

## Update 23/01/20 - Tukituki Catchment Plan implementation

### Resource Consent applications

As of 23 January 2020, Hawke's Bay Regional Council (HBRC) have received ten applications for production land use resource consents in the Tukituki catchment, out of a required 296.

### Engagement and Communication

HBRC have had a series of workshops with primary industry representatives, three sub-catchment meetings for affected lanowners in DIN (Dissolved Inorganic Nitrogen) exceeding sub-catchments, attended a number of catchment group meetings and presented to industry groups. HBRC has also offered individual pre-application meetings with Consent Planners to all applicants, at no cost. As part of this engagement HBRC have strongly encouraged early lodgement of consent applications. This is to take advantage of the council's offer to undertake the necessary cumulative effects assessment in the DIN exceeding sub-catchments on behalf of applicants, at a reduced cost to the individual applicant.

There are some discussions ongoing with Federated Farmers, including a proposal which would see them coordinating the required policy analysis on behalf of contributing applicants. It is important to note that the Tukituki Catchment Plan is '**operative**' and the process for implementation must continue regardless of any other processes that are being carried out. This is because other processes may not come to fruition despite everyone's best intentions.

### Requirements for resource consents

A resource consent is required for one, or a combination of:

- an individual property exceeding its Tukituki Land Use Capability (LUC) natural capital nitrogen leaching,
- a property being located within a DIN exceeding sub-catchment,
- or an inability to meet stock exclusion requirements by 1 June 2020

HBRC strongly advise that applications are submitted in good time to avoid unnecessary delays to processing.

HBRC are aware that a number of applications are currently being completed but that there have been some delays due to Provider capacity issues in preparing up-to-date nutrient budgets and farm environment management plans. If there is a delay due to insufficient Provider capacity, but you wish for the application to be included in the HBRC led cumulative assessment of effects, we ask that you let HBRC know and provide an expected due date, so that HBRC can make an informed decision as to whether there will be enough participants to cost effectively undertake the cumulative effects assessment on behalf of a DIN exceeding sub-catchment.

Landowners who are unable to comply with a rule in the Tukituki Catchment Plan by the required date (i.e. 1 June 2020 for land use production or stock exclusion) and have not submitted an application for resource consent to HBRC, will be non-compliant with the rules of the plan and may be subject to enforcement action.