

Our Ref: APP-123774 (*quote this number when discussing application with HBRC staff*)

12 July 2019

Wairoa District Council  
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For the attention of: Hamish Lowe

Dear Sir

#### **REQUEST FOR FURTHER INFORMATION**

This request for further information relates to application number APP-123774 and the activities and discharges associated with the receipt, treatment, storage and general management of wastewater received at the Wairoa Wastewater Treatment Plant.

In accordance with Section 92 of the Resource Management Act (1991) (RMA) I request the following information regarding the management of stormwater at the site of the Wairoa Wastewater Treatment Plant and the proposed replacement outfall pipe:

#### Stormwater Management:

- We have been advised from Grey Wilson (Grey Matters Consultants) that the stormwater for the Wastewater Treatment Plant discharges into wastewater system and does not discharge into the municipal stormwater network. Can you please provide some commentary on this and whether or not this discharge will be separated similar to the I&I work that you are currently undertaking on private properties?
- Can you please confirm the catchment size, the volume and rate of stormwater for this site?
- Without knowing the exact details it is likely that this activity will also need to be included in this application either as per rule 43 or rule 52, please confirm which rule would apply.

#### Replacement of Outfall Structure:

- The design of the proposed replacement main outfall structure has also been reviewed by e2environmental in conjunction with relevant application documents, the overview of the application (intent of consent application dated 25 June 2019) and proposed consent conditions. Their comments on the proposed consent conditions and request for outstanding information is attached. The information sought by e2environmental is required to inform Council's recommendation and the decision maker.

Council understands that Wairoa District Council would prefer to only provide further details if necessary/possible with proposed consent conditions offered in the absence of complete plans and engineering detail. The approach of providing for this using the condition framework proposed **may** be appropriate to manage future alterations to the outfall structure. However, given the need for a replacement structure is already confirmed to remedy non-compliance, the relevant information

relating to the replacement structure should be available given the urgency WDC have expressed in relation to the installation of the replacement structure.

Perhaps the approach to providing the above and the information required by e2environmental is that this information is made available prior to a hearing taking place (if applicable). Ideally, the information would be available for Council to include in the section 42A report, alternatively it will need to be provided as part of the applicant's evidence (if applicable) or, prior to any decision being made on the applications.

Council do not believe a decision can be made on the proposal without this information. Council notes that the original application did not indicate that the existing out fall pipe was in such disrepair, and that an extension to the existing pipe was all that was proposed.

Please use the attached form to respond to this information request. If you prefer you can email your response to [tania.diack@hbrc.govt.nz](mailto:tania.diack@hbrc.govt.nz) .

As indicated earlier in this letter, the application is not being placed on hold and notification will not be delayed because of this request for further information. However, the information should be provided as soon as practicable so it can be addressed appropriately in Council's section 42A report.

Please contact me on (06) 833 8091 if you have any questions.

Yours faithfully



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In response to the Council's request for further information dated 12 July 2019 relating to the activities and discharges associated with the receipt, treatment, storage and general management of wastewater received at the Wairoa Wastewater Treatment Plant.

*Please tick your response.*

- the information requested is attached
- I'm unable to provide the information by date 15 working days from today, but could send it to you by \_\_\_\_\_
- I refuse to provide the information.

Signature of applicant or authorised agent: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Please print full name of person who signed above.