the image of Lower Hutt, not how this impacts the ratepayers. Again, disgusting.

I would expect more from people who are running a facility that's breaching consent.

Chris

On Mon, 20 Nov 2023, 6:12 pm Brady Dyer, <Brady.Dyer@huttcity.govt.nz<mailto:Brady.Dyer@huttcity.govt.nz>>> wrote:

Thanks Chris - We have a meeting on Friday about it at UHCC (The Hutt Valley Shared Services Committee - the public session we come to attend and speak at the start of public comment if you wanted to). I will raise your questions there and come back to you early next week.

Ngā mihi,
Brady

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
Thanks for the reply

My main concern is this not going to fix the problem. I spoke to a manager at Wellington Water today and he told me "the plant is not designed to contain the odour within its boundary"

Now that's a concerning statement, as the consent is granted on the basis that smells won't go past the boundary.

As this works on "maintenance" and is not designed to fix issues we have been having for years, what's the plan to get this plant up to a standard, so that it can meet its consent requirements? Obviously it can't if it was never designed to.

Obviously it's looking more and more like the only option for us is to move, and pass the problem onto someone else.

I don't think the council cares about how this affects people as nothing is being done, yet people have been complaining about it for years.

Chris

On Mon, 20 Nov 2023, 2:15 pm Brady Dyer, <Brady.Dyer@huttcity.govt.nz<mailto:Brady.Dyer@huttcity.govt.nz>>> wrote:
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[REDACTED]
Thank you for reaching out and sharing your concerns about the odour from the Seawew Treatment Plant. I completely understand the distress and frustration this situation is causing you, especially as it impacts the enjoyment of your property and community spaces.

Please be assured that Wellington Water and Hutt City Council are actively addressing this issue. The current strong odours are a result of essential maintenance work at the plant, specifically the replacement of the biofilter media, which is crucial for reducing odour over the long term. While these works are necessary, we recognise the significant inconvenience they have caused.

We are working diligently to complete these works as quickly and efficiently as possible. However, due to the nature of the task, intermittent periods of stronger odour are unfortunately unavoidable. The team at Wellington Water is employing odour barriers during the process to minimise the impact as much as possible. The entire replacement process is expected to last three

months, with the strongest odours likely to occur on your next short intervals.

For any immediate concerns or health issues related to the odour, please contact Wellington Water directly at 04 912 4470 or via email at customer@weingtonwater.co.nz<mailto:customer@weingtonwater.co.nz>
<mailto:customer@weingtonwater.co.nz<mailto:customer@weingtonwater.co.nz>>
<mailto:customer@weingtonwater.co.nz<mailto:customer@weingtonwater.co.nz>
<mailto:customer@weingtonwater.co.nz<mailto:customer@weingtonwater.co.nz>>>. For after-hours issues, Hutt City Council's Call Centre is available 24/7 at 04 570 6666 or 0800 488 824.

Once again, I apologise for the distress this has caused. It certainly was not pleasant while I was down there over the weekend.

Ngā mihi,
Brady

> On 19/11/2023, at 8:45 PM, [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

>

> Hello Brady

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> We need help, the stench from treatment plant this weekend has been unbearable. This is now affecting many businesses and taxpayers. We have had enough, sorry about the situation? We meet you months ago at a council meeting with Wellington water and the smells getting worse since then.

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> If this was a private business it would be closed down. But because it's the council, they can carry on getting away with it.

>

> What's been done to fix this?

> Is there a solution to this?

> Do the Hutt City council staff understand the effects having on the community?

>

> We really do need help on this one as we have no ability at all to do anything about it.

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> Does this mean our whole summer is going to be locked in a house so we don't have to smell it? If this is the expectation, is there compensation for not being able to use our land?

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> Please help.

> I would love a phone call to discuss further

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> [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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From: Brady Dyer Brady.Dyer@huttcity.govt.nz 
Subject: Seaview Odour Presentation
Date: 14 December 2023 at 12:08 PM
To: Elected Members Requests electedmembersrequests@huttcity.govt.nz



The link on the Wellington Water page is no longer working:

**Seaview Wastewater Treatment Plant
Biofilter Media Replacement**
wellingtonwater.co.nz



Have had a few calls today from businesses in Seaview - I'm assuming someone has passed my contact onto them as it's strange they're all contacting me... but none of them have heard anything about the work that's going on.

Could Wellington Water do some proactive comms with the people immediately around the plant?
Latest call was from [REDACTED]

They haven't seen or heard anything other than Facebook posts from the public complaining about the smell - despite them backing onto the treatment plant.

Ngā mihi,
Brady



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Hi Brady, We are at [REDACTED] road, at [REDACTED] if you want to come. I'm not after a fight - we're at our wits end. Would love to know more about what you know.

Have you been in touch with Wellington Water? Or did you come to the public meeting?

You can now call each other and see information such as Active Status and when you've read messages.

Just so I know how much you know 😊

You're particularly close so it must be really really bad for you 😞

No I haven't been in contact and just found out about the meeting too late. Yeah [REDACTED]

Has WW been in touch proactively at all?

Whats your email address & phone? I can give you a quick buzz now and talk you through the highlevel stuff - but will pass your details onto WW and get them to get in touch directly - they should be more proactive with the people as close as you are

Also no they havent been in touch, but they are a customer of ours so come in all the time.

THU 8:37 PM

Just had a call from the officer that's liasing with Wellington Water, hes meeting with them tomorrow and will come back with more info on the comms etc. Smell aside, I'd be keen to come down for a visit (maybe in the new year?) to learn more about [REDACTED] Had a look on your website and it looks super interesting, and quite the long history in the Wellington Region!

You can see dates/times im free at dyer.nz/BradyBusy - I'll extend the invite to the mayor/ other councillors if you want too. Or happy to come just me if you want to keep it lowkey



Brady Dyer | FreeBusy

Sweet as Brady. I'll talk to [REDACTED] and get back to you.

thats the dates for the cells. The slides & info from the public meeting are now up on the Wellington Water website too lots of photso of the biofilter e





Cells	Media replacement planned start date	Commissioning schedule
Cell 1	14 November 2023	12 December 2023
Cell 2	6 December 2023	12 December 2023
Cell 3	12 December 2023	18 December 2023
Cell 4	18 December 2023	22 December 2023
Cell 5	10 January 2023	25 January 2023
Cell 6	12 January 2023	25 January 2023

<https://www.wellingtonwater.co.nz/assets/Projects/Seaview-WWTP/Seaview-WWTP-Odour-Presentation-Dec-2023.pdf?file-size=815+KB&file-type=pdf>

Last slide: "If you would like to receive further updates on the project, please email customer.notifications@wellingtonwater.co.nz and we will put you on the interested parties list."



I'll have a look all that info later just having tea finally.

Thank you n



From: [Carvn Ellis](#)
To: [Hamish Bell](#)
Subject: UPDATE 2 - 8th December, 2023: Seaview Wastewater Treatment Plant Biofilter Media Replacement
Date: 08 December 2023 15:32:44
Attachments: [image001.jpg](#)
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You are receiving this email because your email address appears on either the mailing list for the Seaview Wastewater Treatment Plant or our list of interested parties.

Update 2 - 8th December 2023

The team have successfully commissioned Cells 1 & 2 today.

This means that both Cells are now operational and treating the odorous gases as designed. (Image 1)

The team have moved the digger into Cell 3 and commenced excavation of the old media this afternoon. (Image 2)

Next week Cell 3 will be excavated, and inspections will be performed before installing the new media.

Further updates will be provided as the project progresses.

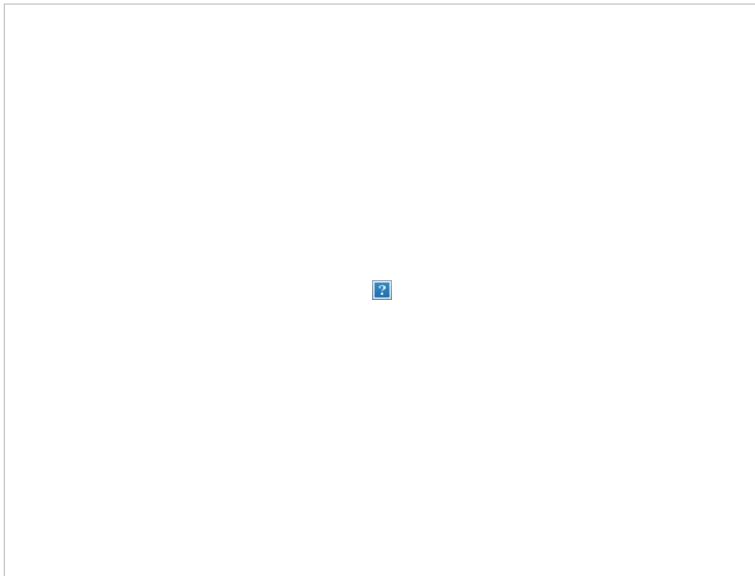


Image 1 – Cells 1 & 2 complete

Image 2 – Cell 2 complete and digger in Cell 3

The following information has been uploaded onto our website project page: <https://www.wellingtonwater.co.nz/projects/seaviewwwtp/?tab=0>

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Nga Mihi
[REDACTED]

Update 1 – 5 December 2023

Kia Ora Koutou,

Works to replace the biofilter media are progressing well with the contractor successfully installing the new media into Cell 1 last week. (Image 1)

The digger has now been moved to Cell 2 (Image 2) and will begin removing the old media which will then be transported to landfill for disposal.

The replacement media for Cell 2 will be delivered this week and the team are optimistic of installing this ahead of schedule to fully commission cells 1 & 2 next week.

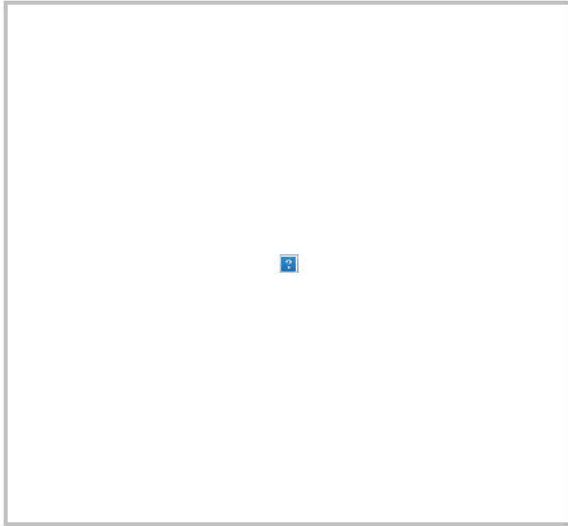


Image 1 - New media installed into Cell 1.

Image 2 - Digger operating in Cell 2.

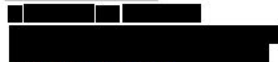
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Nga Mihi,
Ash

Ash Hawkes – Customer Resolution Specialist
Customer Operations Group



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From: [Hamish Bell](#)
To: [Lucy Hodgins](#)
Subject: FW: EM request | 2023-413 | Seaview Odour Presentation
Date: 18 December 2023 12:14:27
Attachments: [ATT00001.png](#)
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FYI

Ngā mihi,
Hamish

Hamish Bell
Elected Member Support Coordinator

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Ngā mihi,
Brady

From: [Elected Members Requests](#)
To: [Lucy Hodgins](#)
Subject: Fwd: [EXTERNAL] Some Considerations-Draft Long Term Plan-Meeting Monday 27th November 2023
Date: 18 December 2023 07:25:52

Nga mihi,
Hamish

From: Chris Parkin <Chris.Parkin@huttcity.govt.nz>
Sent: Friday, December 15, 2023 6:06:14 PM
To: Elected Members Requests <electedmembersrequests@huttcity.govt.nz>
Subject: Fwd: [EXTERNAL] Some Considerations-Draft Long Term Plan-Meeting Monday 27th November 2023

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Sent: Friday, November 24, 2023 11:22:16 am
To: Campbell Barry <Campbell.Barry@huttcity.govt.nz>; Andy Mitchell <Andy.Mitchell@huttcity.govt.nz>; Brady Dyer <Brady.Dyer@huttcity.govt.nz>; Chris Parkin <Chris.Parkin@huttcity.govt.nz>; Gabriel Tupou <Gabriel.Tupou@huttcity.govt.nz>; Glenda Barratt <Glenda.Barratt@huttcity.govt.nz>; Karen Morgan <Karen.Morgan@huttcity.govt.nz>; Keri Brown <Keri.Brown@huttcity.govt.nz>; Josh Briggs <Josh.Briggs@huttcity.govt.nz>; Naomi Shaw <Naomi.Shaw@huttcity.govt.nz>; Simon Edwards <Simon.Edwards@huttcity.govt.nz>; Tony Stallinger <Tony.Stallinger@huttcity.govt.nz>; Tui Lewis <Tui.Lewis@huttcity.govt.nz>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Some Considerations-Draft Long Term Plan-Meeting Monday 27th November 2023

To Councillors,

I would like to make some comments on the above for the meeting to be held on Monday 27th November 2023.

The HCC and its ratepayers are facing a difficult time with a number of economic issues facing them and so I offer my observations for your consideration.

These are;

- A LTP is a requirement of legislation and is in fact a waste of time as it can be altered (and is) every time it is revisited-this is for genuine reasons (inflation/change of Government etc etc.)

The key in my view is the next 5 years which can set out the general direction of the Council.

-One of the key principals is **Affordability of rates** and an **AVERAGE of 20.7%** will not be acceptable by ratepayers in spite of the Financial Hardship Remission being increased.

Insurance costs are also increasing

significantly and so I suspect that this will either drive people out of the area or people will

not insure-this is not good for HCC.

-There are still a lot of “nice to have” in the LTP and this is illustrated by the rates increased predicted for the next 3 years-20.7% in year 1 and then less than double digits in the following year.

-These “nice to have” appear to include councillors hobby horses and other “requirements” which are not essential at this stage.

-There are also many ‘unknowns ‘ included in the LTP including

- No contribution from incoming Government as a result of the proposed change in the 3 Waters model that the previous Government had proposed.

- Riverlink which already appears to show signs of significant cost increases and possible delays.

- Contract renewals and their impact on cost increases.

- Waka Kotahi funding for a number of the projects is questionable at this stage.

All these factors clearly show that the borrowing ceiling is likely to be exceeded-probably earlier than forecast.

As a result of Climate Change is the Hutt Valley likely to see another Eastern Hutt road slip or perhaps some severely affected locations (Sea rise, flooding)which are rendered uninhabitable (Level 3 land red stickered)?

While not suggesting these be included in the LTP, any prudent person would allow some more borrowing headroom to accommodate these and other factors (Inflation, High Interest rates, supply chain

issues, resources availability etc etc)c. HCC does have a Climate emergency. Also Insurance companies have a view that the Wellington area is very vulnerable to natural disasters

including earthquakes and sea level rises. I don't see this in the current LTP but HCC needs the capacity to borrow to meet some of these costs.

Also UPL appears to be pushing out the repayment of its Loans and this in turn will impact on the borrowing capacity of the HCC.

So what are the solutions?

- Do NOT start any new major projects until there is some better certainty in the cost of existing projects.

- Reschedule some of the earlier projects. This includes 3 Waters where there is significant expenditure provided for with new reservoirs(increased demand?),wastewater and storm water

in the next 3 years. Why so much increases in expenditure in such a short time frame.

- more user pays approach-eg Silverstream cost increases and capital expenditure, Fees etc.

- Is the capital expenditure programme with Wellington Water value for money (overdesigned?) and can Wellington Water deliver the projects for HCC as indicated.

Wellington Water have 3 other

local Councils that they have to provide resources for and meet there work requirements.

This workload is likely to be increased (Kapiti Plus Wairapapa Councils) if the new

Government gets its way.

I refer to some of the Wellington Water comments in their submission to HCC (their April 2023) and which was included in the HCC October papers.

-Increase Reserves Investment Strategy-I raised the question of the increasing levels at the last LTP review and I see that this is now being addressed. I would question why it is not utilised more.

-Push the sale of commercial businesses operated by HCC while retaining the land/rights etc. This is Seaview Marina and UPL, UPL appears to be struggling to find any major projects and both Housing Corp and Developers are there to fill any gaps in the rate of development of new housing. The extension of the UPL loans (and lesser extent Seaview Marina) is suppressing the opportunity for HCC to utilise these borrowed funds?

One option for the HCC is to suspend the presentation of the LTP beyond June 2024 deadline. This is because there are so many variables which I have mentioned above which are dependent on the incoming Government.

There is already 1 Local Council that has taken this approach.

These are some thoughts which may trigger some further options to reduce the level of Rate increases that is being publically aired.

Cheers



From: [Hamish Bell](#)
To: [Lucy Hodgins](#)
Subject: FW: Seaview Wastewater Treatment Plant Odour Update
Date: 15 December 2023 15:31:13
Attachments: [image001.png](#)
[ATT00001.png](#)
[UPDATE 2 - 8th December 2023 Seaview Wastewater Treatment Plant Biofilter Media Replacement.msg](#)

Hi Lucy the below email (with attachment) went out to elected members on 8 December. So that's one

Ngā mihi,
Hamish

Hamish Bell
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From: Elected Members Requests <electedmembersrequests@huttcity.govt.nz>
Sent: Friday, December 8, 2023 3:52 PM
To: __Mayor & Councillors <__Mayor&Councillors@huttcity.govt.nz>; Belinda Moss <Belinda.Moss@huttcity.govt.nz>; Mike Fisher <Mike.Fisher@huttcity.govt.nz>; Te Awa Puketapu <TeAwa.Puketapu@huttcity.govt.nz>
Cc: __CLT <CLT@huttcity.govt.nz>
Subject: Seaview Wastewater Treatment Plant Odour Update

Seaview Wastewater Treatment Plant Odour Update following the community meeting on 6 December

-
Around 80 people attended the Wellington Water and Hutt City Council hosted public meeting on Wednesday evening to discuss what Council and Wellington Water are planning to address the odour issue at the Seaview wastewater treatment plant.

Te Rūnanganui o Te Āti Awa ki te Upoko o Te Ika a Māui, Waiwhetu marae and Wellington Tenth's Trust/Palmerston North Māori Reserve Trust were in attendance as were many residents. Apart from the Hutt Park Holiday Village (Top 10), there did not appear to be other business representatives there. Deputy Mayor Lewis, Councillors Edwards, Brown, Dyer and Mike Fisher Petone Community Board Chair also attended. Senior HCC and WW staff attended as did GWRC staff.

The presentation from Wellington Water (on link below) appeared to answer many questions and concerns, with assurances given by Council that we will do all we can to address the odour issue in the short and medium term.

There is still an underlying frustration, particularly from residents, with the time it is taking to address the issue and, in the meantime, having to live with the offensive smell.

Hutt Park Holiday Village was critical of the timing of the biofilter works during their busiest period, noting it had received poor reviews of late due to the smell. Wellington Water expects this work will be completed by 25 January and there will be a significant improvement re the odour from then.

Actions that have or will be undertaken as a result of the feedback from the meeting.

1. Regular (fortnightly) updates given on the biofilter works.
2. The presentation and FAQs are on the Wellington Water website [here](#).
3. Information sheet on the project prepared for the Hutt Park Holiday Village to distribute to its customers as required. A staff member will be the key contact for the Top 10.
4. Local signage advising of biofilter works erected.
5. Direct contact made with Mana Whenua to discuss associated wastewater issues, specifically the overflow into Waiwhetu Stream which was raised during the meeting. An update on Wellington Water will be added to each quarterly hui with Mana Whenua.

Please also see attached update received today on the commissioning of Cells 1 & 2.

Ngā mihi,

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From: [Elected Members Requests](#)
To: [Lucy Hodgins](#)
Subject: Fwd: [EXTERNAL] Reminder: Seaview Wastewater Treatment Plant Visit - 9am Wednesday 12 July 2023
Date: 18 December 2023 07:25:38

Nga mihi,
Hamish

From: Chris Parkin <Chris.Parkin@huttcity.govt.nz>
Sent: Friday, December 15, 2023 6:04:27 PM
To: Elected Members Requests <electedmembersrequests@huttcity.govt.nz>
Subject: Fwd: [EXTERNAL] Reminder: Seaview Wastewater Treatment Plant Visit - 9am Wednesday 12 July 2023

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From: Lisa Kynaston <Lisa.Kynaston@uhcc.govt.nz> on behalf of Governance <Governance@uhcc.govt.nz>
Sent: Tuesday, July 11, 2023 3:00:52 pm
To: Councillors <Councillors@uhcc.govt.nz>; Brady Dyer <Brady.Dyer@huttcity.govt.nz>; Chris Parkin <Chris.Parkin@huttcity.govt.nz>; Naomi Shaw <Naomi.Shaw@huttcity.govt.nz>; Keri Brown <Keri.Brown@huttcity.govt.nz>; Bruce Hodgins <bruce.hodgins@huttcity.govt.nz>; CR Tracey Ultra <Tracey.Ultra@uhcc.govt.nz>
Cc: Executive Leadership Team <ELT@uhcc.govt.nz>; DemocraticServicesTeam <DemocraticServicesTeam@huttcity.govt.nz>; Blair Johnson <Blair.Johnson@wellingtonwater.co.nz>; Governance <Governance@uhcc.govt.nz>; Tony Stallinger <Tony.Stallinger@huttcity.govt.nz>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Reminder: Seaview Wastewater Treatment Plant Visit - 9am Wednesday 12 July 2023

Kia ora,

Here is a gentle reminder about the planned visit to Seaview Wastewater Treatment Plant tomorrow from 9-10.00 am.

Date: Wednesday 12 July 2023
Time: 9.00 – 10.00 am
Address: 8 Waterman Street, Seaview, Lower Hutt 5010

Please read and adhere to the instructions below for your visit.

To tour the plant, attendees must wear full-length trousers and shirts/jackets and have covered footwear (steel caps are not required).

A Hi-vis vest, hard hat and safety glasses are also required - the plant can provide some of this PPE but if members have their own then it would be helpful for them to bring what they can.

Gloves will be provided.

If there are any specific requirements the attendees have, or any particular areas of

interest, please email governance@uhcc.govt.nz.

Confirmed attendees (9):

Cr Brady Dyer, Cr Naomi Shaw, Cr Keri Brown, Cr Chris Parkin and Bruce Hodgins
Mayor Wayne Guppy, Cr Blair Griffiths, Cr Heather Newell and Cr Tracey Ultra

Your point of contact at the treatment plant is Blair Johnson, Head of Wastewater Contracts for Wellington Water Ltd.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Ngā mihi

Lisa Kynaston

Senior Governance Advisor



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From: Lisa Kynaston **On Behalf Of** Governance

Sent: Friday, June 16, 2023 8:26 AM

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Cc: Blair Johnson <Blair.Johnson@wellingtonwater.co.nz>; DemocraticServicesTeam@huttcity.govt.nz; Bruce Hodgins <bruce.hodgins@huttcity.govt.nz>; Kerrie Falconer <Kerrie.Falconer@uhcc.govt.nz>; Toni Neale <Toni.Neale@uhcc.govt.nz>; Kim O'Keefe <kim.okeefe@uhcc.govt.nz>; Kirsty Bryant <kirsty.bryant@uhcc.govt.nz>; Michael Gibbons <michael.gibbons@uhcc.govt.nz>; Governance <Governance@uhcc.govt.nz>; Catherine Dyhrberg <catherine.dyhrberg@uhcc.govt.nz>

Subject: Seaview Wastewater Treatment Plant Visit - 9am Wednesday 12 July 2023

Kia ora,

A site visit of the Seaview Wastewater Treatment Plan has been organised for members and associates of the Hutt Valley Services Committee. Please read and adhere to the instructions noted below for your visit.

This invitation is extended to all elected members of Upper Hutt City Council in lieu of the induction programme visit which was not possible due to conflicting appointments.

Date: Wednesday 12 July 2023
Time: 9.00 – 10.00 am
Address: 8 Waterman Street, Seaview, Lower Hutt 5010

Instructions for visit: To tour the plant, attendees must wear full-length trousers and shirts/jackets and have covered footwear (steel caps are not required).

A Hi-vis vest, hard hat and safety glasses are also required - the plant can provide some of this PPE but if members have their own then it would be helpful for them to bring what they can.

Gloves will be provided.

Areas of interest: If there are any specific requirements the attendees have, or any particular areas of interest, please email governance@uhcc.govt.nz.

Action - Please accept/decline the subsequent appointment so that I can let Wellington Water Limited know how many visitors to expect.

Hutt City Democratic Services – Could you please extend this invitation to Hutt City CE/Directors/Officers that are associated with the HVSC?

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Ngā mihi

Lisa Kynaston

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To: [Lucy Hodgins](#)
Subject: Fwd: [EXTERNAL] Fwd: Juicy Fest Wellington music festival at Hutt Park
Date: 15 December 2023 14:32:57
Attachments: [image004.png](#)
[image005.png](#)

From: Tonia Haskell <Tonia.Haskell@wellingtonwater.co.nz>
Sent: Tuesday, November 28, 2023 6:35:05 PM
To: Campbell Barry <Campbell.Barry@huttcity.govt.nz>
Cc: Bruce Hodgins <bruce.hodgins@huttcity.govt.nz>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Fwd: Juicy Fest Wellington music festival at Hutt Park

Hi Campbell,

You asked me the other day whether we knew about the music festival at Hutt Park and were managing the Seaview maintenance work to minimise risk of odour. Looks like the team have it covered- see email for more details. Hopefully with four cells in action and no active work at the time should work...

Nga mihi
Tonia
Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: Jeremy McKibbin <Jeremy.McKibbin@wellingtonwater.co.nz>
Date: 28 November 2023 at 5:38:23 PM NZDT
To: Tonia Haskell <Tonia.Haskell@wellingtonwater.co.nz>
Subject: FW: Juicy Fest Wellington music festival at Hutt Park

Hi Tonia,
See below from Blair.
The current plan is to have 4 cells commissioned with new media (no plenum renewal) by 22nd Dec. The planned start date for work on the remaining 2 cells will be 10 January. This will be with or without plenum renewal.

So no work on the 5th January is planned. There should be 4 renewed cells and 2 with existing media. I cannot be certain of the status of the odour

Ngā mihi

Jeremy McKibbin Group Manager, Network Management



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From: Blair Johnson <Blair.Johnson@wellingtonwater.co.nz>
Sent: Tuesday, 28 November 2023 5:30 pm
To: Jeremy McKibbin <Jeremy.McKibbin@wellingtonwater.co.nz>
Subject: RE: Juicy Fest Wellington music festival at Hutt Park

Hi Jeremy,

Bruce had already raised this with me and we have confirmed with Veolia that no work will be taking space during the Juicy Festival.

The current plan is to have 4 cells commissioned with new media (no plenum renewal) by 22nd Dec. The planned start date for work on the remaining 2 cells will be 10 January. This will be with or without plenum renewal.

So no work on the 5th January is planned. There should be 4 renewed cells and 2 with existing media. I cannot be certain of the status of the odour.

BJ

Blair Johnson Head of Wastewater Contracts



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From: Jeremy McKibbin <Jeremy.McKibbin@wellingtonwater.co.nz>
Sent: Tuesday, 28 November 2023 5:11 pm
To: Blair Johnson <Blair.Johnson@wellingtonwater.co.nz>
Subject: Juicy Fest Wellington music festival at Hutt Park

Hi Blair,

Tonia has been asked about the filter work and potential impact on the Juicy Fest on the 5th. Can you please confirm dates of work shutdown and likely status of odour.

Ngā mihi

Jeremy McKibbin Group Manager, Network Management

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From: [Campbell Barry](#)
To: [Lucy Hodgins](#)
Subject: Fwd: [EXTERNAL] Wastewater Plant - outfall pipe
Date: 15 December 2023 14:30:13

From: Campbell Barry
Sent: Tuesday, September 26, 2023 2:54:36 PM
[REDACTED]
Subject: Re: [EXTERNAL] Wastewater Plant - outfall pipe

Thanks [REDACTED] Appreciate you sharing your thoughts, and really good points. I'd encourage you to email Upper Hutt as well, given this is a Joint Venture project that covers both councils.

Thanks again.

Ngā mihi,

Campbell Barry
Mayor of Lower Hutt

On 26/09/2023, at 2:50 PM, [REDACTED]
wrote:

Good afternoon councillors

I have read in the Post about the issues with the outfall pipe from the wastewater plant in Seaview to Pencarrow, and the options of relining the existing pipe or replacing it (article here [The Post](#)

The Post

). It is unfortunate that this huge cost/issue should arise, but we will not fix our city and its issues by ignoring them or engaging in magical thinking.

I am strongly in favour of replacing the existing pipe to accommodate future population growth, instead of relining the existing pipe. It is of utmost importance that the Council understand that the era of slow population growth Hutt City experienced prior to around 2010 is over and that thanks in large part due to surging property prices in Wellington City causing many people to seek housing in the Hutt Valley, and surging migration into New Zealand (it could reach 100,000 people net per year) our city's population is growing fast now and could grow by around 2% per annum. This would see around 50% growth of 55,000 people over the next 20-25 years. We need to accept this reality (I see it as a positive) and ensure that we have the infrastructure needs to support a larger and growing population. Too many councils in the past have neglected the need to support population growth, preventing housing developments which are needed from being built, leading to skyrocketing house and rent prices and all sorts of ills. We should not repeat their mistakes

I know the cost may require large rate increases which nobody likes, but if we fail to address the future needs of the city we will all be poorer off in the longer term for it.

Yours sincerely,

[REDACTED]

From: [Hayley Singleton](#)
To: [Lucy Hodgins](#)
Subject: Fwd: [EXTERNAL] Seaview Wastewater Treatment Plant
Date: 15 December 2023 14:35:07
Attachments: [noname](#)
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Kind regards,

Hayley Singleton

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Sent: Tuesday, November 28, 2023 12:26:47 PM

To: Hayley Singleton <Hayley.Singleton@huttcity.govt.nz>

Subject: Re: [EXTERNAL] Seaview Wastewater Treatment Plant

That's a shame Hayley. As previously advised, I will take this as a refusal from the Mayor to meet with a concerned member of the community to advise how we should deal with the strong sewerage smell, and the plan to remedy this situation.

Ngā mihi

On Tue, 28 Nov 2023, 12:01 pm Hayley Singleton, <Hayley.Singleton@huttcity.govt.nz> wrote:

Kia ora

The Wellington Water meeting will be on Wednesday 6 December at 5pm at Pelorus Trust Sportshouse in Hutt Park. This will be the meeting they discuss the Seaview Wastewater Treatment Plant.

The Mayor's community catch ups are fortnightly informal meetings where anyone can join him to talk. Tomorrow's catch up he will be playing bowling with the residents whilst discussing anything they bring up to him.

Hayley Singleton
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Thank you

From: Hayley Singleton
Sent: Monday, November 27, 2023 9:00 AM
[REDACTED]
Subject: RE: [EXTERNAL] Seaview Wastewater Treatment Plant

Kia ora [REDACTED]

Yes, the community meetings with Campbell are still going ahead. They are different to

the meeting Bruce mentioned. No date for that meeting has been set yet but I will update you once it's confirmed.

Sent: Sunday, November 26, 2023 8:30 PM

To: Hayley Singleton <Hayley.Singleton@huttcity.govt.nz>; Campbell Barry <Campbell.Barry@huttcity.govt.nz>

Subject: Re: [EXTERNAL] Seaview Wastewater Treatment Plant

Kia ora Hayley, just checking that these meetings are still going ahead? At the Infrastructure Regulatory meeting, Bruce Hodgins advised the Councillors and Mayor that there would be a public meeting in Hutt Park in a few weeks? Is this a different public meeting? Bit confusing.

I think it's fair to expect some clarity for the community on when there will be some accountability and answers.

Nga mihi

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On Tue, 21 Nov 2023, 8:42 am Hayley Singleton, <Hayley.Singleton@huttcity.govt.nz> wrote:

Kia ora ██████

You are more than welcome to attend his next community meeting to discuss your concerns with the Mayor.

I have listed the next couple of community meetings below:

- Wednesday 29 November, 5-6pm at Strike Entertainment Centre, 399 Hutt Road, Alicetown
- Wednesday 13 December, 5-6pm at Riddiford Gardens (Next to the Admin Building at 30 Laings Road)

Please let me know if you would like to attend any.

Hayley Singleton

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[REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, November 21, 2023 7:05 AM

To: Hayley Singleton <Hayley.Singleton@huttcity.govt.nz>

Subject: Re: [EXTERNAL] Seaview Wastewater Treatment Plant

Kia ora Hayley,

Thanks for that.

Unfortunately it doesn't answer my questions, and doesn't respond to my request to speak with the Mayor on this issue. Therefore, unless I hear otherwise from you, I will take this as a refusal from the Mayor to meet with a concerned member of the community to advise how we should deal with the strong sewerage smell, and the plan to remedy this situation.

Ngā mihi

[REDACTED]

On Mon, 20 Nov 2023, 4:17 pm Hayley Singleton,
<Hayley.Singleton@huttcity.govt.nz> wrote:

Kia ora [REDACTED]

Wellington Water are currently replacing the biofilter media at the plant. Once installed, it is expected to improve odour levels.

Wellington Water are working with the plant operator and contractor to ensure the work is done as quickly and safely as possible. The deodorizer is working and will be used throughout the works.

This work was programmed to be done before the end of the year. Given the nature of the work, there is no ideal time. Stronger odour levels at times, are unfortunately unavoidable.

While the odour levels are particularly strong and unpleasant, the community can be reassured that there are no associated public health risks and that due process is being followed with the maintenance works at the treatment plant.

Wellington Water also plan to hold a public meeting to explain in detail the works planned to replace the biofilter and future works that will improve the odour. Keep an eye on their Facebook page for the announcement.

Hayley Singleton
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[REDACTED]

Sent: Sunday, November 19, 2023 8:41 PM

To: Campbell Barry <Campbell.Barry@huttcity.govt.nz>

Subject: [EXTERNAL] Seaview Wastewater Treatment Plant

Kia ora Campbell,

Could you please advise what members of the local community can do to deal with the appalling smell from the Seaview wastewater treatment plant.

The smell is making us sick and our children feel sick. The smell is absolutely disgusting, and getting into our homes, schools and businesses. We feel completely helpless to deal with this, and let down by you and the council, who are responsible for this.

I would really like to meet with you to understand what the plan to remediate this is (and please don't say, to 'change the biofilter' as we all know that will be a temporary fix, if it fixes it at all, and will make things terribly worse in the short term). This is affecting a large number of your constituents, and your failure to even acknowledge and address it is bizarre.

Ngā mihi

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

From: [Bruce Hodgins](#)
To: [Lakna Simardona](#)
Subject: FW: Papers update
Date: 15 December 2023 08:37:32
Attachments: [image001.png](#)
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[ATT00001.png](#)

Thanks Lakna.

I can't find anything specifically that would fall into the ambit of Q1. Regarding Q3 you may need to drag the net wider than me and search emails across the organisation. Lets put in the below which shows that Council is bringing forward the odour works, even though it doesn't really fit the question purpose. We could also include the report to the LTP subcommittee on 27 November which I will dig out and send to you separately.

Bruce

Bruce Hodgins
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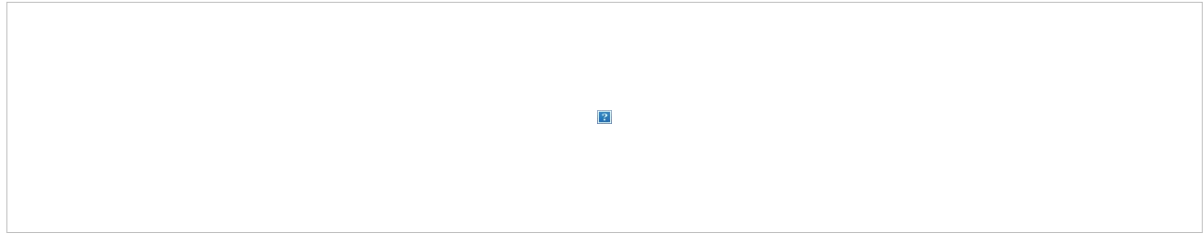


From: Bruce Hodgins
Sent: Tuesday, November 28, 2023 1:40 PM
To: Philip Benseman <Philip.Benseman@huttcity.govt.nz>
Cc: Deepu Nunnian <Deepu.Nunnian@huttcity.govt.nz>
Subject: RE: Papers update

Thanks Philip

Yes can we please bring forward the Seaview WWTP Odour Control Renewal project into the 2024/25 and 2025/26 years from the 2027/28 and 2028/29 years.

If possible can we please bring forward the Naenae Reservoir and the reservoir pipeline by 2 years to run from 2026/27- through to 2028/29. (C00117) This will help reduce the risks as reported to the LTP subcommittee.



Thanks

Bruce

From: Philip Benseman <Philip.Benseman@huttcity.govt.nz>
Sent: Tuesday, November 28, 2023 12:57 PM
To: Deepu Nunnian <Deepu.Nunnian@huttcity.govt.nz>
Cc: Bruce Hodgins <bruce.hodgins@huttcity.govt.nz>
Subject: RE: Papers update

Yes, discussed just a few minutes ago.

It relates to:

Wastewater Treatment Plant: possibly bringing some work forward to mitigate the odour issues.

Naenae Reservoir: also bringing some of this work forward.

Bruce: apparently these were discussed at the LTP meeting yesterday. Do you know the exact amounts related to these, the project details and when they should be rephased to.

Philip

Philip Benseman
Budgeting & Reporting Manager

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4 Major Projects listing (significant projects)

Project Description	LGA	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28	2028/29	2029/30	2030/31	2031/32	2032/33	2033/34
Naenae No 2 Reservoir and Outlet Main - DELAYED	Growth	-	-	-	-	18,000,000	22,000,000	13,000,000	-	-	-
Naenae No2 Reservoir Pipeline - DELAYED	Growth	-	-	-	-	200,000	15,000,000	10,000,000	-	-	-
Seaview WWTP Wastewater Storage	Level of service	1,023,086	492,017	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Seaview WWTP JV Backup Power Supply	Renewal	500,000	2,300,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Seaview WWTP JV RAS System Renewal	Renewal	1,000,000	1,500,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Seaview WWTP JV UV Renewal	Renewal	3,000,000	4,500,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Seaview WWTP Odour Control Renewal - DELAYED	Renewal	-	-	-	9,416,250	3,300,000	-	-	-	-	-
Seaview WWTP Sludge Dryer Replacement	Renewal	7,000,000	32,000,000	35,000,000	9,500,000	-	-	-	-	-	-
Trunk Type B Network Development - Petone Coll	Renewal	5,000,000	20,000,000	11,000,000	2,000,000	20,000,000	20,000,000	-	-	-	-
	Total	17,523,086	60,792,017	46,000,000	20,916,250	41,500,000	57,000,000	23,000,000	-	-	-

From: [Elected Members Requests](#)
To: [Lucy Hodgins](#)
Subject: Fwd: Seaview odour update
Date: 20 December 2023 19:57:55
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

Nga mihi,
Hamish

From: Andy Mitchell <Andy.Mitchell@huttcity.govt.nz>
Sent: Wednesday, December 20, 2023 5:46:05 PM
To: Elected Members Requests <electedmembersrequests@huttcity.govt.nz>
Subject: Re: Seaview odour update

Kia ora Hamish,

I don't have anything other than bulk emails from EMR< Wellington Water etc. ie No direct personal correspondence with other councillors, staff or members of the public.

Ngā mihi,

Andy Mitchell
Eastern Ward Councillor

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On 20/11/2023, at 3:57 PM, Elected Members Requests
<electedmembersrequests@huttcity.govt.nz> wrote:

Kia ora koutou,

The strong odours from Seaview Treatment plant have been raised as a concern by some residents and the Waiwhetu Marae over the weekend.

As you will be aware, Wellington Water is replacing the biofilter media at the plant, which once installed are expected to improve odour levels. Wellington Water are working closely with the plant operator and contractor to ensure the work is done as quickly and safely as possible. The deodorizer is working and will be used throughout the works.

This work was programmed to be done before the end of the year. Given the nature of the work, there is no ideal time. Whether the works are in summer or winter, stronger odour levels at times, are unfortunately unavoidable.

While the odour levels are particularly strong and unpleasant, the community can be reassured that there are no associated public health risks and that due process

is being followed with the maintenance works at the treatment plant.

Planned communications and engagement in response:

Wellington Water:

- Contact key stakeholders including Hutt Park Holiday Village, Seaview Business Association and Kokiri Marae on a regular basis while the project is underway
- Issue a media statement
- Post an update on social media. This will be shared on the Lower Hutt Community Facebook page.
- Physical signage in the area alerting people to the odour
- Public meeting to explain in detail the works planned to replace the biofilter and future works that will improve the odour

Hutt City Council:

- Contact Waiwhetu Marae
- Contact Kokiri Marae
- Share Wellington Water's social media post
- Support any additional Wellington Water communications and engagement

Ngā mihi,

Hamish Bell

Elected Member Support Coordinator

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