
REPORT 8
(1215/13/IM)

**RATIFICATION OF BOARD SUBMISSION TO THE
WESTERN WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT
RESOURCE CONSENT APPLICATION**

It is recommended that the Makara/Ohariu Community Board:

1. *Receive the information.*
2. *Ratify the submission to the. Western Wastewater Treatment Plant Resource Consent Application.*

Attached is the Board's submission to the Western Wastewater Treatment Plant Resource Consent Application.

Makara/Ohariu Community Board
c/o Chairperson
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10 May 2006

Submission of the **MAKARA OHARIU COMMUNITY BOARD**

on

Notified resource consent application by Wellington City Council
for the **Western Wastewater Treatment Plant**

Submission relates to all coastal and discharge permits required.

The Makara Ohariu Community Board has been consulted during the course of the application being made by Wellington City Council for a 25 year resource consent for the Western Wastewater Treatment Plant. Board members have also been in close touch with community members in the rural area affected by outfall into the Karori stream.

The Board's position with regards to ongoing issues with residents on the matter was resolved in the 16 March 2006 meeting:

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NOTED:

The Board discussed the Western Wastewater Treatment Plant and the emails that they have received from concerned locals over problems with debris in the stream. The Board agreed that they would note any concerns raised over the plant.

RESOLVED:

That the Makara Ohariu Community Board:

1. *Will formally note in its minutes when instance of sewage contamination in the Karori Stream are brought to it's attention.*

The Board wishes to submit in respect of the definitions to be accorded 'occasionally', 'significant wet weather events', 'new outfall', and 'extreme wet weather events' as per the wording of the consents applied for.

The Board submits that a specific definition of 'occasional' needs to be incorporated into the consent to ensure there is a cap on how many events over (for instance) a 5 year-period constitutes 'occasional'. During a 25-year consent, significant or extreme wet weather events may become more common and therefore exceed the unusual circumstances which are to be considered occasional (i.e. a one in one-hundred year flood). If (for instance) 1-2 events per year are commonly exceeded and the Plant does not have the capability to deal with these on a more regular basis, we submit that condition be inserted enabling the consent to be revisited.

This submission will need to be ratified at the Boards meeting on 18 May 2006. We would like the opportunity to make an oral submission to the Hearings committee.

Ruth Paul

Chairperson
Makara/Ohariu Community Board.