

Draft Combined Waters Bylaw 2017

Summary of Information

This statement is made in accordance with section 83 of the Local Government Act 2002. The statement:

- summarises the information in the Statement of Proposal to adopt a Combined Waters Bylaw 2017
- explains how to access the full Statement of Proposal
- outlines details of the period during which the Council will accept submissions on the proposal.

Key Points in the Statement of Proposal:

1. Part 2 (Tradewaste), Part 7 (Wastewater and Drainage) and Part 8 (Water Supply) of Whakatāne District Council's Consolidated Bylaw are due to expire in 2018.
2. The review has highlighted the interdependency of water supply, wastewater, tradewaste and stormwater and has shown that all elements need to be managed as components of a single water system. The Council is therefore proposing that the existing bylaws are combined in a single bylaw together with a new Stormwater section.
3. The proposed bylaw gives Council the powers it needs to manage the water supply, wastewater and stormwater systems as well as tradewaste consents in order to meet its responsibilities under the Local Government Act 2002 and the Health Act 1956.
4. The Combined Waters Bylaw provides certainty and clear direction around the rights, obligations and responsibilities of landowners, occupiers, businesses, customers and the Council with regard to all aspects of water use.
5. The addition of a new Stormwater section is the most significant change to the Combined Waters Bylaw. Stormwater management has historically centred on the most efficient way to remove stormwater with little thought given to the impact on receiving environments. This section will enable Council to manage pollution at source and achieve sustainable environmental outcomes.
6. The existing bylaws (Water Supply, (Wastewater and Drainage and Tradewaste) remain largely the same in the Consolidated Bylaw. The proposed changes are minor technical

changes which will enable Council to meet the progressively higher standards of discharge required by the Bay of Plenty Regional Council for a stormwater consent. Other amendments are minor editorial changes that simplify the bylaw and make it easier to read and understand.

The Statement of Proposal (including the draft Combined Waters Bylaw) is available to view or download from the Council's website www.whakatane.govt.nz. Paper copies of the Statement of Proposal are also available free of charge from Council offices and District Libraries.

Submissions

The formal consultation process will take place between 29 May and 30 June 2017. Council will hold a hearing on 27 July 2017.

Any person or organisation is welcome to make a submission on the Whakatāne District Council Draft Combined Waters Bylaw 2017. The Council will take into account all submissions when it decides on the final content of the bylaw.

A submission form is available on the Whakatāne District Council website www.whakatane.govt.nz or can be obtained from:

- Whakatāne District Council 14 Commerce Street, Whakatāne
- Whakatāne Library 49 Kakahoroa Drive, Whakatāne
- Edgumbe Library 38 College Road, Edgumbe
- Ōhope Library 4 Harbour Road, Ōhope
- Murupara Library/Service Centre Civic Square, 48 Pine Drive, Murupara

Formal submissions may be made:

Online: www.whakatane.govt.nz

Posted to: Bylaw Review, Private Bag 1002, Whakatāne 3158.

Delivered to: Bylaw Review, Whakatāne District Council, 14 Commerce Street, Whakatāne.

Emailed to: submissions@whakatane.govt.nz Attention Bylaw Review

Informal submissions can be made by commenting on our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/WhakataneDistrictCouncil

Submissions close at 5pm on 30 June 2017.

Submitters should note that their submission will be copied and made available to the public after the submission period closes.

Submissions should include your name, address, telephone number and email address and should state if you wish to speak to Council in support of your submission on 27 July 2017. The Council will contact all submitters who wish to be heard in writing to advise the confirmed time, date and venue of the hearing.