

Shaping our TOMORROW

Ngā rā anamata

LONG TERM PLAN 2018-28

- FACT SHEET -



INTEGRATED WASTEWATER SYSTEM

Background

We were committed to installing a new wastewater scheme in Matatā in 2015-2017, but the resource consent for the project was overturned by the Environment Court.

After investigating alternative options to address the Court's rulings, we're now proposing to develop an 'integrated wastewater system'. This would involve piping raw sewage from Matatā to Edgumbe for treatment, upgrading the Edgumbe plant; pumping the treated sewage to the Whakatāne treatment plant, which would be upgraded with UV light treatment; and then discharging the treated effluent through the existing ocean outfall. This proposal makes maximum use of our existing infrastructure and requires minimal changes to existing resource consents. It would cost about \$32 million.

We will also investigate new wastewater disposal options for Tāneatua and Murupara.

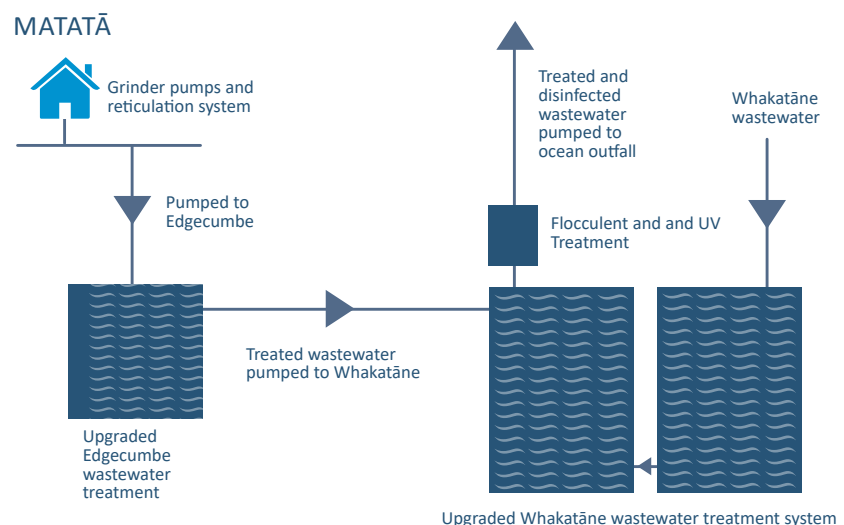
Our plan

We are actively working with central Government and the Bay of Plenty Regional Council with regard to funding for the integrated wastewater system, because without substantial financial support, this key project would be unaffordable for our communities. A comprehensive business case has been developed to support funding applications and presents compelling reasons for investment in the project.

Due to uncertainty about the financial contributions that may result from that process, and therefore about the timing of the project, we have not included a budget for the integrated wastewater system in this Long Term Plan. However, we have budgeted to obtain new resource consents before 2026 for all existing wastewater schemes, which would be required if we cannot go ahead with the integrated system.

We believe we have a strong case for financial support and hope to hear the outcome of our funding applications by the end of 2018. If funding is received, we will consult with the community about the options for this significant project and look to provide a budget for the development of an integrated system in our 2019/20 UV light treatment; and then discharging the treated effluent through the existing ocean outfall.

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Tell us what you think by 5pm Monday, 23 April 2018

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