



AGENDA

Operations & Regulatory

Tuesday 22 July 2025, 9.00am

Operations and Regulatory Committee

22 July 2025 09:00 AM



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Whakataka te hau

Karakia to open and close meetings

Whakataka te hau ki te uru	Cease the winds from the west
Whakataka te hau ki te tonga	Cease the winds from the south
Kia mākinakina ki uta	Let the breeze blow over the land
Kia mātaratara ki tai	Let the breeze blow over the ocean
Kia hī ake ana te atakura	Let the red-tipped dawn come with a sharpened air
He tio, he huka, he hauhu	A touch of frost, a promise of glorious day
Tūturu o whiti whakamaua kia tina.	Let there be certainty
Tina!	Secure it!
Hui ē! Tāiki ē!	Draw together! Affirm!



Date: 22 July 2025

Subject: Confirmation of Operations and Regulatory Committee Minutes – 10 June 2025

Author: M Jones, Governance Administrator

Approved by: AJ Matthews, Director - Environment Quality

Document: TRCID-1492626864-770

Recommendations

That Taranaki Regional Council:

- a) takes as read and confirms the minutes of the Operations and Regulatory Committee meeting of the Taranaki Regional Council held in the Taranaki Regional Council chambers, 47 Cloten Road, Stratford on 10 June at 9.00am
- b) notes the recommendations therein were adopted by the Taranaki Regional Council on Tuesday 24 June 2025.

Appendices/Attachments

Document TRCID-1492626864-827: [Operations and Regulatory Minutes 10 June 2025.](#)



Date: 10 June 2025

Venue: Taranaki Regional Council Boardroom, 47 Cloten Road, Stratford

Document: TRCID-1492626864-827

Present:

S W Hughes	Chair
B J Bigham	
M G Davey	
D M Cram	zoom
C L Littlewood	zoom
C S Williamson	ex officio
N W Walker	ex officio
R Buttimore	Iwi Representative
D Luke	Iwi Representative
Ā White	Iwi Representative

Attending:

S J Ruru	Chief Executive
A J Matthews	Director - Environment Quality
D Harrison	Director - Operations
F Kiddle	Strategy Lead
L Miller	Manager – Resource Consents (zoom- left meeting at 9.33am)
J Glasgow	Manager – Compliance
J Cookson	Programme Lead - Primary Industry
C Carré	Compliance Officer - Enforcement
C Bevans	Project Interface Coordinator
V McKay	Manager – Environmental Assurance
L Honnor	Programme Lead – Biodiversity (joined meeting at 9.22am)
S Ellis	Environment Services Manager (joined meeting at 9.22am)
M Jones	Governance Administrator
C Woollin	Communications Advisor

Karakia: The meeting opened with a group Karakia at 9.00am.

Apologies: Were received and sustained from Councillor Cloke, Councillor McIntyre and P Muir.

Bigham/Cram

1. Confirmation of Operations and Regulatory Committee Minutes – 29 April 2025

Resolved

That the Taranaki Regional Council:

- a) took as read and confirmed the minutes of the Operations and Regulatory Committee of the Taranaki Regional Council held on 29 April 2025 at Taranaki Regional Council 47 Cloten Road Stratford
- b) noted the recommendations therein were adopted by the Taranaki Regional Council on Tuesday 13 May 2025.

Hughes/White

2. Resource Consents Issued under Delegated Authority & Applications in Progress

- 2.1 L Miller advised of the consents granted and other consent processing actions since the last meeting.

Resolved

That the Taranaki Regional Council:

- a) received the schedule of resource consents granted and other consent processing actions, made under delegated authority.

Hughes/Buttmore

3. Incidents, Compliance Monitoring Non-Compliances and Enforcement Summary – 4 April 2025 to 15 May 2025

- 3.1 J Glasgow provided a summary of the incidents and compliance monitoring non-compliance and enforcement for the period 4 April 2025 to 15 May 2025.

Resolved

That the Taranaki Regional Council:

- a) received this memorandum Incident, Compliance Monitoring Non-Compliances and Enforcement Summary – 4 April 2025 to 15 May 2025
- b) received the summary of the incidents, compliance monitoring non-compliances and enforcement for the period from 4 April 2025 to 15 May 2025
- c) noted the action taken by staff acting under delegated authority.

Bigham/Cram

4. Summary of Dairy Farm Synthetic Nitrogen Application Reporting for the 2023-2024 Season

- 4.1 J Cookson advised of the progress made by Council relating to the implementation of the synthetic nitrogen reporting requirements.

Resolved

That the Taranaki Regional Council:

- a) received this memorandum, Summary of Dairy Farm Nitrogen Application Reporting for the 2023-2024 season
- b) noted compliance with nitrogen application reporting for the 2023-2024 season has been very high and is to be congratulated
- c) noted that enforcement tools will continue to be considered when dealing with over application of synthetic nitrogen and failure to report nitrogen application data.

Davey/Luke

5. Key Native Ecosystem Programme update

- 5.1 L Honnor provided an update on the eight new Key Native Ecosystem sites.

Resolved

That the Taranaki Regional Council:

- a) received this memorandum and the attached inventory sheets for:
 - Te Kainga o nga Wairere Ngahere
 - Ora Downs Bush
 - McDonald's Bush
 - Indy and Cleo's Forest Remnants
 - Fleming's Wetland
 - Munro's Wetland
 - Fowlers Reserve
 - Manawapou Lakes.
- b) noted that the aforementioned sites have indigenous biodiversity values of regional significance and should be identified as Key Native Ecosystem sites

Cram/White

6. Te Ara o Te Ata – Mt Messenger Bypass Update

- 6.1 C Bevins and C Carré provided an update and gave a PowerPoint presentation relating to the progress of Te Ara o Te Ata – Mt Messenger Bypass.

Resolved

That the Taranaki Regional Council:

- a) received the memorandum entitled Te Ara o Te Ata – Mt Messenger Bypass Project
- b) noted the Council will monitor and, where necessary, enforce the provisions of the Resource Management Act 1991 using its Enforcement Policy (2017)
- c) noted the ongoing nature of the project and the role and responsibilities of Council in regard to its timely delivery.

Davey/Wilkinson

Public Excluded

In accordance with section 48(1) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987, resolves that the public is excluded from the following part of the proceedings of the Operations and Regulatory Committee Meeting on Tuesday 10 June 2025.

Item 13 – Confirmation of Public Excluded Operations and Regulatory Minutes – 29 April 2025

That the public conduct of the whole or the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting would be likely to result in the disclosure of information for which good reason for withholding would exist under section 6 (a) and [section 7](#) (2) (a) and (2) (g) of the *Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987*.

Hughes/Bigham

There being no further business the Committee Chairperson, Councillor S W Hughes, declared the meeting of the Operations and Regulatory Committee closed at 10.07am.

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Committee Chairperson: _____

S W Hughes



Date: 22 July 2025

Subject: Resource Consents Issued Under Delegated Authority and Applications in Progress

Author: L Miller, Manager - Resource Consents

Approved by: A D McLay, Director - Resource Management

Document: TRCID-1492626864-875

Purpose

1. The purpose of this memorandum is to advise the consents granted, consents under application and of consent processing actions since the last meeting.

Recommendation

That the Taranaki Regional Council:

- a) receives the schedule of resource consents granted and other consent processing actions, made under delegated authority.
- b) notes that eleven percent more applications were processed in the 2024/2025 period compared to the previous year, which reduced the consent application backlog.

Background

2. The attachments show resource consent applications, certificates of compliance and deemed permitted activities that have been investigated and officer decisions. They are activities having less than minor adverse effects on the environment or having minor effects where affected parties have agreed to the activity. In accordance with sections 87BB, 104 to 108 and 139 of the Resource Management Act 1991, and pursuant to delegated authority to make these decisions, the Chief Executive, the Director—Resource Management, or the Manager-Resource Consents, has allowed the consents, certificates of compliance and deemed permitted activities.
3. The exercise of delegations under the Resource Management Act 1991 is reported for Members' information. Under the delegations manual, consent processing actions are to be reported to the Operations and Regulatory Committee.
4. In addition to the details of the activity consented, the information provided identifies the iwi whose rohe (area of interest) the activity is in. If the activity is in an area of overlapping rohe, both iwi are shown. If the activity is within, adjacent to, or directly affecting a statutory acknowledgement (area of special interest), arising from a Treaty settlement process with the Crown, that is also noted.
5. Also shown, at the request of iwi representatives on the Operations & Regulatory Committee, is a summary of the engagement with iwi and hapū, undertaken by the applicant and the Council during

the application process. Other engagement with third parties to the consent process is also shown. The summary shows the highest level of involvement that occurred with each party. For example, a party may have been consulted by the applicant, provided with a copy of the application by the Council, served notice as an affected party, lodged a submission and ultimately agreed with the consent conditions. In that case, the summary would show only 'agreed with consent conditions', otherwise reporting becomes very complicated.

6. The attachment titled 'Consent Processing Information' includes the figure 'Consent Applications in Progress' which shows the total number of applications in the consent processing system over the last twelve months. The number of applications for the renewal of resource consents is also shown. The difference between the two is the number of new applications, including applications for a change of consent conditions. New applications take priority over renewal applications. Renewal applications are generally put on hold, with the agreement of the applicant, and processed when staff resources allow. A consent holder can continue to operate under a consent that is subject to renewal. The above approach is pragmatic and ensures there are no regulatory impediments to new activities requiring authorisation.
7. The attachment also includes:
 - a. Applications in progress table - the number of applications in progress at the end of each month (broken down into total applications and the number of renewals in progress) for this year and the previous two years
 - b. Potential hearings table outlining the status of applications where a hearing is anticipated and the decision maker(s) (e.g. a hearing panel) has been appointed
 - c. Consents issued table - the number of consents issued at the end of each month for this year and the previous two years
 - d. Breakdown of consents issued. This is the number of consents issued broken down by purpose – new, renewals, changes or review
 - e. Types of consents issued, further broken down into notification types – non-notified, limited notified or public notified
 - f. The length of time to issue decisions on applications broken down by month and the range of days it took to make the decision
 - g. Applications received versus decisions made each year
 - h. Number of times that the public and iwi were involved in an application process for the year so far
 - i. Application processing time extensions compared to the previous years
 - j. Consent type process shows the notification type including applications submitted on and the pre-hearing resolution numbers
 - k. Applications that have been returned because they are incomplete.

Appendices/Attachments

TRCID-1492626864-876: [List of non-notified consents](#)

TRCID-1492626864-867: [Schedule of non-notified consents](#)

TRCID-1492626864-874: [Consents processing charts](#)

Operations and Regulatory Committee - Resource Consents Issued under Delegated Authority and Applications in Progress

Non-notified authorisations issued by the Taranaki Regional Council
between 12 May 2025 and 30 Jun 2025

Discharge Permit						
Consent	Holder	Subtype	Industry Primary	Industry Secondary	Purpose Primary	Activity Purpose
R2/0258-4.0	Gillett Farms Limited	Land - Animal Waste	Agriculture	Farming - Dairy	Effluent disposal	Replace
R2/0467-4.0	RWP Trust	Land - Animal Waste	Agriculture	Farming - Dairy	Effluent disposal	Replace
R2/0877-4.0	Cape View Farms Taranaki Limited	Land - Animal Waste	Agriculture	Farming - Dairy	Effluent disposal	Replace
R2/1068-3.0	Argyll Trust	Land - Animal Waste	Agriculture	Farming - Dairy	Effluent disposal	Replace
R2/1080-4.0	Tauru Farms Limited	Land - Animal Waste	Agriculture	Farming - Dairy	Effluent disposal	Replace
R2/1298-3.1	Blaymires Trusts Partnership	Land - Animal Waste	Agriculture	Farming - Dairy	Effluent disposal	Change
R2/1320-4.0	Mr CA Rowe	Land - Animal Waste	Agriculture	Farming - Dairy	Effluent disposal	Replace
R2/1693-4.0	G & T Curran Limited	Land - Animal Waste	Agriculture	Farming - Dairy	Effluent disposal	New
R2/2813-3.0	Lynskey Agriculture Limited	Land - Animal Waste	Agriculture	Farming - Dairy	Effluent disposal	Replace
R2/3342-3.0	GS & JK Hickey Family Trusts Partnership	Land - Animal Waste	Agriculture	Farming - Dairy	Effluent disposal	Replace
R2/3421-3.0	MLTT Trust	Land - Animal Waste	Agriculture	Farming - Dairy	Effluent disposal	New
R2/3513-3.0	Paul Ernest & Sonya Anne Newman Family Trust	Land - Animal Waste	Agriculture	Farming - Dairy	Effluent disposal	Replace
R2/4043-6.0	Greymouth Petroleum Central Limited	Air - Industry	Energy	Wellsite	Exploration and Production	Replace
R2/4409-3.0	Lallybroch Trust	Land - Animal Waste	Agriculture	Farming - Dairy	Effluent disposal	Replace
R2/4418-3.0	Eton Park Trust	Land - Animal Waste	Agriculture	Farming - Dairy	Effluent disposal	Replace
R2/4451-3.0	Mt Pehu Farm Limited	Land - Animal Waste	Agriculture	Farming - Dairy	Effluent disposal	Replace
R2/5975-2.0	Greymouth Petroleum Central Limited	Air - Industry	Energy	Wellsite	Exploration and Production	Replace
R2/6192-2.1	Groundworkx Taranaki Limited	Land - Solid Waste	Waste Management		Cleanfill	Replace
R2/6274-2.1	Jones Group 2021 Limited	Land/Water Industry	Mining Extraction (excl. hydrocarbon)	Quarry		Change
R2/7025-2.0	Greymouth Petroleum Turangi Limited	Air - Industry	Energy	Wellsite	Exploration and Production	Replace
R2/9966-1.2	Greymouth Petroleum Central Limited	Water - Industry	Energy	Wellsite	Exploration and Production	Change
R2/11292-1.0	Herd Properties Limited	Land - Earthworks	Property Development		Subdivision	New
R2/11336-1.1	First Gas Limited	Land/Water - Earthworks	Energy	Gas Supply	Erosion protection	Change
R2/11368-1.0	Matahio NZ Onshore Limited	Land - DWI	Energy	Wellsite	Exploration and Production	New
R2/11378-1.0	NZ Transport Agency Waka Kotahi	Land/Water - Earthworks	Transport		Roading	New
Land Use Consent						
Consent	Holder	Subtype	Industry Primary	Industry Secondary	Purpose Primary	Activity Purpose
R2/7202-2.0	Hartley Farming Limited	Structure - Culvert	Agriculture	Farming - Dairy	Access	Replace
R2/7369-2.0	Fleur Juliet Knowsley	Structure - Culvert	Property Development		Access	Replace
R2/7551-2.0	Beardmore Family Trust No 2	Structure - Culvert	Agriculture	Farming - Dairy	Access	Replace
R2/7612-2.1	Twin Peaks No 1 & No 2 Trusts	Structure - Culvert	Agriculture	Farming - Dairy	Access	Replace
R2/7627-2.0	New Plymouth District Council	Structure - Erosion Control	Local Government		Erosion protection	Replace
R2/7797-2.0	Dragon Fern Limited	Structure - Culvert	Agriculture	Farming - Dairy	Access	Replace
R2/10769-1.0	Stephen Beck	Realign Waterway	Agriculture	Farming - Drystock	Land Improvement	New
R2/11335-1.1	First Gas Limited	Structure - Erosion Control	Energy	Gas Supply	Erosion protection	Change
R2/11369-1.0	Logs Direct Limited	Forestry - Earthworks	Forestry		Forest Harvesting	New
R2/11379-1.0	NZ Transport Agency Waka Kotahi	Structure - Culvert	Transport		Roading	New
Water Permit						
Consent	Holder	Subtype	Industry Primary	Industry Secondary	Purpose Primary	Activity Purpose
R2/1276-4.0	Stratford District Council	Take Surface Water	Local Government		Water Supply - Municipal	Replace
R2/6118-2.0	Taranaki Regional Council	Divert	Recreational		Recreational	Replace
R2/7346-2.0	Spenceview Farms	Take Surface Water	Agriculture	Farming - Dairy	Irrigation - Pasture	Replace

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[R2/0258-4.0](#)

Gillett Farms Limited

Commencement Date: 19 May 2025

Expiry Date: 01 Sep 2040

Review Dates: Jun 2028, Jun 2034

Activity Class: Controlled

Location: 1225 Richmond Road, Inglewood

To discharge farm dairy effluent onto land

Application Purpose: Replace

Rohe:

Te Atiawa (Statutory Acknowledgement)

Engagement or consultation:

Te Kotahitanga o Te Atiawa Trust

No return correspondence was received

[R2/0467-4.0](#)

RWP Trust

Commencement Date: 19 May 2025

Expiry Date: 01 Sep 2040

Review Dates: Jun 2028, Jun 2034

Activity Class: Controlled

Location: 2362 Wiremu Road, Okato

To discharge farm dairy effluent onto land

Application Purpose: Replace

Rohe:

Taranaki

Engagement or consultation:

Te Kahui o Taranaki Trust

No return correspondence was received

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[R2/0877-4.0](#)

Cape View Farms Taranaki Limited

Location: 701 Parihaka Road, Rahotu
To discharge farm dairy effluent onto land

Rohe:

Taranaki (Statutory Acknowledgement)

Commencement Date: 04 Jun 2025

Expiry Date: 01 Sep 2040

Review Dates: Jun 2028, Jun 2034

Activity Class: Controlled

Application Purpose: Replace

Engagement or consultation:

Te Kahui o Taranaki Trust

Response received

Comments	Council comment
<p>The application includes measures such as new equipment which will assist in improving environmental outcomes.</p> <p>The aerial photography available shows unnamed streams through the farm. It is unclear whether the Dairy Irrigation Plan clearly shows all unnamed tributaries of the Waitōtoroa Stream. And adjoining which setbacks for discharge should apply.</p> <p>The application confirms a riparian planting plan is in place but was not provided in the documents received. Te Kāhui o Taranaki support fenced riparian margins and that they provide sufficient width to achieve ecological outcomes.</p>	<p>In relation to the comment regarding tributaries of the Waitōtoroa Stream that may not be clearly shown in the map:</p> <p>In accordance with the rules of the RWFP, with the aim to protect the well-being of water bodies and freshwater ecosystems, this resource consent will require that the discharge shall not result in any effluent reaching surface water, any subsurface drainage system or any adjacent property. There is a consent condition that specifies that no contaminants shall be discharged within:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 25 metres of any surface water body; or • 25 metres of any fenced (or otherwise identified) urupā without the written approval of the relevant Iwi; or • 50 metres of any bore, well or spring used for water supply purposes; or • 150 metres from any marae, unless the written approval of the marae Chair has been obtained to allow the discharge at a closer distance. <p>This includes a requirement for the consent holder and/or whoever operates the FDE disposal system to keep a record of effluent discharged to land including as minimum the:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • date of discharge; • depth, volume or rate of discharge of liquid effluent; • volume of solid effluent;

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • effluent type (e.g. liquid, slurry, solid); • source of any solid effluent (e.g. anaerobic pond sludge, sand trap); • the specific area that effluent was applied to (shown on a map, plan or aerial photograph); and • the size (in ha or m2) of the area that effluent was applied to <p>This information shall be provided to the Taranaki Regional Council upon request, which is mostly requested during a monitoring inspection.</p> <p>To mitigate adverse environmental effects, all farm dairy effluent discharge consents are subject to a monitoring programme, ensuring conditions of their consent are adhered to. For those farms that breach resource consent conditions, council has several enforcement tools available, which are used in conjunction with extra on farm monitoring.</p>
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[R2/1068-3.0](#)

Argyll Trust

Commencement Date: 14 May 2025

Expiry Date: 01 Sep 2040

Review Dates: Jun 2028, Jun 2034

Activity Class: Controlled

Location: 168 Arawhata Road, Oaonui

To discharge farm dairy effluent onto land

Application Purpose: Replace

Rohe:

Taranaki (Statutory Acknowledgement)

Engagement or consultation:

Te Kahui o Taranaki Trust

Response received

Comments	Council comment
The application site contains the Ngapirau Stream and unnamed tributaries of the Arawhata Stream and adjoins Local Purpose Reserve and the Coastal Marine Area.	We acknowledge and appreciate the time taken to consider this application and we value the comments made and would like to share the following response:

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<p>The Regional Freshwater Plan describes Pūkawa/Reefs and fishing ledge running alongside the property and adjoining fishing grounds. Along the full length of the property the near shore reef is described as a significant indigenous biodiversity area.</p> <p>Dairy treatment pond effluent has the potential to have significant impacts on receiving waters, particularly in areas of numerous discharges or low river flows. While pond systems considerably reduce contaminants discharged to water compared with untreated effluent, significant contaminants are still present. Even well-maintained systems can have major adverse impacts on the water quality of streams, particularly where there is a cumulative effect of several discharges.</p> <p>It is encouraging to note that the current method of discharge via a constructed drain to the Arawhata Stream is to change the FDE discharge to 100% land. However, overall we consider the Assessment of Environmental Effects Statement for this application is brief.</p> <p>Of concern, the assessment of the receiving environment for each is incomplete in terms of detail regarding historic and current state of receiving environment and contaminant transportation pathways, and clear description of the values of the receiving waters inclusive of cultural values and associations.</p> <p>In addition the plans provided do not clearly depict the Ngapirau Stream and unnamed tributaries of the Arawhata Stream. From the lack of detail relating to the streams there is no assurance that the discharge will meet the minimum setback from the streams.</p> <p>No specific consultation has taken place with Taranaki Iwi, given dairy farm effluent discharges are concentrated within the Taranaki Iwi Rohe.</p> <p><u>Taiao, Taiora – Taranaki Iwi Environmental Management Plan</u></p> <p>Taiao, Taiora sets out expectations of Taranaki Iwi about enhancing the quality of the environment in our rohe.</p>	<p>Council acknowledges that the applicant did not engage with Te Kahui o Taranaki to inform the application in this instance nor provided an assessment of relevant objectives and policies contained within Taiao, Taiora – Taranaki Iwi Environmental Management Plan. Council is working to improve our processes to encourage applicants to engage with iwi prior to lodgement, including recent updates to our application forms to include a section on Iwi Consultation.</p> <p>Council also acknowledges the sharing of historic and cultural knowledge in your comments. We can confirm that these comments are included in the decision document for this consent which is forwarded to the consent holder for their information at the completion of processing.</p> <p>Council acknowledges Te Kahui o Taranaki concerns regarding the buffer zone for discharges, and the potential impacts on the Ngapirau Stream and unnamed tributaries of the Arawhata Stream.</p> <p>Council has carefully considered the effects of the proposed activity on the environment and the way any adverse effects might be mitigated. Each application lodged includes an on farm assessment by a Council Officer to ground-truth the details included in the application documentation.</p> <p>In accordance with the rules of the RWFP, with the aim to protect the well-being of water bodies and freshwater ecosystems, this resource consent requires that the discharge shall not result in any effluent reaching surface water, any subsurface drainage system or any adjacent property and no contaminants shall be discharged within:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 25 metres of any surface water body; or • 25 metres of any fenced (or otherwise identified) urupā without the written approval of the relevant Iwi; or • 50 metres of any bore, well or spring used for water supply purposes; or • 150 metres from any marae, unless the written approval of the marae Chair has been obtained to allow the discharge at a closer distance.
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<p>The provisions of Tangaroa-ki-uta from the Environmental Management Plan are directly relevant to this application. These provisions look to achieve restoration and enhancement of the health of all wai within Taranaki Iwi, and the relationship of Iwi, hapū, marae/pā and whānau with their ancestral waters.</p> <p>The small boulder reefs are possibly one of the most unique features of the Taranaki Iwi coastline, providing special habitat for many varieties of marine life. The entire coastline of Ngā Tai a Kupe has provided Taranaki Iwi with a constant supply of food.</p> <p>The reefs also contain the ancient tauranga waka or awa waka, where large boulders were moved aside by hand to create channels in the reef. This provided access to offshore fishing grounds and prevented boats from being smashed on rocks by the heavy surf. Large kāinga were also built around the tauranga waka providing hapū and the wider Taranaki Iwi with the infrastructure for efficient fishing operations</p> <p>Significant objectives of the plan include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Human actions have and are degrading the mouri of Tangaroa-ki-Tai in the Taranaki Iwi rohe. • The mouri of Wai Māori in the Taranaki Iwi rohe will be protected, cared for and restored. • All freshwater in the rohe is fishable and swimmable by 2040. All significant waterbodies are drinkable and are of a quality appropriate for use in customary cleansing practices by 2060. • The relationship of Taranaki Iwi, hapū, marae/pā and whānau with wai is respected, enhanced and supported. • Water takes are managed in a way that allows our rivers and streams to be sustainable, healthy and life enhancing. <p><u><i>Te Kāhui o Taranaki Monitoring of Streams and Catchments</i></u></p> <p>Te Kāhui o Taranaki has been actively monitoring our waterways since 2020 in accordance with the objectives and policies of Taiao, Taiora expressed above. This programme of monitoring has built on generations of observations made by whānau as to the decline of the health of te Taiao.</p> <p>Te Kāhui o Taranaki has a strong understanding of the health of these waterways.</p>	<p>This includes a requirement for the consent holder and/or whoever operates the FDE disposal system to keep a record of effluent discharged to land including as minimum the:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • date of discharge; • depth, volume or rate of discharge of liquid effluent; • volume of solid effluent; • effluent type (e.g. liquid, slurry, solid); • source of any solid effluent (e.g. anaerobic pond sludge, sand trap); • the specific area that effluent was applied to (shown on a map, plan or aerial photograph); and • the size (in ha or m2) of the area that effluent was applied to <p>This information shall be provided to the Taranaki Regional Council upon request, which is mostly requested during a monitoring inspection.</p> <p>To mitigate adverse environmental effects, all farm dairy effluent discharge consents are subject to a monitoring programme, ensuring conditions of their consent are adhered to. For those farms that breach resource consent conditions, council has several enforcement tools available, which are used in conjunction with extra on farm monitoring.</p> <p>We appreciate and acknowledge the strong understanding Te Kāhui o Taranaki has of the health of the waterways and the ongoing monitoring being undertaken since 2020.</p> <p>Our team will be in touch to arrange a meeting to discuss concerns outlined in the comments (attached) and look forward to continuing to strengthen our relationship with Taranaki iwi and hapū and welcome your feedback.</p>
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<p><u>Assessment</u></p> <p>The application information has been reviewed by Te Kāhui o Taranaki and we provide the following comments and clarifications:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Te Kāhui o Taranaki Iwi has not been engaged to inform the proposal, despite the relationship of Taranaki Iwi with the Ngapirau Stream and the Arawhata Stream and its tributaries and its tributaries. • Te Kāhui o Taranaki Iwi would like to share understanding of the condition of catchments drawing on the monitoring undertaken alongside technical reports prepared by Taranaki Regional Council and discuss how the conditions of consent for FDE applications will manage the activity towards the restoration of these various waterbodies. <p>Te Kāhui o Taranaki Iwi request a meeting to discuss this monitoring regime with the Regional Council for these catchments and following this to review draft conditions for these resource consents and to confirm ability for cultural monitoring to occur.</p> <p>We understand there is a further round of renewals due later this year and it will be important to inform and evaluate resource consents within each catchment.</p>	
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Stephen Beck

Commencement Date: 13 May 2025

Expiry Date: 01 Jun 2060

Review Dates: Jun 2027, Jun 2033, Jun 2039, Jun 2045, Jun 2051, Jun 2057

Activity Class: Discretionary

Location: 290 Croydon Road, Midhirst

Application Purpose: New

To retrospectively consent the realignment and reclamation of an unnamed tributary of the Manganui River, including associated streambed disturbance

Rohe:

Te Atiawa (Statutory Acknowledgement)

Engagement or consultation:

Te Kotahitanga o Te Atiawa Trust

Response received

Comments	Council comment and consideration 2019 - 2025
Kotahitanga o Te Atiawa Trust – 28 August 2019	
We have some concerns about the realignment of the waterway. Can we have a chat about this?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Telephone conversation between Kim Giles, Consents Officer, and Sarah Mako on 2 September 2019. Te Atiawa considered affected parties. Written approvals requested on 5 December 2019. Applicant engages Te Atiawa – email correspondence with Sarah Mako dated 9 December 2019 (Doc #3266181). The applicant states that no further correspondence was received. Consent Planner sent follow up email to Sarah Mako requesting update on 12 March 2024 (Doc #3254912). No response received. Following review by the Environmental Planner, Te Atiawa were not considered affected parties, as any adverse effects were assessed as being less than minor (see 'Notification Assessment'). In reaching this conclusion, consideration was given to the eight years that have passed since the realignment occurred, and the extent to which the existing environment has evolved over that period (see 'Actual and Potential Effects' for further discussion).

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The realignment was completed in 2016/17 and has since been fenced from stock and planted in riparian vegetation. During a site visit in October 2024, a limited visual assessment of the stream habitat was undertaken. It was observed that the riparian margins have established well, contributing to functions such as shading and bank stability, and that a natural bed substrate has formed along the realigned channel. The realignment was conveying continuous flow, and the rock riffles installed by the applicant appeared to be functioning as intended slowing flow velocities and creating habitat diversity through pool formation. No fish passage barriers were identified during the visit, and the presence of koura (freshwater crayfish) was also noted.• The existing environment has materially improved since the time of the works in 2016/17 and also from that in 2019 when the retrospective consent application was lodged. The current state of the watercourse reflects a materially improved and stabilised environment compared to conditions at the time of the works and when the application was first lodged in 2019. These observed outcomes have informed the decision to grant retrospective consent.
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[R2/1080-4.0](#)

Tauru Farms Limited

Location: South Road, Rahotu
To discharge farm dairy effluent onto land

Rohe:
Taranaki (Statutory Acknowledgement)

Engagement or consultation:
Te Kahui o Taranaki Trust

Commencement Date: 23 Jun 2025

Expiry Date: 01 Sep 2040

Review Dates: Jun 2028, Jun 2034

Activity Class: Controlled

Application Purpose: Replace

No return correspondence was received

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[R2/11292-1.0](#)

Herd Properties Limited

Commencement Date: 23 May 2025

Expiry Date: 01 Jun 2035

Activity Class: Controlled

Location: 1167 & 1165A Devon Road

Application Purpose: New

To discharge stormwater and sediment from earthworks, associated with the subdivision of land for residential development, into and onto land in circumstances where it may enter the Waitaha Stream and its unnamed tributary

Rohe:

Te Atiawa (Statutory Acknowledgement)

Engagement or consultation:

New Plymouth District Council

Consulted by applicant

Puketapu Hapū

Consulted by applicant

Taranaki Regional Council

Consulted by applicant

Te Kotahitanga o Te Atiawa Trust

No return correspondence was received

Nga Kaitiaki O Puketapu Hapū Trust

Response received

Comments	Council comment
Emails from Ms Salisbury – (Email chain #3320594)	
<p>Email from Ms Salisbury (10 October 2024) -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Noted that the application is a part of an overall subdivision development that they are working with NPDC on. In their view the application must be jointly processed with NPDC as the two are reliant on one another. Attached their initial response to the subdivision application Requested a meeting with the processing planner. Stated that there will be a meeting with NPDC and asked if the Council can be present as well. <p>Stated that Puketapu hapū must be found to be a potentially affected party to this application</p>	<p>Stated that we are happy to attend a meeting with New Plymouth District Council (NPDC) and Hapū.</p> <p>Attended joint meeting with NPDC and Hapū on the 31 October.</p>
Meeting with Puketapu hapu, NPDC and the Council – 31 October 2024 (Email #3320630)	<p><u>Council Attendees</u></p> <p>Shaun Moffitt, Environmental Planner – Consents</p> <p>Jonti Owen, Team Leader – Resource Consents</p>
<p>Meeting between Puketapu Hapū, NPDC and the Council</p> <p><u>Overall Discussion</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Discussion about restoration of the Waitaha Stream; Flooding issues within the urban development areas; 	<p>Council outlined the need for restoration of the Waitaha to have a more wholistic approach rather than be done piecemeal by each subdivision which may lead to a wide variety of inconsistent restoration which is inefficient, more costly and doesn't maximise the potential benefits.</p> <p>Concerns around restricting flooding within the catchment noted. Should be addressed in</p>

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Multiple subdivisions occurring along the Waitaha Stream <p>Matters discussed related to the broader objectives of the proposed restoration works proposed to take place with the subdivision. Many of the discussions related to urban development around the Waitaha as a whole and may not be specifically focussed on this application. Most discussions were between NPDC and Puketapu Hapu.</p> <p><u>Puketapu hapu specifically discussed</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Their support for the restoration of the Waitaha Stream. Their concerns around potential effects on Mahinga Kai at the coastal environment downstream and the need for flooding to flush contaminants out of those environments. 	<p>restoration works and their effects on flooding within the Waitaha.</p> <p>No issues were raised around the earthworks and the sediment and stormwater discharge.</p>
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[R2/11335-1.1](#)

First Gas Limited

Commencement Date: 19 Jun 2025

Expiry Date: 01 Jun 2055

Review Dates: Jun 2028, Jun 2034, Jun 2040, Jun 2046, Jun 2052

Activity Class: Discretionary

Application Purpose: Change

Location: Waiinu Beach Road, Waitotara

To install and use erosion protection structures in the Waitotara River

Change of consent conditions to enable the installation of temporary erosion protection structures between 1 May and 31 October

[R2/11336-1.1](#)

First Gas Limited

Commencement Date: 19 Jun 2025

Expiry Date: 01 Jun 2030

Activity Class: Discretionary

Application Purpose: Change

Location: Waiinu Beach Road, Waitotara

To temporarily discharge stormwater and sediment from earthworks to land and into the Waitotara River

Change of consent conditions to enable the installation of temporary erosion protection structures, and the stabilisation of a disturbed soil area, between 1 May and 31 October

Rohe:

Ngaa Rauru Kaitahi (Statutory Acknowledgement)

Engagement or consultation x 2 applications:

Te Kaahui o Rauru

Consulted by applicant

Te Kaahui o Rauru

No return correspondence was received

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[R2/11368-1.0](#)

Matahio NZ Onshore Limited

Commencement Date: 04 Jun 2025

Expiry Date: 01 Jun 2044

Review Dates: Jun annually

Activity Class: Discretionary

Location: 323 Durham Road Upper, Norfolk

Application Purpose: New

To discharge contaminants into land via deep well injection for the purpose of gas storage

Rohe:

Taranaki (Statutory Acknowledgement)

Te Atiawa (Statutory Acknowledgement)

Engagement or consultation:

Graham David & Vanda Kathryn Robinson

Consulted by applicant

Te Kahui o Taranaki Trust

No return correspondence was received

Te Kotahitanga o Te Atiawa Trust

No return correspondence was received

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[R2/11369-1.0](#)

Logs Direct Limited

Commencement Date: 19 May 2025

Expiry Date: 01 Jun 2030

Activity Class: Restricted discretionary

Location: Waitiri Road, Stratford District

Application Purpose: New

To undertake earthworks for the purpose of commercial forestry activities

Rohe:

Ngaa Rauru Kiiitahi

Ngāti Maru

Ngāti Ruanui

Engagement or consultation:

South Taranaki District Council

Consulted by applicant

Taranaki Kiwi Trust

Consulted by applicant

Te Kaahui o Rauru

No return correspondence was received

Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Ruanui Trust

No return correspondence was received

Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Maru (Taranaki) Trust

Response received late

Comment from Ngāti Maru	Response from Planner
<p>Thank you for providing a copy of the resource consent application under the NES-CF on land. The land and waterways within our rohe hold significant traditional, cultural, environmental and spiritual value to Ngāti Maru. We would appreciate the opportunity to work with the applicant to address our concerns about the proposed activity.</p> <p>There are a substantial number of commercial forestry operations within our rohe and over time, this has contributed to the significant degradation of the health of the land and waterways. We would like to work with commercial forestry operators within our rohe to ensure that best practise forestry methods are implanted and efforts are made to restore the natural environment.</p> <p>We have concerns about the environmental impacts of the proposed activities, including detrimental impacts to waterways, sites and areas of significance to Māori and indigenous vegetation. To mitigate the environmental and cultural impacts of the activity, we recommend the following conditions of consent be imposed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Buffer zones of at least 20-metres be established along all waterways which traverse the site. The 	<p>The applicant provided a Forestry Earthworks Management Plan (FEMP) with the application, that was developed in accordance with the <i>New Zealand Forest Engineering Manual 2020</i> and the <i>Forestry Slash Risk Management Handbook</i>. The application was reviewed by myself and Compliance Team Leader Paul Davison. After confirming proposed earthworks volumes with the agent, compliance staff determined that the proposed erosion and sediment controls needed to be refined, and this is reflected in Condition 5 which requires the finalised FEMP to be certified by Council before earthworks may commence. Although our discretion is restricted for this activity, we believe implementation of the certified FEMP will ensure any adverse effects are appropriately avoided and/or mitigated. Consent conditions also include requirements to progressively stabilise earthworks sites, and to attend a pre-works meeting with Council.</p> <p>Specifically, condition 5 requires the finalised FEMP to include the following (underlining by me):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the information requirements within Schedule 4 of the National Environmental

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<p>buffer zones shall be planted with native vegetation and maintained in perpetuity</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Erosion and sediment control measures shall be implemented and maintained until the site has been remediated / replanted / stabilised • No machinery be used within the 20-metre buffer zones and any fallen trees be removed safely without causing damage to watercourses • The removal of indigenous vegetation shall be restricted to only that necessary to undertake the forestry activities. For any indigenous vegetation removed, the consent holder shall replant / restore twice the area removed with native vegetation like the vegetation removed and species which support the regeneration of the indigenous vegetation removed. The replacement native planting is to be maintained in perpetuity. • There are archaeological sites in proximity. We request further information on what those sites are. We also request that accidental discovery protocols are in place. In the event of any archaeological find, works shall cease immediately and Ngāti Maru immediately notified. Ngāti Maru will then advise on appropriate ways forward. • The consent holder shall invite Ngāti Maru to develop a robust monitoring plan for the activity – which includes (but is not limited to) monitoring of the surrounding waterways, species monitoring • The consent holder shall invite Ngāti Maru to develop a biodiversity enhancement plan for the site. The biodiversity enhancement plan shall include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Pest control and restoration planting ○ Monitoring and action plans <p>Ngāti Maru holds cultural responsibility to ensure that any land use activities are carried out in a manner that upholds the principles of kaitiakitanga (guardianship) and ensures the wellbeing of the environment. The applicant's proposal to harvest and undertake earthworks within areas containing threatened bird species and indigenous vegetation requires a robust set out mitigation measures to address the environmental and cultural impacts of the activity.</p> <p>We request to be actively involved in all conversations and efforts regarding taonga species within our rohe (i.e. consultation with conservation bodies regarding protection of kiwi). We also wish to participate in any monitoring of the activity.</p>	<p>Standards for Commercial forestry, version as of 3 April 2024;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the timing of earthworks; • a site plan or a series of plans showing contours, areas to be disturbed, cut and fill areas, stockpile areas, <u>erosion and sediment control structures, waterbodies and wetlands, and exclusion areas that are not to be disturbed</u> (i.e. ecological features, contaminated areas, or <u>archaeological sites</u>); • the staging of each earthworks area and how the staging relates to the erosion and sediment control devices; • the <u>design criteria and dimensions of all key erosion and sediment control structures</u> (including catchment sizes for proposed controls); • works monitoring, including routine monitoring, rainfall triggers and significant rainfall event contingencies; • details of any winter works that will occur including what works will occur, where works will occur, additional erosion and sediment control measures required to mitigate increased risk, and any additional relevant information; • identification of key roles and responsibilities for erosion and sediment control; • <u>spill contingency planning</u>; and • <u>stabilisation methods that will be used, including where and when.</u>
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<p>We strongly advocate for active monitoring, the inclusion of cultural oversight, and adaptive management to ensure that all adverse effects on the environment, particularly in relation to erosion, freshwater, and indigenous vegetation, are minimised. We also emphasise the need for Ngāti Maru to be involved in the ongoing management of this proposal to ensure that the principles of the Ngāti Maru Settlement Act are respected, and that our role as kaitiaki can be upheld. Ngāti Maru welcomes any further discussion regarding this application and look forward to working together moving forward.</p>	
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[R2/11378-1.0](#)

NZ Transport Agency Waka Kotahi

Commencement Date: 27 Jun 2025

Expiry Date: 01 Jun 2030

Activity Class: Controlled

Location: Mōkau Road (State Highway 3)

Application Purpose: New

To discharge stormwater and sediment from earthworks associated with the installation of a culvert onto land and into the Waioiotawa Stream

Rohe:

Ngāti Maniapoto (Statutory Acknowledgement)

Ngāti Tama

Engagement or consultation:

Gordon Andrew Thomas & Joy Keighley

Consulted by applicant

Ngāti Maniapoto

No return correspondence was received

Rodney Barlow

Written approval provided

Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Tama

Consulted by applicant

Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Tama

No return correspondence was received

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[R2/11379-1.0](#)

NZ Transport Agency Waka Kotahi

Commencement Date: 27 Jun 2025

Expiry Date: 01 Jun 2039

Review Dates: Jun 2027, Jun 2033

Activity Class: Discretionary

Location: Mōkau Road (State Highway 3)

Application Purpose: New

To install and use a culvert in the Waioiotawa Stream for roading purposes

Rohe:

Ngāti Maniapoto (Statutory Acknowledgement)

Ngāti Tama

Engagement or consultation:

Gordon & Joy Keighley

Consulted by applicant

Ngāti Maniapoto

No return correspondence was received

Rodney Barlow

Written approval provided

Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Tama

Consulted by applicant

Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Tama

No return correspondence was received

[R2/1276-4.0](#)

Stratford District Council

Commencement Date: 20 May 2025

Expiry Date: 01 Jun 2045

Review Dates: Jun 2027, Jun 2030, Jun 2033, Jun 2036, Jun 2039, Jun 2042

Activity Class: Discretionary

Location: Mountain Road, Midhirst

Application Purpose: Replace

To take and use surface water from the Te Popo Stream for municipal water supply purposes

Rohe:

Ngāruahine (Statutory Acknowledgement)

Ngāti Maru

Ngāti Ruanui

Engagement or consultation:

Okahu-Inuawai (me etehi atu) Hapū

Consulted by applicant

Pukerangiora Hapū

Consulted by applicant

Taranaki Fish & Game

Consulted by applicant

Te Korowai o Ngāruahine Trust

Consulted by applicant

Te Korowai o Ngāruahine Trust

No return correspondence was received

Te Kotahitanga o Te Atiawa Trust

Consulted by applicant

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Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Maru (Taranaki) Trust	Consulted by applicant
Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Maru (Taranaki) Trust	No return correspondence was received
Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Ruanui Trust	Consulted by applicant
Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Ruanui Trust	No return correspondence was received

[R2/1298-3.1](#)

Blaymires Trusts Partnership

Commencement Date: 23 Jun 2025

Expiry Date: 01 Dec 2047

Review Dates: Jun 2029, Jun 2035, Jun 2041

Activity Class: Discretionary

Location: 176 Neill Road, Kaponga

To discharge farm dairy effluent onto land

Application Purpose: Change

Change of conditions to increase the herd size

Rohe:

Ngāruahine (Statutory Acknowledgement)

Engagement or consultation:

Te Korowai o Ngāruahine Trust

No return correspondence was received

[R2/1320-4.0](#)

Mr CA Rowe

Commencement Date: 09 Jun 2025

Expiry Date: 01 Sep 2040

Review Dates: Jun 2028, Jun 2034

Activity Class: Controlled

Location: 90 Otaraoa Road, Waitara

To discharge farm dairy effluent onto land

Application Purpose: Replace

Rohe:

Te Atiawa (Statutory Acknowledgement)

Engagement or consultation:

Te Kotahitanga o Te Atiawa Trust

No return correspondence was received

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[R2/1693-4.0](#)

G & T Curran Limited

Location: 503 Climie Road, Stratford
To discharge farm dairy effluent onto land

Rohe:

Ngāruahine (Statutory Acknowledgement)
Ngāti Ruanui

Engagement or consultation:

Te Korowai o Ngāruahine Trust
Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Ruanui Trust
South Taranaki District Council

Commencement Date: 26 May 2025

Expiry Date: 01 Sep 2040

Review Dates: Jun 2028, Jun 2034

Activity Class: Controlled

Application Purpose: New

No return correspondence was received

No return correspondence was received

Response received

[R2/2813-3.0](#)

Lynskey Agriculture Limited

Location: 203 Watino Road, Opunake
To discharge farm dairy effluent onto land

Rohe:

Ngāruahine (Statutory Acknowledgement)
Taranaki (Statutory Acknowledgement)

Engagement or consultation:

Te Kahui o Taranaki Trust
Te Korowai o Ngāruahine Trust

Commencement Date: 19 May 2025

Expiry Date: 01 Sep 2040

Review Dates: Jun 2028, Jun 2034

Activity Class: Controlled

Application Purpose: Replace

No return correspondence was received

No return correspondence was received

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[R2/3342-3.0](#)

GS & JK Hickey Family Trusts Partnership

Commencement Date: 30 Jun 2025

Expiry Date: 01 Sep 2040

Review Dates: Jun 2028, Jun 2034

Activity Class: Controlled

Location: 56 Puniho Road, Okato

To discharge farm dairy effluent onto land

Application Purpose: Replace

Rohe:

Taranaki

Engagement or consultation:

Te Kahui o Taranaki Trust

No return correspondence was received

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[R2/3421-3.0](#)

MLTT Trust

Commencement Date: 21 May 2025

Expiry Date: 01 Sep 2040

Review Dates: Jun 2028, Jun 2034

Activity Class: Controlled

Location: 837 Arawhata Road Opunake

To discharge farm dairy effluent onto land

Application Purpose: New

Rohe:

Taranaki (Statutory Acknowledgement)

Engagement or consultation:

Te Kahui o Taranaki Trust

Response received

Comments – received after issuing	Council comment
<p>This application includes a formal request to Taranaki Iwi for consultation through the process for pre application consultation. Te Kāhui o Taranaki support pre-engagement prior to lodging the resource consent application. In addition, the application demonstrates consideration of Taiao Taiora within the proposal.</p> <p>The application sets out proposed improvements/upgrades to existing processes. This includes a bladder for storage to allow for deferred irrigation, so that effluent will only be applied when an adequate soil moisture deficit exists and factoring in emergency storage.</p> <p>The applicant has advised a Riparian Planting Plan is in place. While the Plan was not included, Taranaki Iwi support increasing vegetation setbacks from the Oaonui Stream and planting in line with 'Restoration Planting in Taranaki: A guide to the Egmont Ecological District.</p>	<p>Thank you for your comments relating to this application. In this instance, as the comment was received after the granting of the consent they could not be included for consideration in the Officers Report. However, we value the comments made and will forward these to the applicant and their agent for their information. The comments will also be kept on the file for this application and shared with the policy team.</p>

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[R2/3513-3.0](#)

Paul Ernest & Sonya Anne Newman Family Trust

Commencement Date: 21 May 2025

Expiry Date: 01 Sep 2040

Review Dates: Jun 2028, Jun 2034

Activity Class: Controlled

Location: 1022 Frankley Road, New Plymouth

To discharge farm dairy effluent onto land

Application Purpose: Replace

Rohe:

Taranaki (Statutory Acknowledgement)

Te Atiawa (Statutory Acknowledgement)

Engagement or consultation:

Te Kahui o Taranaki Trust

No return correspondence was received

Te Kotahitanga o Te Atiawa Trust

No return correspondence was received

[R2/4043-6.0](#)

Greymouth Petroleum Central Limited

Commencement Date: 22 May 2025

Expiry Date: 01 Jun 2039

Review Dates: Jun 2027, Jun 2033

Activity Class: Restricted discretionary

Location: Ngatoro-B wellsite, 331 Bedford Road

North, Inglewood

Application Purpose: Replace

To discharge emissions to air associated with hydrocarbon wells at the Ngatoro-B wellsite

Rohe:

Taranaki

Te Atiawa (Statutory Acknowledgement)

Engagement or consultation:

Ross and Rachel Gilberd

Written approval provided

Te Kahui o Taranaki Trust

No return correspondence was received

Te Kotahitanga o Te Atiawa Trust

No return correspondence was received

Te Kotahitanga o Te Atiawa Trust

Response received

Comments	Council comment and considerations
Te Atiawa – 18 March 2021	Environmental Planner, Resource Consents
It is considered that the cumulative effect of air emissions, including this proposal, has an unacceptable cultural effect and an unacceptable effect on tangata whenua.	Thank you for raising the concern regarding cultural effects. In making this determination the Council will give due consideration to any

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	adverse effects that may be associated with the proposed discharge.
Pukerangiora and Te Kotahitanga have not been engaged to provide cultural expertise to inform the application.	Noted, we encourage applicants to engage with Iwi prior to lodgement.
The reports relating to Mangaheva-2 and Kowhai-1 are not considered to be relevant to the context, landscape and character of the area. The findings have not benefited from mātauranga Māori.	Noted, however those reports regarding Mangaheva-2 and Kowhai-1 are not relevant to the determination of application for Ngatoro-B.
The monitoring undertaken by TRC has concluded that there are <i>'No adverse effects on air quality have occurred from existing consented activities'</i> . This conclusion has not benefited from mātauranga Māori.	Noted, thank you.
The applicant was advised the most efficient way for the cultural expertise of tangata whenua being engaged to inform a proposal is via a Cultural Impact Assessment (CIA) process. It is not for the applicant to advise when and when not a CIA is required. The existing activities and uses have an effect. No details of the comprehensive engagement undertaken at the time of the construction/ original consents. There are no conditions on existing consent which allow for the engagement of tangata whenua to inform the on-going uses. It is known that other companies have engaged this expertise to inform their renewal processes. The inconsistencies in TRC's processing is of concern.	Thank you for your comment. While we acknowledge the importance of engaging with tangata whenua, the decision to undertake a CIA is determined on a case by case basis in consultation with the applicant and consideration of the environmental effects of the application.
The section 104 of the Resource Management Act 1991 assessment is considered to be deficient in relation to cultural matters.	Council has considered Te Atiawa Iwi Environmental Management Plan, 'Tai Whenua, Tai Tangata, Tai Ao' during the assessment of this application.
Commend the applicant on noting reference to <i>Tai Whenua, Tai Tangata, Tai Ao</i> ; however, there is a lack of assessment. The EMP is a tool for engagement, it is not expected to replace engagement. TRC continue to endorse this poor engagement.	Noted, Council advises applicants that consultation prior to submission is best practice.
Further information is requested in accordance with section 92 of the Resource Management Act 1991 processes. Pukerangiora and Te Kotahitanga are identified as affected parties in accordance with section 95 of the Resource Management Act 1991 processes.	As required by the RMA the Council will step through the requirements set forth in Sections 95 to 95G to determine whether public or limited notification is required, and whether or not any persons are considered affected persons.

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[R2/4409-3.0](#)

Lallybroch Trust

Location: 1685 Upper Auroa Road, Hawera

To discharge farm dairy effluent onto land

Rohe:

Ngāruahine (Statutory Acknowledgement)

Taranaki (Statutory Acknowledgement)

Commencement Date: 04 Jun 2025

Expiry Date: 01 Sep 2040

Review Dates: Jun 2028, Jun 2034

Activity Class: Controlled

Application Purpose: Replace

Engagement or consultation:

Te Kahui o Taranaki Trust

No return correspondence was received

Te Korowai o Ngāruahine Trust

Response received

Comments	Council comment
<p>1. Te Korowai o Ngāruahine Trust (Te Korowai) appreciates your request for comments on the application to replace the permit to discharge Animal Waste Discharge to land at 1685 Upper Auroa Road, Awatuna.</p> <p>2. As the post settlement governance entity (PSGE) for Ngāruahine, Te Korowai has a responsibility to ensure that the interests of Ngāruahine are safe-guarded. This means considering the extent to which any proposed activities may impact those areas under statutory acknowledgement and/or Deed of Recognition (Ngāruahine Claims Settlement Act 2016). This includes:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> the environmental, cultural, and spiritual interests of Ngāruahine within its rohe; and the potential or actual impacts on the physical, psychological, cultural, and spiritual wellbeing of Ngāruahine (Te Korowai o Ngāruahine Trust Deed). <p>3. The Ouri, Punehu and their tributaries are subject to a statutory acknowledgement and deed of recognition as per the Ngāruahine Claims Settlement Act 2016.</p> <p>4. The Trustees of Te Korowai and any member of Ngāruahine may cite a statutory acknowledgement in regard to activities before the relevant consent authority within, adjacent to or directly affecting the statutory area.</p> <p>5. A deed of recognition recognises the historical, spiritual, cultural and/or traditional relationship</p>	<p>We acknowledge and appreciate the time taken to consider this application and we value the comments made and would like to share the following response (with reference to comments received in italics below):</p> <p><i>The application is within the Hapū boundary of Ngāti Tū, Ngāti Hāua and Ngāti Tamaahuroa Titahi who have a historical, spiritual and cultural connection to this waterbody. These comments from Te Korowai do not undermine the mana motuhake of the Hapū or prevent them from submitting on their own behalf.</i></p> <p>We appreciate and acknowledge the historical, spiritual and cultural connection of Ngāti Tū, Ngāti Hāua and Ngāti Tamaahuroa Titahi Hapū to the waterway and that the comments submitted by Te Korowai do not undermine the mana motuhake of the hapū or prevent them from submitting on their own behalf.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <i>There has been no pre-application consultation or communication from the applicant with Te Korowai, Ngāti Tū, Ngāti Hāua or Ngāti Tamaahuroa-Titahi.</i> <i>We acknowledge that Section 36A of the RMA does not require applicants to consult with anyone about resource consent applications.</i> <i>However, it is the expectation of Te Korowai that applicants and/or their consultants are following best practice and engaging early with Hapū and Iwi to identify potential issues.</i>

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<p>with the area of concern and the mana whenua status which results from that relationship.</p> <p>6. These statements of association are not binding on the relevant consenting authority. However, the relevant consenting authority may take the statutory acknowledgement into account when making a decision on the management of the area concerned.</p> <p>7. The application is within the Hapū boundary of Ngāti Tū, Ngāti Hāua and Ngāti TamaahuroaTitahi who have a historical, spiritual and cultural connection to this waterbody. These comments from Te Korowai do not undermine the mana motuhake of the Hapū or prevent them from submitting on their own behalf.</p> <p>8. Te Uru Taiao o Ngāruahine is our environmental plan which has now been lodged with all relevant consenting authorities.</p> <p><u>Te Uru Taiao o Ngāruahine – Ngāruahine Kaitiaki Plan</u></p> <p>Ngāruahine Bottom Lines</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Te Korowai absolutely opposes the direct discharge of wastewater, farm dairy effluent or contaminants to all water bodies within the rohe of Ngāruahine. • Te Korowai supports the development of local government policies and rules that halt the degradation of both biodiversity and the mauri of the Taiao. <p><u>General Issues</u></p> <p><i>Inadequate planning and management practices mean that our waterways have been used as drains for chemical and biological contaminants. The use of dilution as a panacea to pollution fails to consider the holistic and interconnected nature of our Taiao.</i></p> <p><u>Papatūānuku – Issues</u></p> <p>The following land uses have actual and potential impacts of on the cultural and kinship values or interests of Ngāruahine:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The use of hazardous substances; • Intensive farming practices; • Industrial activities; • Residential development; • Waste and Stormwater management; • Mineral and hydrocarbon exploration and extraction; • Alternative energy generation; • New cemeteries and crematoriums; 	<p>Council acknowledges that the applicant did not engage with Te Korowai, Ngāti Tū, Ngāti Hāua or Ngāti Tamaahuroa-Titahi to inform the application in this instance nor provided an assessment of relevant objectives and policies contained within Te Uru Taiao o Ngāruahine – Ngāruahine Kaitiaki Plan.</p> <p>Council is working to improve our processes to encourage applicants to engage with iwi prior to lodgement, including recent updates to our application forms to include a section on Iwi Consultation.</p> <p>4. <i>Te Korowai is supportive of the recommendations provided in the Dairy Effluent Calculator Report from AgEnviro Solutions dated 28 August 2024.</i></p> <p>5. <i>Te Korowai is not supportive of the applicant ticking 'no' for points 11.6 and 11.7 under Water in their TRC consent application. As no prior engagement with hapū took place, they cannot confidently say these areas do not hold significance.</i></p> <p>Council notes and acknowledges your comments. These comments will be included in the decision document (Officer report) that accompanies the consent certificate upon granting of the consent.</p> <p>6. <i>This input from mana whenua constitutes tikanga expertise which must be hapū led. This necessitates resourcing in the same manner as other technical reports are funded by applications. We assert that such financial arrangements must be finalised directly with hapū by the applicant ahead of any resolution regarding the consent, including with respect to resourcing on-going matters such as mana whenua participation in monitoring and compliance. We would also like to note that the applicants have contracted a technical report regarding the assessment of environmental effects, however the inclusion of mātauranga in the consent response is at the expense of the hapū. We would like to see this consultation paid for in the future.</i></p> <p>Thank you for your comments regarding the importance of resourcing and the need for financial arrangements to be made directly between applicants and hapū, particularly in recognition of tikanga expertise and mātauranga Māori.</p>
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Subdivision, including land amalgamation and boundary adjustments; • The establishment of Significant Natural Areas (SNA's); • Freedom camping. <p><u>Papatūānuku - Objective 1</u> Resource consent decisions, plans and management related to land use prioritise:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the enhancement of soil fertility, water quality and native biodiversity; • a reduction in the use of hazardous substances; • recognition of the interconnections between land, air, freshwater, and coastal environments; • the monitoring of soil health; a reduction in soil erosion; • Ngāruahine cultural values and interests, including Papakāinga development and mahinga kai. <p><u>Wai Māori - Freshwater Objective 14</u> Our long-term vision for freshwater is</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. That all waters are drinkable, fishable and swimmable; b. That the water quality is achieved which is at a minimum, the same as that prior to the land confiscation initiated by the New Zealand Settlements act 1863 <p><u>Wai Māori – Freshwater Objective 15</u> Resource users, central government and local authorities recognise, respect, and protect:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. the taonga tuku iho status of all freshwater; b. groundwater, surface water and coastal waters as interconnected resources; and c. the right of mana whenua to determine the mauri of their waterways. <p><u>Wai Māori – Freshwater Management</u> Te Korowai acknowledges and supports the National Policy Statement for Freshwater Management 2020 and the concept of Te Mana o Te Wai. The hierarchy of Te Mana o Te Wai is:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. first, the health and the well-being of the water bodies and freshwater ecosystems; b. second, the health needs of people (such as drinking water); c. third, the ability of people and communities to provide for their social, economic, and cultural well-being now and in the future. <p><u>Te Korowai Comments</u></p>	<p>While Council does not set or manage these financial arrangements, our website outlines guidance for applicants on engaging with tangata whenua, including advice that fees may apply for reasonable and appropriate cultural assessments, hui, and related input. This is consistent with our view that engagement with mana whenua should be appropriately valued and resourced in a similar manner to other technical assessments.</p> <p>We welcome your suggestions on how we can further support transparency and consistency in this space. If there is additional information that you believe should be included on our website or within our applicant guidance materials, we would appreciate your feedback and will take this into consideration.</p> <p>The issues mana whenua have with the existing planning framework, and the consent applications that arise, can only be addressed by the Plan review process and the Council has funding arrangements in place with mana whenua for this important project.</p>
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<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. There has been no pre-application consultation or communication from the applicant with Te Korowai, Ngāti Tū, Ngāti Hāua or Ngāti Tamaahuroa-Titahi. 2. We acknowledge that Section 36A of the RMA does not require applicants to consult with anyone about resource consent applications. 3. However, it is the expectation of Te Korowai that applicants and/or their consultants are following best practice and engaging early with Hapū and Iwi to identify potential issues. 4. Te Korowai is supportive of the recommendations provided in the Dairy Effluent Calculator Report from AgEnviro Solutions dated 28 August 2024. 5. Te Korowai is not supportive of the applicant ticking 'no' for points 11.6 and 11.7 under Water in their TRC consent application. As no prior engagement with hapū took place, they cannot confidently say these areas do not hold significance. 6. This input from mana whenua constitutes tikanga expertise which must be hapū led. This necessitates resourcing in the same manner as other technical reports are funded by applications. We assert that such financial arrangements must be finalised directly with hapū by the applicant ahead of any resolution regarding the consent, including with respect to resourcing on-going matters such as mana whenua participation in monitoring and compliance. We would also like to note that the applicants have contracted a technical report regarding the assessment of environmental effects, however the inclusion of mātauranga in the consent response is at the expense of the hapū. We would like to see this consultation paid for in the future. 	
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[R2/4418-3.0](#)

Eton Park Trust

Commencement Date: 09 Jun 2025

Expiry Date: 01 Sep 2040

Review Dates: Jun 2028, Jun 2034

Activity Class: Controlled

Location: 52 Lower Pitone Road, Okato

To discharge farm dairy effluent onto land

Application Purpose: Replace

Rohe:

Taranaki (Statutory Acknowledgement)

Engagement or consultation:

Te Kahui o Taranaki Trust

No return correspondence was received

[R2/4451-3.0](#)

Mt Pehu Farm Limited

Commencement Date: 19 May 2025

Expiry Date: 01 Sep 2040

Review Dates: Jun 2028, Jun 2034

Activity Class: Controlled

Location: 75 Bayly Street, Waitara

To discharge farm dairy effluent onto land

Application Purpose: Replace

Rohe:

Te Atiawa (Statutory Acknowledgement)

Engagement or consultation:

Te Kotahitanga o Te Atiawa Trust

No return correspondence was received

Manukorihi Hapū

Response received

Comments	Council comment
We are aware that Taranaki Regional Council is working with iwi and hapū entities with respect to Farm Dairy Effluent (FDE) discharge consent applications and the application of Controlled Activity conditions of Rule 35. In summary, iwi and hapū entities have sought assurance that applications are responding to Rule 35, specifically recognising and providing for the relationship tāngata whenua hold with these receiving waters and ancestral lands.	<p>Council would like to acknowledge your comments regarding discussions to date between iwi and hapū entities and Council.</p> <p>With regards to your general comments below, Council has the following response (<i>comments in italics</i>):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Statutory Acknowledgement Areas, sites of significance to Māori, Key Native Ecosystems and the like, and the requirement for applications adjacent to these areas to be discretionary rather than controlled activities</i>

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<p>Whilst we acknowledge the Council addressing some matters through improving the Council processes (i.e. encouraging applicants to engage with iwi and hapū and provide an assessment of relevant objectives and policies contained within the respective Iwi Environmental Plan prior to lodgement) and the inclusion of consent conditions, we must not lose sight of other matters raised which require consideration from the Council and its processing officers. This includes but is not limited to the following specific matters:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Statutory Acknowledgement Areas, sites of significance to Māori, Key Native Ecosystems and the like, and the requirement for applications adjacent to these areas to be discretionary rather than controlled activities in accordance with the controlled activity conditions of Rule 35 of the Regional Fresh Water for Taranaki (2001) (amended by the National Policy Statement for Freshwater Management 2020 in February 2023); • the inclusion of a specific set of conditions for controlled activities requiring setbacks from Statutory Acknowledgement areas and other important features within an application site; monitoring undertaken of these sites/values; • the need for applying adaptive management approaches in the instance that FDE application/management is adversely affecting the values of these places; • consent duration of less than 5 years, as it is anticipated that targets, limits, visions and values will be introduced to statutory planning documents for the receiving environment over the next few years. Whilst we acknowledge that consent duration has been reduced recently from 24 years to 15 years, in our view, alignment is required between consenting and planning processes within the Council; and • Iwi and hapū entities ability to recover costs for their responses. <p>Specifically, this application includes a number of the special features described above and in particular;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Titirangi Stream and Owakaangi Stream flow through the farm property. • The farm property includes a number of Sites of Significance to Māori. Pā and an Urupā are located within the proposed irrigation area. The application records some of the sites within the property but not all. 	<p><i>in accordance with the controlled activity conditions of Rule 35 of the Regional Fresh Water for Taranaki (2001) (amended by the National Policy Statement for Freshwater Management 2020 in February 2023);</i></p> <p>Council notes your comment.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>the inclusion of a specific set of conditions for controlled activities requiring setbacks from Statutory Acknowledgement areas and other important features within an application site; monitoring undertaken of these sites/values;</i> <p>There is a standard condition included in dairy discharge consent that outlines setback distances. For dairy discharge applications the Statutory Acknowledgement Areas present are often surface water bodies. The consent condition refers to 'surface water bodies' and that discharge shall not be discharged within 25 metres of any surface water body as described below:</p> <p>"No contaminants shall be discharged within:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) 25 metres of any surface water body; or b) 25 metres of any fenced (or otherwise identified) urupa without the written approval of the relevant Iwi; or c) 50 metres of any bore, well or spring used for water supply purposes; d) 150 metres from any marae, unless the written approval of the marae Chair has been obtained to allow the discharge at a closer distance" <p><i>the need for applying adaptive management approaches in the instance that FDE application/management is adversely affecting the values of these places;</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>consent duration of less than 5 years, as it is anticipated that targets, limits, visions and values will be introduced to statutory planning documents for the receiving environment over the next few years. Whilst we acknowledge that consent duration has been reduced recently from 24 years to 15 years, in our view, alignment is required between consenting and planning processes within the Council; and</i> <p>Council notes the comments above. As you have noted, the consent duration has significantly decreased in recent years. When considering industry best practice, the best</p>
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The application has not addressed ecosystem/vegetation and riparian planting, including fencing, along the streams. Assessing this matter within the AEE would positively inform the application. • The application has not included an assessment of the proposal with the relevant objectives and policies contained within the Te Atiawa Iwi Environmental Management Plan. <p>The application identifies some positive changes to farm management. This includes the removal of current discharge to stream when necessary. We note that the two ponds that are to remain are unlined. Our strong preference is that these two ponds are lined.</p> <p>In terms of Pond 3 that is to be removed, this Pond is within a Site of Significance set-back area under the NPDC Proposed Plan and any earthworks undertaken may require a resource consent under the Proposed Plan.</p> <p>Given the intensive nature of dairy farming, our recommendation is, as referred above, that a specific set of conditions for controlled activities including setbacks from Sites of Significance to Maori including urupā and other important features within an application site be developed and that monitoring is undertaken of these sites/values;</p>	<p>method of discharging dairy effluent is to discharge it to land. When assessing against standard (d) of Rule 35 of the RFWP, the Council needs to be satisfied that the discharger has adopted the best method of preventing or minimising adverse effects on the environment having had regard to the receiving environment, financial implications, and the current state of technical knowledge. Any consents granted that are not discharging to land only are given a much shorter duration than 15 years. It is worth noting that all dairy effluent consents include conditions which allow the Council to review consent conditions for the purpose of ensuring the conditions are adequate to deal with adverse effects.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Iwi and hapū entity's ability to recover costs for their responses.</i> <p>The Council is still in discussions with iwi about formalising a process for cost recovery, we do not yet have a confirmed or finalised procedure in place. We acknowledge the importance of this matter and are committed to continuing our engagement with iwi to progress this issue.</p> <p><u>Comments Specific to Application 24-04451-3.0</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>The Titirangi Stream and Owhakaangi Stream flow through the farm property.</i> <p>Council notes and acknowledges the streams and river that flow through the farm property.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>The farm property includes a number of Sites of Significance to Maori. Pā and an Urupā are located within the proposed irrigation area. The application records some of the sites within the property but not all.</i> <p>Council notes your comment. The application AEE has noted Motunui pūkawa, Titirangi Pā/Ururā, and the Te Atiawa Coastal Marine Area as sites of significance within the property. As described above, there will be a condition in the consent that will require setback distance of "b) 25 metres of any fenced (or otherwise identified) urupā without the written approval of the relevant Iwi". In addition to this, our Regional Air Quality Plan for Taranaki also requires setbacks so the urupā would also be subject to that. If there are other sites of significance that are not</p>
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	<p>noted in the application, and that Manukorihi Hapū have concerns may be impacted by this consent (discharge of effluent), Council would appreciate further information to ensure these sites are acknowledged.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>The application has not addressed ecosystem/vegetation and riparian planting, including fencing, along the streams. Assessing this matter within the AEE would positively inform the application.</i> <p>Council notes your comments regarding riparian planting. We have attached a copy of the riparian plan for your information. Riparian planting is not considered as part of the application as it is outside of scope of this application because it is not a matter for control.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>The application has not included an assessment of the proposal with the relevant objectives and policies contained within the Te Atiawa Iwi Environmental Management Plan.</i> <p>Council acknowledges that the applicant has not provided an assessment of relevant objectives and policies contained within the Te Atiawa Iwi Environmental Management Plan. Your comments will be included in the Officer Report that accompanies the consent document sent to the applicant when the consent is granted, and therefore the consent holder will be able to consider the comments made.</p> <p><i>The application identifies some positive changes to farm management. This includes the removal of current discharge to stream when necessary. We note that the two ponds that are to remain are unlined. Our strong preference is that these two ponds are lined.</i></p> <p>Council notes your comments. Current council policy allows existing oxidation ponds to be repurposed and used as storage, so as long as they meet resource consent conditions they do not require to be relined. Over the monitoring history, there is nothing to suggest the ponds are not complying with resource consent conditions.</p> <p><i>In terms of Pond 3 that is to be removed, this Pond is within a Site of Significance set-back area under the NPDC Proposed Plan and any earthworks undertaken may require a resource consent under the Proposed Plan.</i></p>
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	<p>Council notes your comments and confirms that any earthworks undertaken will need to comply with NPDC Proposed Plan and the relevant legislation, rules and regulations that inform the work of the Taranaki Regional Council.</p> <p><i>Given the intensive nature of dairy farming, our recommendation is, as referred above, that a specific set of conditions for controlled activities including setbacks from Sites of Significance to Maori including urupā and other important features within an application site be developed and that monitoring is undertaken of these sites/values;</i></p> <p>In relation to this application, the Statutory Acknowledgement areas of the Waitara River and its tributaries, the Waipapa Stream and its tributaries, and the Te Atiawa Coastal Marine Area as well as the identified urupā will have a setback requirement as part of the consent conditions (wording detailed in the general comments above). In relation to monitoring, there is a requirement for the consent holder and/or whoever operates the FDE disposal system, to keep a record of effluent discharged to land, including as minimum the:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) date of discharge; b) depth, volume or rate of discharge of liquid effluent; c) volume of solid effluent; d) effluent type (e.g. liquid, slurry, solid); e) source of any solid effluent (e.g. anaerobic pond sludge, sand trap); f) the specific area that effluent was applied to (shown on a map, plan or aerial photograph); and g) the size (in ha or m2) of the area that effluent was applied to <p>The application acknowledges the Statutory Acknowledgement area of the Te Atiawa Coastal Marine Area and confirms that the discharge will not occur within the boundary of the Coastal Plan 2023.</p> <p>The consent will be subject to a monitoring programme to ensure compliance with the conditions of consent. The above information shall be provided to the Taranaki Regional</p>
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	<p>Council upon request, which is generally requested during a monitoring inspection.</p> <p>Our Council is in the process of developing a new Land and Freshwater Plan for Taranaki which will replace our current Regional Freshwater Plan. Key to this is kōrero about how we manage freshwater. The Policy Team continues to work on drafting of the new plan. These comments are shared with the Policy Team so that your comments and position statements can be taken into consideration.</p>
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[R2/5975-2.0](#)

Greymouth Petroleum Central Limited

Commencement Date: 27 Jun 2025

Expiry Date: 01 Jun 2039

Review Dates: Jun 2027, Jun 2033

Activity Class: Restricted discretionary

Location: Ngatoro-F wellsite, 508 Bedford Road, Inglewood

Application Purpose: Replace

To discharge emissions to air associated with hydrocarbon wells at the Ngatoro-F wellsite

Rohe:

Taranaki

Te Atiawa (Statutory Acknowledgement)

Engagement or consultation:

Te Kahui o Taranaki Trust

No return correspondence was received

Te Kotahitanga o Te Atiawa Trust

Consulted by applicant

Te Kotahitanga o Te Atiawa Trust

Response received

Te Kotahitanga o Te Atiawa Trust Comments	Council comment
Sarah Mako, Pou Taiao Policy Advisor (Environment) (18 March 2021)	Emma Bowie, Environmental Planner – Resource Consents (10 June 2025)
<p>"The applications have been aligned with the Te Atiawa iwi environmental management plan Tai Whenua, Tai Tangata, Tai Ao. The applications have not benefited from the cultural expertise of tangata whenua; only tangata whenua have this cultural expertise. The application continues to alienate Pukerangiora from their natural and physical resources and does not give particular regard to the exercise of kaitiakitanga. The existing use and activity as proposed has an unacceptable effect on</p>	<p>Council acknowledge that we cannot comment on or assess the effects of this proposal on mana whenua values, and consider it best practice for applicants to undertake consultation prior to submission.</p> <p>While Council strongly encourages applicants to engage with iwi prior to lodging a resource consent application, the absence of such engagement does not render an application incomplete under current legislation.</p>

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<p>the relationship tangata whenua and their culture and traditions have with their ancestral lands, water, sites, wāhi tapu and taonga... Commend the applicant for mentioning <i>Tai Whenua</i>, <i>Tai Tangata</i>, <i>Tai Ao</i> (EMP) in the applications. An adequate assessment has not been undertaken. The EMP is a tool for engagement, not expected to replace engagement. The EMP is also a tool for TRC to help inform their assessments, but not replace engagement."</p> <p>"The applications overall are considered to be lacking in a number of areas; however, we consider the Taranaki Regional Council does not have sufficient information to determine the applications, particularly in the absence of cultural expertise."</p> <p>"The applicant's internal environmental compliance monitoring programme does not benefit from the cultural expertise of tangata whenua."</p>	<p>Additionally, an assessment against the objectives and policies of an Iwi Management Plan is not a mandatory requirement under Schedule 4 of the Resource Management Act 1991.</p> <p>The consent will be subject to a monitoring programme to ensure compliance with the conditions of consent. If the Council determines that a consent holder has gone beyond the limits of what is authorised by a consent, the Council can take enforcement as necessary.</p>
<p>"Pukerangiora and Te Kotahitanga have not informed the best practicable option for the site. This would be to cease all discharges and takes from the site and return the wellsite to pasture."</p>	<p>We acknowledge and respect your position regarding the best practicable option for the site.</p> <p>As part of our assessment, we must consider the actual and potential effects of the activity on the environment and assess the proposal against the relevant objectives and policies in national and regional planning documents. Based on a full consideration of the above matters, the Council's recommendation is to grant the consent, subject to standard consent conditions to avoid, remedy, or mitigate adverse effects. The conditions require the applicant to implement industry best practice when undertaking wellsite flaring.</p>
<p>"Under section 3.7 the application states 'There are no known archaeological sites or sites of significance to Māori close to the wellsite'. This is as far as the applicant is aware. As previously mentioned, only tangata whenua have the cultural expertise to advise on their sites and areas of significance."</p> <p>"No report has been prepared specifically for the Ngatoro F wellsite. The Mangahewa 2 and Kowhai 1 sites are in a different context, environment to the Ngatoro F wellsite. The emissions from flaring continue to have a cumulative effect on the cultural, traditional and spiritual aspects of the atmosphere. No offsets and/ or compensation is proposed."</p>	<p>Council acknowledge that we are unable to identify, or assess the effects on, sites and areas of significance for tangata whenua.</p> <p>A matter of control for the proposed flaring activities includes an assessment of visual effects, loss of amenity value of air, chronic or acute human health effects, soiling or damage to property, odour, annoyance and offensiveness, effects on ecosystems, plants and animals and effects on areas identified in Policy 2.3 (which includes places, areas or features of significance to tangata whenua for spiritual, cultural or historical reasons).</p> <p>Based on the Council's long term monitoring of wellsite flaring, and the site-specific technical</p>

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	<p>comments received from Mr Vaughan Turner, Air Quality Scientist, it is considered that the activity would have less than minor adverse environmental effects beyond the boundary of the wellsite property. As the overall effects of the flaring have been assessed as less than minor, the Council has not recommended offset or compensation measures.</p>
<p>"The applicant was advised the most efficient way for tangata whenua to inform the renewals for the wellsite was via a cultural impact assessment process. It is noted in section 6.2 that the applicant do not consider that a CIA will be sought. It is not for the applicant to advise tangata whenua when a CIA is not required. TRC continue to endorse this poor behaviour. As it is well known, the cultural expertise of tangata whenua has been engaged to inform the renewals by Tamarind and Todd Energy."</p>	<p>Thank you for your comment. While we acknowledge the importance of engaging with tangata whenua, the Council's decision to require the applicant to seek and fund a CIA is determined on a case by case basis in consultation with the applicant and with consideration of the scale of the environmental effects of the application.</p>
<p>"Pukerangiora Hapū and Te Kotahitanga o Te Atiawa are affected parties; however, this has been omitted under section 7 of the applications. The Part 2 of the Resource Management Act 1991 and statutory document assessment is considered to be deficient."</p> <p>"For the Taranaki Regional Council to give effect to the informal comments provided by Pukerangiora and Te Kotahitanga o Te Atiawa, the following is recommended:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Further information is requested in accordance with section 92 of the Resource Management Act 1991 processes. We do not consider the Taranaki Regional Council has sufficient information particularly in relation to cultural effects to determine the applications. 2. Pukerangiora Hapū and Te Kotahitanga o Te Atiawa are identified as affected parties in accordance with section 95 of the Resource Management Act 1991 processes." 	<p>The Council has carefully considered the effects of the proposed activity on the surrounding environment and potentially affected parties, and the way any adverse effects might be avoided and mitigated. It is my assessment that, subject to compliance with the Council's standard consent conditions, any adverse effects can be avoided and mitigated such that adverse effects on the environment and all parties are less than minor.</p> <p>Based on this assessment, I have recommended that the application be processed non-notified.</p>

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[R2/6118-2.0](#)

Taranaki Regional Council

Commencement Date: 16 May 2025

Expiry Date: 01 Jun 2043

Review Dates: Jun 2031, Jun 2037

Activity Class: Discretionary

Location: Pukeiti, 2290 Carrington Road, New Plymouth

Application Purpose: Replace

To dam and divert water of an unnamed tributary of the Timaru Stream

Rohe:

Taranaki

Engagement or consultation:

Ngāti Tairi Hapū

Consulted by applicant

Te Kahui o Taranaki Trust

No return correspondence was received

Te Kotahitanga O Nga Mahanga A Tairi Society Incorporated

Consulted by applicant

[R2/6192-2.1](#)

Groundworkx Taranaki Limited

Commencement Date: 26 Jun 2025

Expiry Date: 01 Jun 2040

Review Dates: Jun 2028, Jun 2034

Activity Class: Discretionary

Location: Victoria Road, Stratford

Application Purpose: Replace

To discharge cleanfill onto and into land for quarry reinstatement purposes

Rohe:

Ngāti Ruanui (Statutory Acknowledgement)

Engagement or consultation:

Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Ruanui Trust

No return correspondence was received

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[R2/6274-2.1](#)

Jones Group 2021 Limited

Commencement Date: 12 May 2025

Expiry Date: 01 Jun 2038

Review Dates: Jun 2026, Jun 2032

Activity Class: Discretionary

Location: 29 Mahoetahi Road, Waitara

Application Purpose: Change

To discharge treated stormwater and treated washwater from quarrying and rock crushing operations onto and into land and into the Mangaoraka Stream

Change of consent condition 2 to increase the stormwater catchment; and change of consent conditions to reflect the correct discharge point

Rohe:

Te Atiawa (Statutory Acknowledgement)

Engagement or consultation:

Te Kotahitanga o Te Atiawa Trust

No return correspondence was received

Nga Kaitiaki O Puketapu Hapū Trust

Response received

Comments	Council comment
Nga Kaitiaki o Puketapu Hapu Trust – 1 May 2025	Gareth Watts, Environmental Planner – Resource Consents
At the outset, Puketapu hapū are disappointed to have not been directly engaged before the application was lodged. We are aware the TRC Biennial Report identified some compliance and environmental performance matters where improvement is required but that overall the compliance monitoring, environmental and administrative performance of the consent holder has received a high/good rating. Our comments are not directed to performance issues but relate to the consideration of cultural values undertaken in informing this application.	Noted, thank you. We encourage applicants to consult and engage with iwi and hapū prior to submission of their application.
Puketapu hapū do not agree with the comment, 'Specific consultation on this application has not been undertaken because it is a renewal of an existing consent.'	Noted and agreed. However, in this case the applicant applied to change the condition of an existing consent, rather than pursue an early replacement.
On a technical point, to renew a resource consent, one must apply for a renewal or extension, similar to the application process. Regional consents have a limited term and so requiring a new consent under a new application.	As required by Section 127 of the Resource Management Act (RMA), I have processed the application in accordance with sections 88 to 121 of the RMA, and am required to limit my assessment to the proposed change and the effects of that change.

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At each renewal there should be no expectation of approval. As the environment is not static engaging directly with the values attributes and elements of the receiving environment as these evolve is necessary.	
<p>The Mangaoraka Stream is the principal tributary of the lower Waiongana Stream. The Waiongana Stream and its tributaries are an area subject to a scheduled Statutory Acknowledgement under the Te Atiawa Claims Settlement Act 2016.</p> <p>Statutory acknowledgement is the recognition of the cultural, traditional, historical and spiritual relationship Te Atiawa have with those areas. This does not replace the whakapapa relationship with Te Atiawa Iwi and Puketapu hapū has with te taiao and ancestral lands and the requirement to recognise and provide for this relationship and the culture and traditions of our whenua and taiao.</p> <p>Te Atiawa Iwi, including Puketapu are in a post settlement state. Puketapu hapū has its own Environmental Management Plan and values statement and resource consent processes must have regard to these through affected party status and substantive decision.</p> <p>Therefore, seeking Puketapu input to inform cultural values should have occurred.</p>	<p>Thank you for highlighting the importance of the Mangaoraka Stream and Waiongana Stream to Te Atiawa Iwi and Puketapu hapū. I note that the Waiongana Stream (and its tributaries) are a statutory acknowledgment of Te Atiawa.</p> <p>The Council has carefully considered the effects of the proposed change on surface water bodies and the way any adverse effects might be avoided and mitigated. I consider that subject to the implementation of best practice erosion and sediment control measures via existing consent conditions, any adverse effects arising from the change can be avoided and mitigated.</p>
<p>There are other elements to consider in this resource consent renewal process, some of these should also be referred to the NPDC Planning Team</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The existing resource consent relates to Pt Lot 3 DP 6390. From the information provided the activity extends beyond this to Lot A DP 2338. In addition the application specifically refers to an extended water catchment area. • The inclusion of an additional quarry area near the Mangaoraka Stream on Lot 3 DP 11974. Setback of 10-20 metres from a significant water body is consistent recommendation adjoining waterbodies in the rural area. • The location of Pakohenui Pa (Site 2010 NPDC Proposed District Plan). The site extent is not mapped and the District Plan applies a buffer of 200 metres to determine extent. This extends over a considerable area of site works. 	<p>Thank you, noted. However, these matters are not directly relevant to the determination of this application. If you have any concerns relating to the applicants land use consent I would recommend liaising with New Plymouth District Council.</p>

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[R2/7025-2.0](#)

Greymouth Petroleum Turangi Limited

Commencement Date: 05 Jun 2025

Expiry Date: 01 Jun 2039

Review Dates: Jun 2027, Jun 2033

Activity Class: Restricted discretionary

Location: Ohanga-A wellsite, Ohanga Road, Onaero

Application Purpose: Replace

To discharge emissions to air associated with hydrocarbon wells at the Ohanga-A wellsite

Rohe:

Ngāti Mutunga (Statutory Acknowledgement)

Engagement or consultation:

Peter William & Heather Lynette Blakelock

Written approval provided

Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Mutunga

Consulted by applicant

Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Mutunga

No return correspondence was received

[R2/7202-2.0](#)

Hartley Farming Limited

Commencement Date: 18 Jun 2025

Expiry Date: 01 Jun 2043

Review Dates: Jun 2031, Jun 2037

Activity Class: Discretionary

Location: 261 Upper Newall Road Okato

Application Purpose: Replace

To use two box culverts at two locations in the Teikaparua (Warea) River for farm access purposes

Rohe:

Taranaki (Statutory Acknowledgement)

Engagement or consultation:

Te Kahui o Taranaki Trust

Response received

Comments	Council comment and considerations
Taranaki Iwi – 29 May 2025 (email and document TRCID-1290311762-8747)	William Durbin - Environmental Planner Consents – 5 June 2025 (email TRCID-1290311762-8846)
The use of culverts and other structures requires consideration of the effects of these structures on freshwater ecology. In response to this, the applicant notes there is 30cm perch on both culverts. The application lacks specific ecological information to inform the effects on freshwater ecology. Te Kāhui of Taranaki strongly advise that there needs to be an understanding of fish species and their ability to move up the perched culvert. If not, that as a condition of consent there are appropriate fish migration structures installed to allow for native fish migration.	Thank you for your comments on this consent renewal application. I agree with your assessment of the perching on both structures and will be recommending a consent condition that remedial works be completed to address the perches and provide for fish passage.

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[R2/7346-2.0](#)

Spenceview Farms

Commencement Date: 24 Jun 2025

Expiry Date: 01 Jun 2046

Review Dates: Jun 2028, Jun 2031, Jun 2034, Jun 2037, Jun 2040, Jun 2043

Activity Class:

Location: Spence Road, Patea

Application Purpose: Replace

To divert water from the Kaikura Stream into an adjacent storage reservoir, and to take and use surface water and incidental groundwater from the reservoir for pasture irrigation purposes

Rohe:

Ngāti Ruanui

Engagement or consultation:

Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Ruanui Trust

Consulted by applicant

Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Ruanui Trust

No return correspondence was received

[R2/7369-2.0](#)

Fleur Juliet Knowsley

Commencement Date: 26 May 2025

Expiry Date: 01 Jun 2043

Review Dates: Jun 2031, Jun 2037

Activity Class: Discretionary

Location: 351 Upper Pitone Road, Pitone

Application Purpose: Replace

To use a culvert in an unnamed tributary of the Timaru Stream for access purposes

Rohe:

Taranaki

Engagement or consultation:

Te Kahui o Taranaki Trust

No return correspondence was received

Te Kahui o Taranaki Trust

Applicant provided application

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[R2/7551-2.0](#)

Beardmore Family Trust No 2

Commencement Date: 23 May 2025

Expiry Date: 01 Jun 2043

Review Dates: Jun 2031, Jun 2037

Activity Class: Discretionary

Location: 174 Newall Road, Warea

Application Purpose: Replace

To use a structure in the Warea River for farm access purposes

Rohe:

Taranaki (Statutory Acknowledgement)

Engagement or consultation:

Te Kahui o Taranaki Trust

No return correspondence was received

Te Kahui o Taranaki Trust

Applicant provided application

[R2/7612-2.1](#)

Twin Peaks No 1 & No 2 Trusts

Commencement Date: 16 May 2025

Expiry Date: 01 Jun 2043

Review Dates: Jun 2031, Jun 2037

Activity Class: Discretionary

Location: 103 Turu Road, Opunake

Application Purpose: Replace

To use a culvert in the Maungahoki Stream for farm access purposes

Rohe:

Taranaki

Engagement or consultation:

Te Kahui o Taranaki Trust

No return correspondence was received

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[R2/7627-2.0](#)

New Plymouth District Council

Commencement Date: 15 May 2025

Expiry Date: 01 Jun 2043

Review Dates: Jun 2031, Jun 2037

Activity Class: Discretionary

Location: 2 Jans Terrace, Oakura

Application Purpose: Replace

To use an erosion protection structure in the Waimōku Stream for erosion protection purposes

Rohe:

Taranaki (Statutory Acknowledgement)

Engagement or consultation:

Department of Conservation - WAIKATO

Consulted by applicant

Fish & Game New Zealand

Written approval provided

Nga Mahanga Hapū

Consulted by applicant

Ngāti Tairi Hapū

Consulted by applicant

Ngāti Te Whiti

Consulted by applicant

Te Kahui o Taranaki Trust

No return correspondence was received

[R2/7797-2.0](#)

Dragon Fern Limited

Commencement Date: 14 May 2025

Expiry Date: 01 Jun 2049

Review Dates: Jun 2031, Jun 2037, Jun 2043

Activity Class: Discretionary

Location: 2206 Wiremu Road, Okato

Application Purpose: Replace

To use a culvert in an unnamed tributary of the Teikaparua river for farm access purposes

Rohe:

Taranaki (Statutory Acknowledgement)

Engagement or consultation:

Te Kahui o Taranaki Trust

No return correspondence was received

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[R2/9966-1.2](#)

Greymouth Petroleum Central Limited

Commencement Date: 12 May 2025

Expiry Date: 01 Jun 2028

Review Dates: Jun 2026

Activity Class: Discretionary

Location: Radnor-B wellsite, 15 Radnor Road, Midhirst **Application Purpose:** Change

To discharge treated stormwater from hydrocarbon exploration and production operations at the Radnor-B wellsite through a roadside drain into an unnamed tributary of the Piakau Stream

Change of consent conditions to enable the replacement of the wellsite skimmer pits

Rohe:

Ngāruahine (Statutory Acknowledgement)

Ngāti Maru (Statutory Acknowledgement)

Ngāti Ruanui

Engagement or consultation:

Te Korowai o Ngāruahine Trust

No return correspondence was received

Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Maru (Taranaki) Trust

Response received

Te Runanga o Ngāti Maru Trust comment	Council comment and consideration
Dion Keogh, Pou Taiao- Environmental Planner	Environmental Planner- Resource Consents
<p>"Thank you for providing a copy of the application and the initial feedback provided by Ngāti Ruanui.</p> <p>Due to the lack of consultation, the application contains no assessment of the cultural effects of the proposal. This assessment can only be informed by mana whenua. In the absence of such input, it is our opinion that the application is incomplete.</p> <p>Only mana whenua can advise on the cultural impacts of the activity and the effects on the relationship of Ngāti Maru and their culture and traditions with their ancestral lands, waters, sites, wāhi tapu, and other taonga. It is inappropriate for the Council to determine — contrary to the advice of mana whenua — that the adverse effects of the activity will be no more than minor, based on its view that the environmental effects of the skimmer pits will be reduced and that there will be net positive benefits as a result.</p>	<p>"Thank you for taking the time to comment. I will take these comments into consideration when making a recommendation on the consent."</p> <p>The comments provided to Te Runanga o Ngāti Ruanui Trust, as outlined in Table 1 above, were also forwarded to Te Runanga o Ngāti Maru Trust.</p> <p>Council acknowledges that only mana whenua can speak to the cultural impact of the activity. In assessing this application, Council is limited to considering the effects of the proposed change only (i.e. the skimmer pit replacement). The replacement pits are designed to improve the containment of stormwater and reduce the risk of discharge to the receiving environment. There is no indication that the proposed change would increase the level of adverse effects relative to the current authorised activity.</p> <p>This change application relates specifically to the discharge of treated stormwater from hydrocarbon exploration and production activities at the wellsite. It does not seek to</p>

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<p>Based on the limited information provided in the consent application, we assume that the construction of the new skimmer pits will involve earthworks (both cut and fill) to widen the pond and make it shallower. Any modification of the land, interference with groundwater functions, and discharges to land and water impact on our relationship with the land and water. The activity will also affect the mauri of the whenua and the mauri of wai (groundwater and surface water).</p> <p>Like Ngāti Ruanui, we confirm that we are affected parties to the proposal. We do not provide our written approval for the activity and, accordingly, request to be limited notified of the application."</p>	<p>authorise any new earthworks or land disturbance activities. Any earthworks associated with the replacement of the skimmer pits are not within the scope of this discharge consent.</p> <p>We acknowledge the concerns raised regarding potential effects on the mauri of the land and water. While this application is limited in scope, we will ensure that any identified cultural effects are considered as part of the assessment.</p> <p>The application does not propose any change that would increase the scale or significance of effects. Given the limited scope of the variation and the environmental enhancements proposed, limited notification is not recommended.</p>
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Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Ruanui Trust

Response received

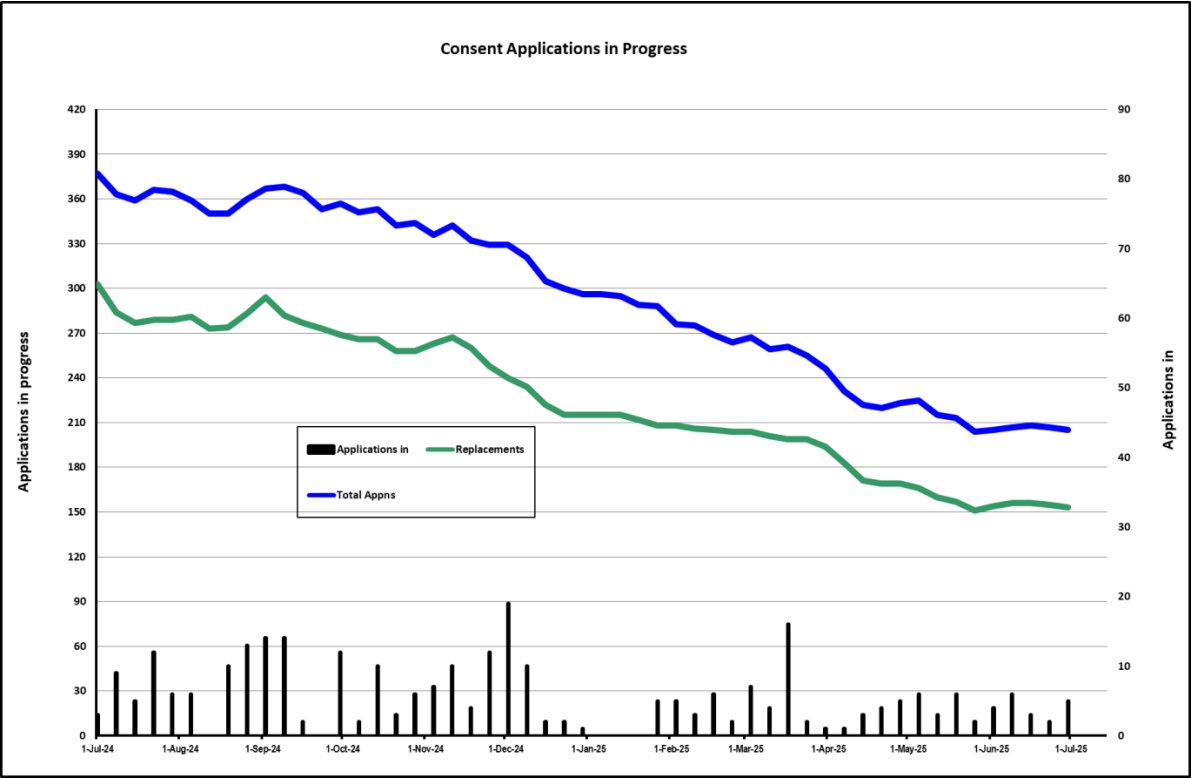
Te Runanga o Ngāti Ruanui Trust comment	Council comment and considerations
Graham Young, Strategy and Policy Team	Environmental Planner- Resource Consents
"The information provided does not define the discharge change being sought apart from needing to amend to the stormwater pit construction. Is there any change to discharge water volume short term or long term?"	This application is solely for a change to the existing consent conditions to allow replacement of the skimmer pits. The proposal does not involve any changes to the stormwater catchment area or to the volume of water being discharged, either in the short or long term. As this is a change of conditions application, Council's assessment is limited to the effects of the proposed change which in this case, is the replacement of the skimmer pit system rather than the full scope of the original consent.
"The applicant has not consulted with Ngāti Ruanui, so our overall understanding of the proposal is limited to the brief application detailed in the email."	Council acknowledges that Ngāti Ruanui's understanding of the proposal is limited due to the lack of engagement from the applicant. Council continues to encourage early and meaningful engagement to help ensure iwi values and perspectives are appropriately considered.
"The application details - AEE are very weak if non-existent." "No appropriate assessment can be made by us given the above."	While it is acknowledged that the information supporting the application is brief, the proposal involves a change of conditions limited to the replacement of the existing skimmer pits. There are no changes to the stormwater catchment, discharge location, or discharge volume. Given the minor scale of the proposed change and the technical nature of the replacement, the information provided, including the design drawings, is considered

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	sufficient for Council to assess the potential environmental effects of the change application.
<p>"As we have statutory acknowledgement over the Patea River (affected party status) our written approval is not provided to Greymouth Petroleum and therefore the application cannot proceed as a non-notified application under the Resource Management Act 1991."</p>	<p>Based on the proposed design drawings, and the description of the proposal provided in the application form, it is considered that the replacement of the skimmer pits would not result in an increase in adverse effects on the unnamed tributary of the Piakau Stream or the Patea River, and would likely have net positive environmental effects.</p> <p>The replacement pits are of a very similar design to the existing skimmer pits. The primary difference is that the replacement pits are designed to be wider and shallower, to ensure the pits sit above the high water table, avoiding groundwater infiltration without reducing the storage capacity of the pits.</p> <p>The proposed skimmer pits pond and dead storage volumes are also greater than the existing skimmer pits. The 2014 design drawings show a combined pond volume of 225 m³, and dead storage of 112.5 m³. The proposed skimmer pits have a combined pond volume of 368 m³, and dead storage of 117 m³.</p> <p>This increased pond capacity will thereby improve the system's ability to contain stormwater during high rainfall events and further reduce the potential for contaminant discharge to surface water.</p> <p>In accordance with the Council's standard wellsite skimmer pit requirements, the proposed design drawings show that the replacement skimmer pits would be fitted with shut-off valves, and be designed to retain hydrocarbons entrained within the wellsite's stormwater run-off.</p> <p>In light of these improvements and the absence of any identified increase in adverse effects on the statutory acknowledgement area, it is considered that the proposal does not trigger the need for limited notification under section 95E of the RMA.</p>

Consent Processing Information

1) Applications in progress



2) Month Ending – Number of applications in progress

	July		Aug		Sept		Oct		Nov		Dec		Jan		Feb		Mar		Apr		May		Jun	
	Total	R	Total	R	Total	R	Total	R	Total	R	Total	R	Total	R	Total	R	Total	R	Total	R	Total	R	Total	R
2024/2025	359	281	367	294	357	269	336	263	329	240	296	215	276	208	267	204	246	194	225	166	205	154	205	153
2023/2024	431	351	545	464	556	462	542	445	544	446	474	372	465	352	444	353	440	346	418	333	391	315	378	303
2022/2023	540	479	520	453	490	430	499	435	482	417	459	391	431	342	448	371	448	364	444	365	452	379	462	383

R = Replacements

3) Potential Hearings

Nil

4) Consents Issued (running totals)

	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	April	May	June
2024-2025	48	75	113	139	195	234	262	285	321	350	384	401
2023-2024	39	49	57	75	114	178	212	240	250	282	331	361
2022-2023	7	53	82	86	139	171	211	228	249	261	283	307

5) Breakdown of consents processed

	New	Replace	Change	Review	Totals
2024-2025 Total	112	260	29	0	401
2023-2024 Total	97	249	13	2	361
2022-2023 Total	65	227	10	5	307

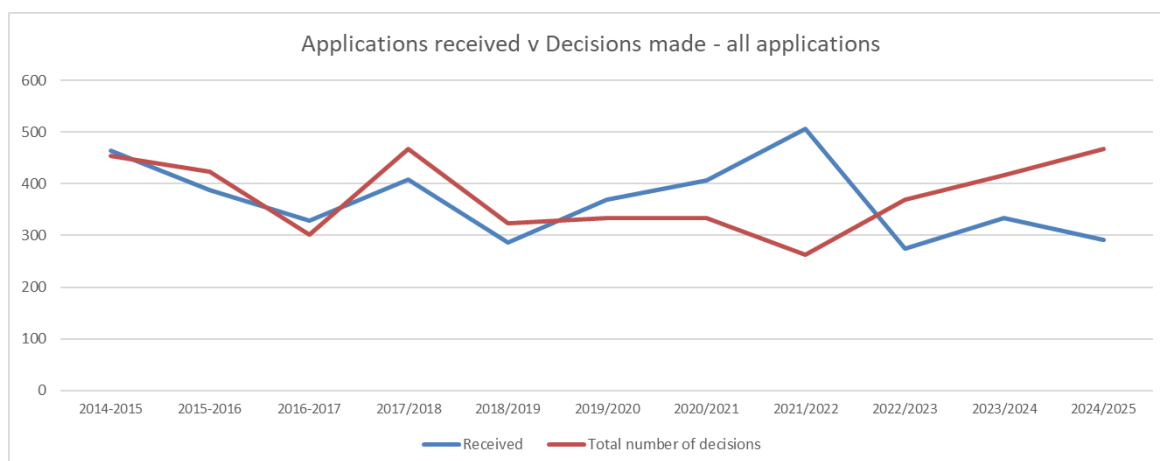
6) Types of consents issued - year to date comparison

						Total publically notified								Total Limited Notified								Total Non-notified			Grand Total
	Agricultural	Central/Local Government	Energy	Forestry	Other				Agricultural	Central/Local Government	Energy	Forestry	Other				Agricultural	Central/Local Government	Energy	Forestry	Other				
	Publically Notified					%			Limited					%			Non Notified					%			
July 2022 to June 2023	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%	0		1	1	0	0	0	0.7%	2		222	16	26	0	41	99.3%	305	307	
July 2023 to June 2024	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%	0		1	0	0	0	5	1.7%	6		211	45	66	4	29	98.3%	355	361	
July 2024 to June 2025	0	1	0	0	0	0.2%	1		0	2	0	0	1	0.7%	3		207	67	55	2	66	99.0%	397	401	

7) Length of time to issue decisions on applications

	No of consent decisions	Number of days decision made in			
		less than 40	41-90	91-200	200+
July	56	18	4	15	19
August	29	4	5	5	15
September	41	6	11	18	6
October	34	2	14	9	9
November	61	6	16	16	23
December	49	7	18	6	18
January	29	10	3	9	7
February	30	4	14	9	3
March	47	19	15	8	5
April	35	3	8	4	20
May	37	8	12	10	7
June	17	7	6	0	4
	465	94	126	109	136
<i>Note: Decisions include issuing, withdrawing, returning or DPA applications</i>					

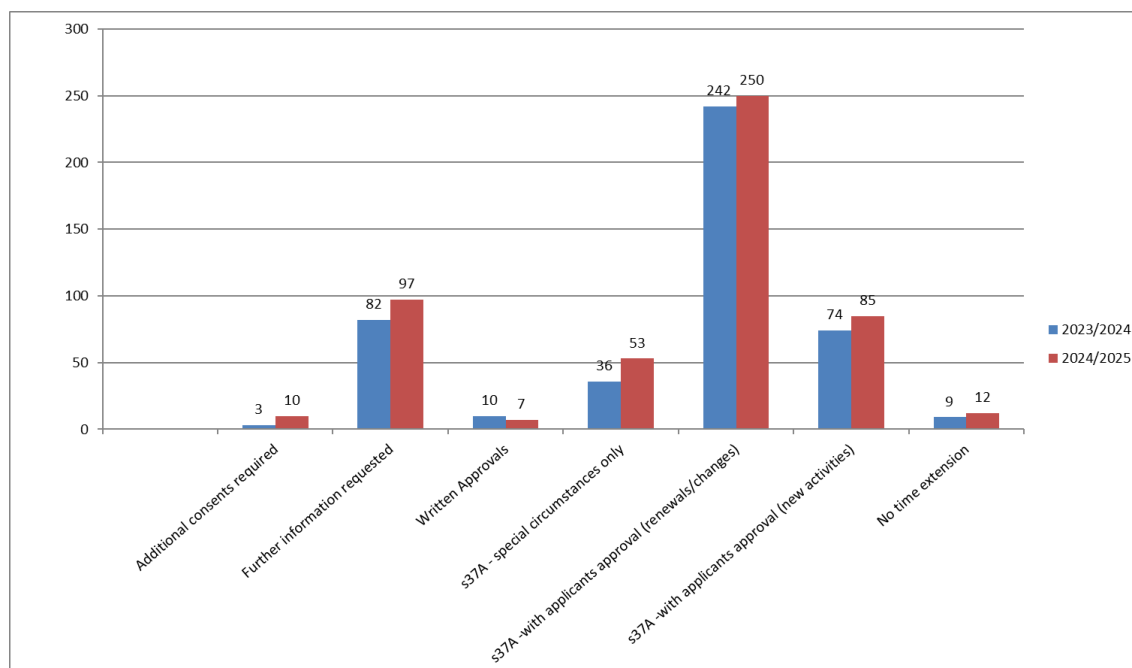
8) Applications received v Decisions made



Non Dairy discharge applications													
	2024						2025						Total
	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June	
Applications received	19	3	27	13	35	10	5	11	17	7	8	4	159
Non Dairy Decisions issued	22	21	16	18	26	21	22	10	20	17	22	10	225
Withdrawn	2	1	3	5	4	6	1	6	7	6	3	0	44
Returned	4	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	8
DPA	2	0	1	1	0	5	2	1	1	0	2	0	15
Total Decisions made	30	22	20	24	31	32	25	17	31	23	27	10	292
difference	-11	-19	7	-11	4	-22	-20	-6	-14	-16	-19	-6	-133

9) Involvement with third parties for applications processed year to date

	Consultation/ Involved (number of parties)	Number of Affected Party Approvals (written)	Totals
Councils	16	2	18
DOC	25	0	25
Environmental/Recreational Groups	6	0	6
Fish & Game	21	1	22
Individuals/Neighbours/Landowners	18	30	48
Network Utilities	2	0	2
Non Govt Organisations	8	0	8
Other Govt Departments	5	7	12
Iwi/hapu	755	8	763
Totals -2024/2025	856	48	904

10) Application processing time extensions used 2023/2024 versus 2024/2025**11) Consent type process**

	Last 10 year average 2015 - 2024	July 2023 to June 2024	July 2024 to June 2025
Total consents granted	306	361	401
Publically Notified	9	0	1
Limited-notified	6	6	3
Non-notified	293	355	397
Applications submitted on (in opposition and to be heard)	12	6	2
Application Pre-hearing resolution (%)	6 82%	6 100%	2 100%
Hearings (no. of applications)	1 (6)	0 (0)	0 (0)
Appeals (no. of applications)	1 (6)	0 (0)	0 (0)
Total current consents	4632	4278	4222

12) Applications returned incomplete under Section 88

For the 2024-2025 financial year, 7 applications have been returned incomplete under S88 of the RMA for insufficient information. Five applications have since been resubmitted and accepted. One application was returned incomplete for a second time.

13) Deemed Permitted Activities issued

Nil

14) Fast track consents issued by Expert Consenting Panel

Nil



Date: 22 July 2025

Subject: Incidents, Compliance Monitoring Non-Compliances and Enforcement Summary - 16 May 2025 to 30 June 2025

Author: M Churchill, Enforcement and Compliance Coordinator

Approved by: F Kiddle, Acting Director - Resource Management

Document: TRCID-1492626864-879

Purpose

1. The purpose of this memorandum is to consider and receive the summary of the incidents, compliance monitoring non-compliances and enforcement for the period 16 May 2025 to 30 June 2025.

Executive summary

Incidents

2. There are fifty one (51) incidents reported.
3. Eighteen (18) of the incidents were found to be compliant and twenty one (21) were found to be non-compliant. Twelve (12) of the incidents reported relate to non-compliances from previous periods (updates). The action taken on the incidents is set out for Members' information.

Compliance monitoring non-compliance

4. There are five (5) compliance-monitoring non-compliances reported. Ten (10) of the compliance monitoring non-compliances reported are updates from previous periods. Zero (0) of the non-compliances reported are as a result of the annual dairy inspection round.

Recommendations

That the Taranaki Regional Council:

- a) receives this memorandum Incident, Compliance Monitoring Non-Compliances and Enforcement Summary – 16 May 2025 to 30 June 2025
- b) receives the summary of the incidents, compliance monitoring non-compliances and enforcement for the period from 16 May 2025 to 30 June 2025
- c) notes the action taken by staff acting under delegated authority.

Background

5. The annual inspection for farm dairy effluent monitoring programme commences in September each year and usually finishes around March however, follow up inspections and winter milking inspections are also carried out during the rest of the year.
6. We receive and respond to pollution events and public complaints throughout the year. Consent compliance monitoring undertaken can also identify non-compliance. This information is recorded in the IRIS database together with the results of investigations and any follow-up actions. Such incidents and non-compliances are publicly reported through the Consents and Regulatory Committee via the Incidents, Compliance Monitoring Non-compliances and Enforcement Report or the Annual Compliance Monitoring Reports.
7. Attached is the summary of the Incidents, Compliance Monitoring Non-compliances and Enforcement for the period from 16 May 2025 to 30 June 2025.
8. Staff have been delegated to undertake enforcement actions. The enforcement policy and procedures are consistently implemented and reported on.

Disclosure Restrictions

9. The incident register information presentation was reviewed in 2014-2015 to increase reader understanding in this complex area. The first section addresses compliant incidents and can be publicly discussed. The second section provides an update on non-compliant incidents from previous meetings and where an incident has been resolved it can be publicly discussed. The third and fourth sections provide information on non-compliant incidents and non-compliances found during compliance monitoring during the period that are still under investigation and staff are limited in terms of public disclosure of information, while the investigation is ongoing and enforcement responses have not been determined. The incident flow chart and definition of terms provide further operational detail.

Discussion

10. We respond to complaints received generally within four hours. This usually involves a site visit. Responses to complaints and non-compliances with rules in regional plans, resource consents and the Resource Management Act 1991 are recorded in the IRIS database. Where necessary, appropriate advisory or enforcement actions are undertaken. The latter may include issuing an inspection, abatement or infringement notice, or initiating a prosecution. Where an infringement notice or prosecution is possible, details of the information in the Incidents, Compliance Monitoring Non-compliances and Enforcement agenda item and staff comment will be restricted for legal disclosure reasons. Further information will be provided at a later date and for prosecutions a detailed report will be provided for information purposes, in the confidential section of the agenda.
11. A summary of Incidents, Compliance Monitoring Non-compliances and Enforcement for the period 16 May 2025 to 30 June 2025 is attached. The 'compliant' incidents are presented first in a table and the 'non-compliant' incidents are presented after in a more detailed summary, followed by the compliance monitoring non-compliances.
12. Generally, incidents in the 'compliant' table have a recommendation of 'no further action'. However, an incident is considered 'compliant' until such time as a non-compliance is found. Therefore, occasionally an incident in the 'compliant' table will have a recommendation of 'investigation continuing', if an ongoing investigation is still underway to confirm compliance.
13. A series of graphs are also attached comparing the number of incidents between 2020/21 and 2024/25 and also showing how the incidents are tracking in 2024/25 in relation to environment type and compliance status. There is a graph showing the non-compliances found during compliance monitoring. There is also a graph showing enforcement action taken to date during 2024/25.

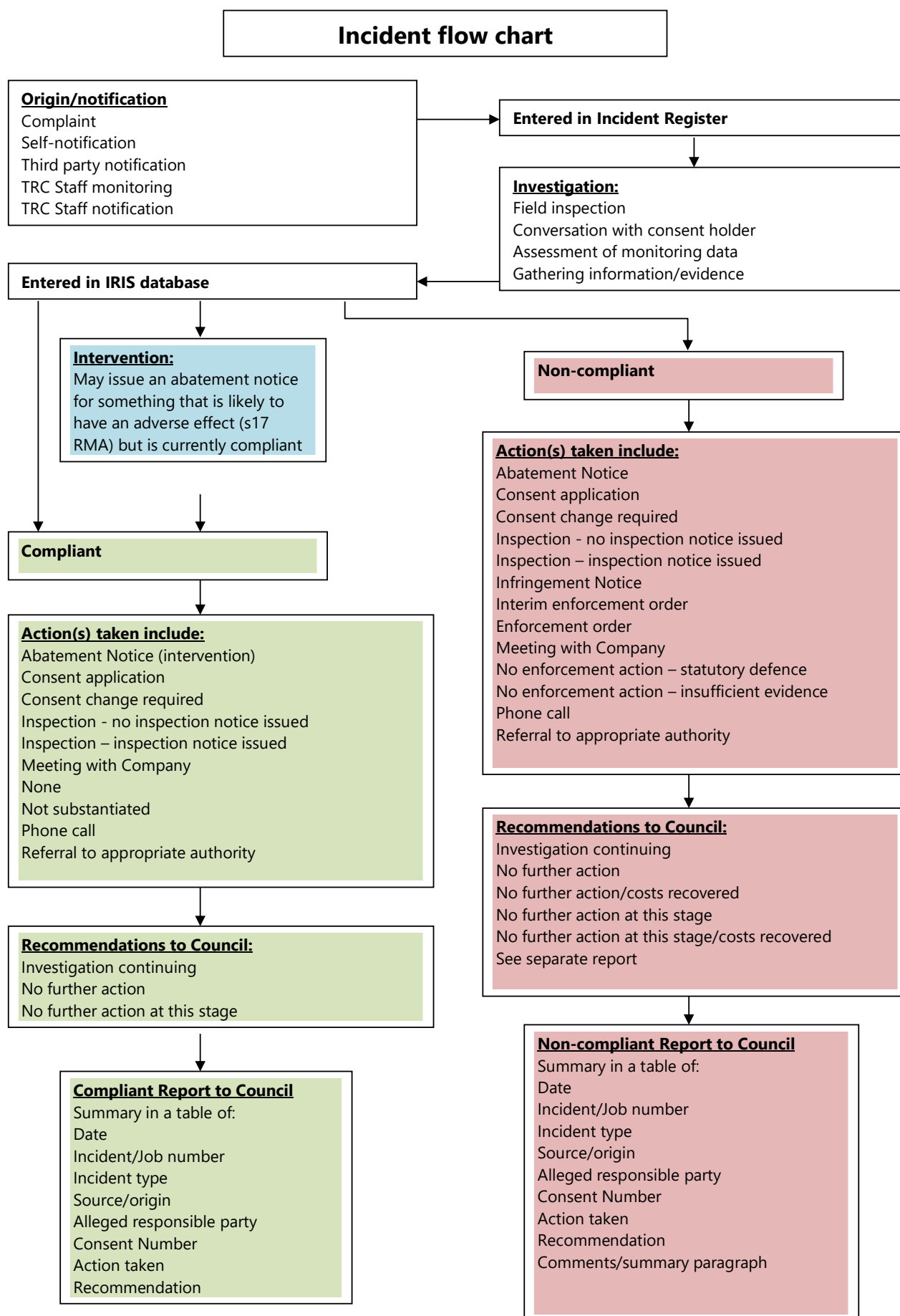
14. The data in the graphs for 2024/25 to date is showing that there is a decrease in incidents and compliance monitoring non-compliances. Although in the first month of this period, there is limited data.

Appendices/Attachments

Document TRCID-1492626864-881: [Incident flowchart and terms explained](#)

Document TRCID-1492626864-880: [Incident and Enforcement Graphs to 30 April 2025](#)

Document TRCID-1492626864-882: [Incidents, Compliance Monitoring and Enforcement Summary - 16 May 2025 to 30 June 2025](#)



Terms explained

Compliance rating

Compliant	After investigation the incident was found to be <u>compliant</u> with environmental standards or other regulations, permitted rules in a regional plan (e.g. RFWP, RAQP, RCP allowed), a resource consent and/or the Resource Management Act 1991.
Non-compliant	After investigation the incident was found to be <u>non-compliant</u> with environmental standards or other regulations, rules in a regional plan, a resource consent and/or the Resource Management Act 1991

Origin/Notification:

Complaint	Notification of incident received from public.
Self notification	Notification of incident received from the responsible party.
Third Party Notification	Notification of incident received from third party such as New Zealand Fire, District Council etc.
TRC Staff monitoring	Notification of incident found during routine compliance monitoring.
TRC Staff notification	Notification of incident found during unrelated monitoring/field work.

Action/s Taken:

14 day Letter	A letter was sent requesting an explanation for the non-compliance and why enforcement action should not be considered. The recipient is given 14 days to reply.
Abatement Notice	A notice was issued requiring something to be undertaken or something to cease to ensure compliance with Rules in the regional plans, resource consent or Resource Management Act 1991. Notice must be complied with or further enforcement action can be considered.
Consent application	A consent application has been received as a result of the investigation.
Consent change required	During the investigation it was found that a consent change was required.
Emergency Works	Emergency works was allowed under section 330 of the RMA. Often a subsequent resource consent is required.
Enforcement Order	An enforcement order has been issued by the Environment Court requiring action to be undertaken or something to cease. Notice must be complied with or further enforcement action can be considered.
Infringement Notice (\$xxx.xx)	An infringement notice was issued under Section 338(1)(a) of the Resource Management Act 1991 and Councils delegated authority.
Inspection Notice	An inspection was undertaken and a notice of advice/instruction was issued to landowner/alleged offender.

Inspection/no notice issued	An inspection was undertaken, however no inspection notice was issued as there was no alleged offender/landowner to issue one to (natural event, unsourced etc).
Interim Enforcement Order	An interim enforcement order has been issued by the Environment Court requiring action to be undertaken or something to cease. Notice must be complied with or further enforcement action can be considered.
Meeting with Company	A meeting was held with the Company to discuss the incident and ways to resolve any issues.
None	No action was required.
Not Substantiated	The incident could not be substantiated (i.e. it is not likely/possible/probable that the alleged incident could have taken place).
Phone call	A phone call was made to the alleged offender/authority.
Prosecution	A prosecution is being initiated for this incident.
Referral to Appropriate Authority	The incident was referred to the appropriate authority (District Council, Department of Conservation etc).

Recommendations to Council

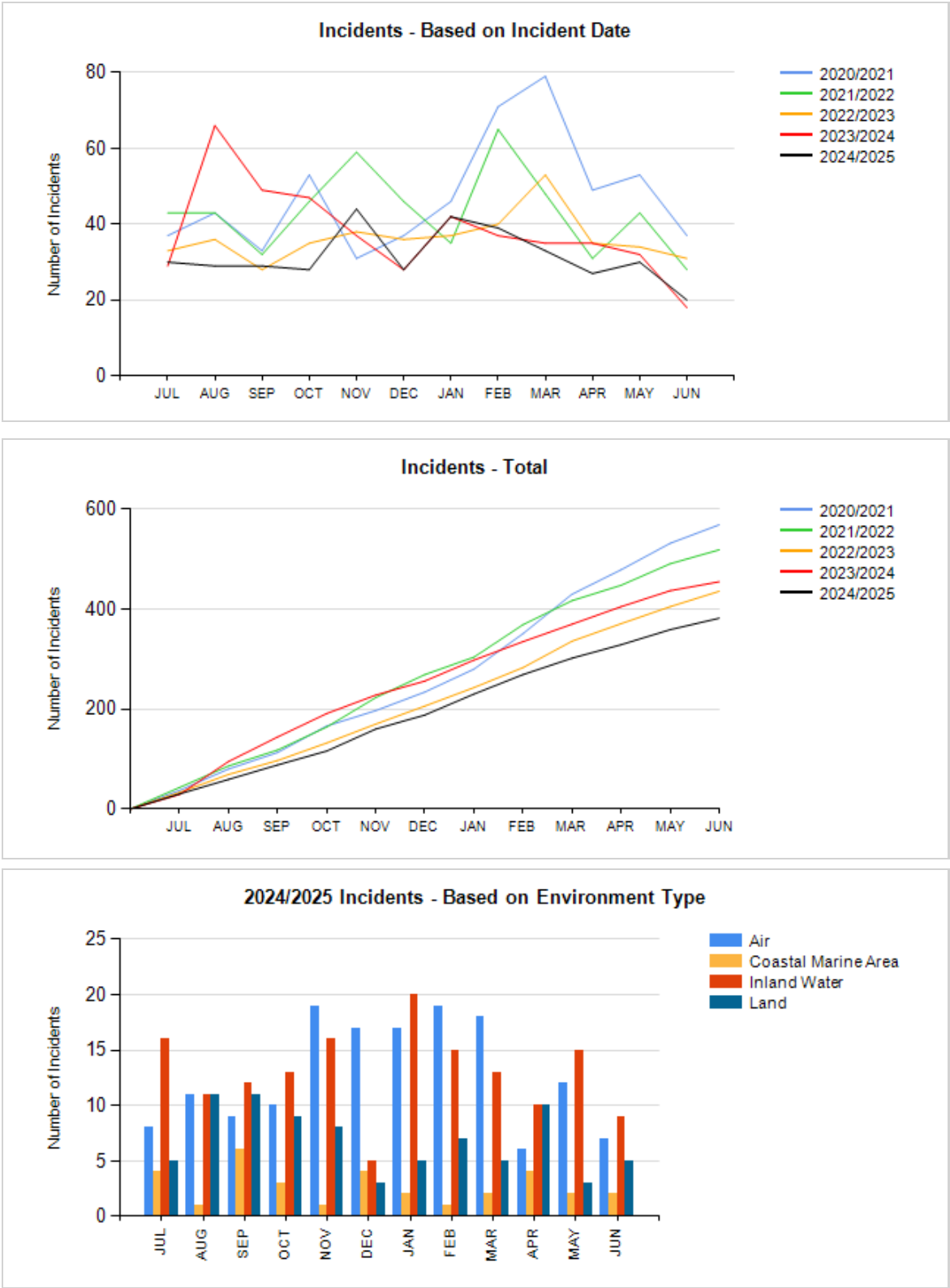
Investigation continuing	Outcome has not been finalised. Investigation is continuing on this incident, information/evidence still being gathered. Further action, including enforcement are being considered and therefore legally all information cannot be reported on this incident at this stage. These incidents will continue to be reported as updates in the following agendas.
No Further Action	Investigation is completed, any required enforcement action has been undertaken and no further action is required.
No Further Action At This Stage	Investigation is completed, any required enforcement action has been undertaken and further action may be required at a later date.
No Further Action/Costs Recovered	Investigation is completed, any required enforcement action has been undertaken and no further action is required. Costs will be recovered from the alleged offender for the investigation.
No further Action at this Stage/Costs Recovered	Investigation is completed, any required enforcement action has been undertaken and further action may be required at a later date (reinspection of Abatement Notice etc). Costs will be recovered from the alleged offender for the investigation.

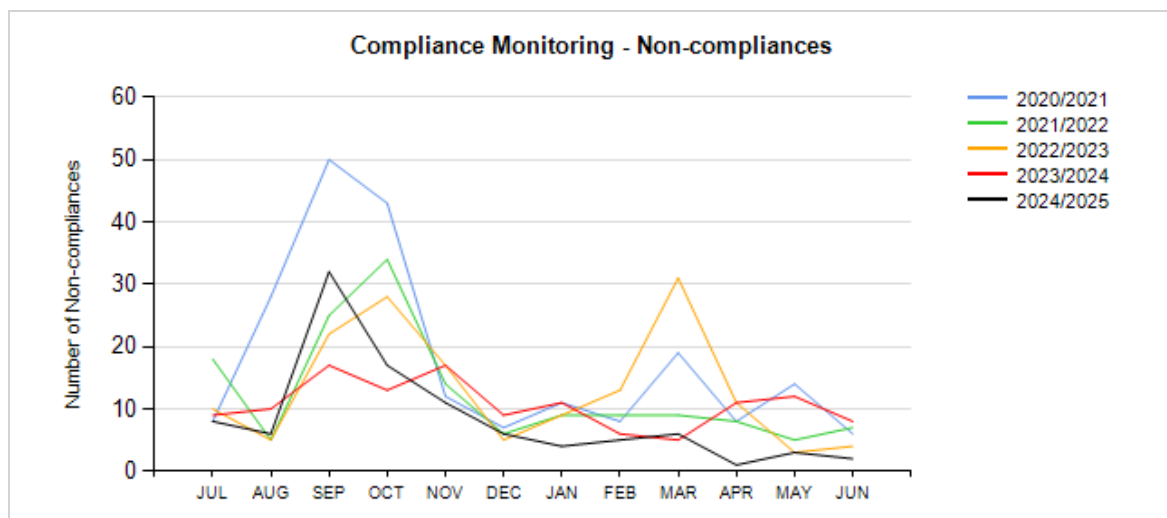
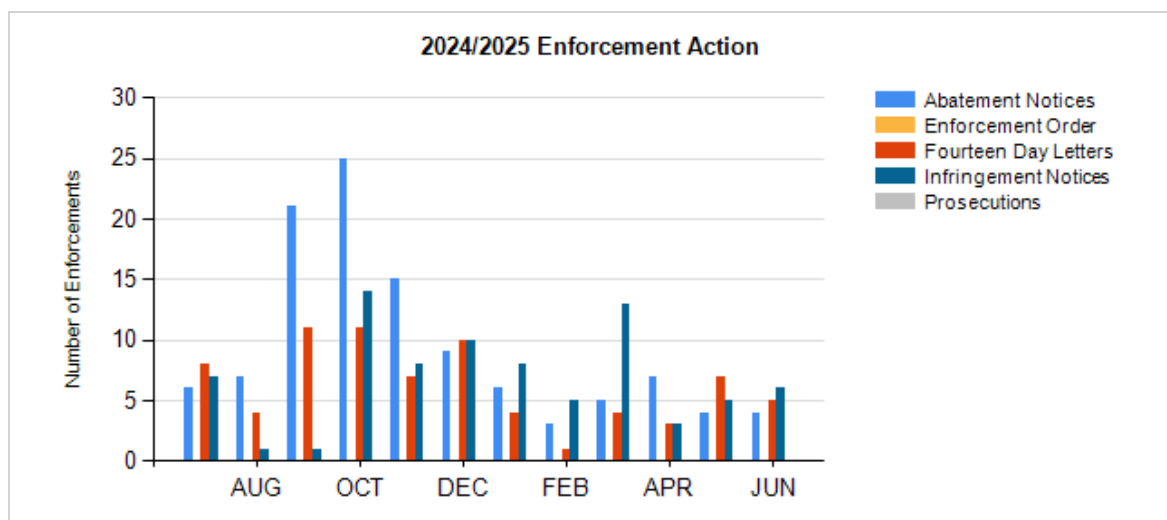
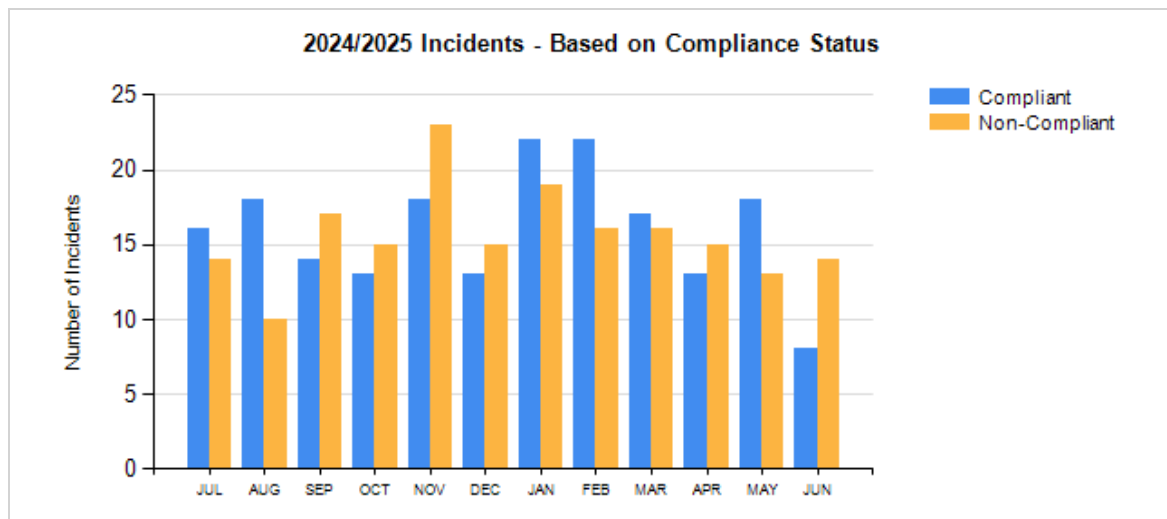
Defences under Sections 340 and 341 of the Resource Management Act 1991

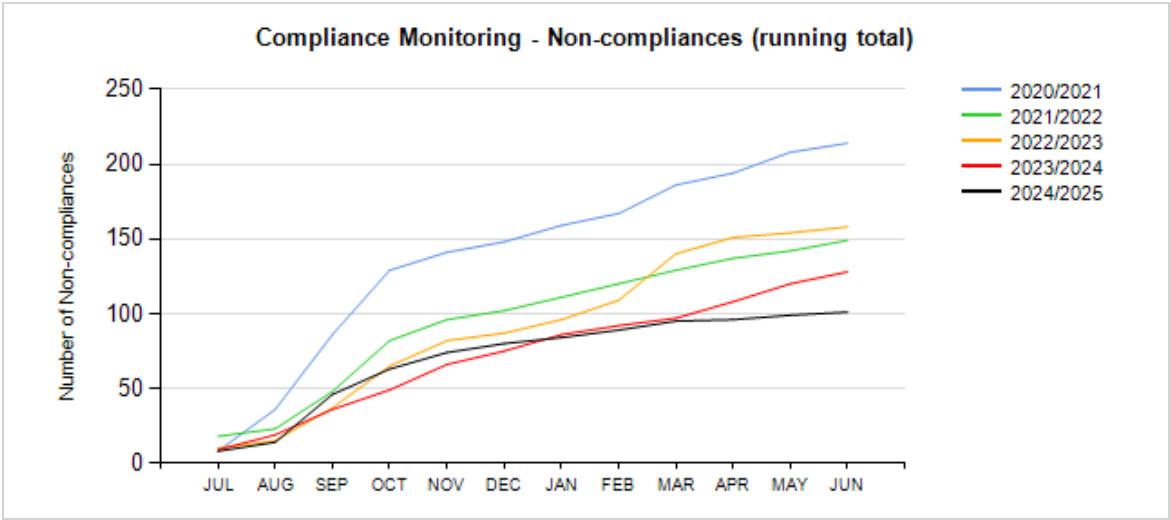
Sometimes no enforcement action is undertaken against an alleged offender for a non-compliant incident as they have a defence under Section 340 of the Resource Management Act 1991 including reasons such as:

- the defendant can prove that he or she did not know, and could not reasonably be expected to have known that the offence was to be or was being committed, or
- that he or she took all reasonable steps to prevent the commission of the offence, or

- the action or event could not reasonably have been foreseen or been provided against by the defendant.







Compliant Incidents for the period 16 May 2025 to 30 Jun 2025

Incident Date	Job Number IRIS ID	Incident Type	Source	Compliance Status	Recommendation
20 May 2025	330125-346 IN/52531	Alleged odour - Mountain Road, Inglewood.	Complaint	Consent Compliance	No Further Action
23 May 2025	330125-348 IN/52544	Alleged discoloured stream - Lawry Street, New Plymouth.	Complaint	Not Applicable/Natural Event	No Further Action
25 May 2025	330125-349 IN/52564	Alleged burning - Joll Street, Waitara.	Complaint	RAQP Allowed	No Further Action
27 May 2025	330125-353 IN/52559	Alleged odour - Mountain Road, Inglewood.	Complaint	Consent Compliance	No Further Action
28 May 2025	330125-356 IN/52568	Alleged discharge - Weld Road, New Plymouth.	Complaint	RFWP Allowed	No Further Action
29 May 2025	330125-354 IN/52566	Alleged green stream - Tawa Street, Inglewood.	Complaint	Not Applicable/Natural Event	No Further Action
30 May 2025	330125-358 IN/52603	Alleged risk of forestry slash mobilising to surface water - Omata Road, Waverley.	Complaint	NES Forestry Allowed	No Further Action
5 Jun 2025	330125-359 IN/52608	Alleged odour - Albany Street, Patea.	Complaint	RAQP Allowed	No Further Action
5 Jun 2025	330125-363 IN/52625	Alleged washwater discharge - Queen Street, Waitara.	Complaint	RFWP Allowed	No Further Action
6 Jun 2025	330125-360 IN/52614	Alleged odour - Smith Street, Lepperton.	Complaint	Consent Compliance	No Further Action

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Incident Date	Job Number IRIS ID	Incident Type	Source	Compliance Status	Recommendation
9 Jun 2025	330125-362 IN/52621	Alleged odour - Mayne Street, Waitara.	Complaint	RAQP Allowed	No Further Action
12 Jun 2025	330125-365 IN/52641	Alleged odour - Katere Road, New Plymouth.	Complaint	RAQP Allowed	No Further Action
16 Jun 2025	330125-372 IN/52736	Alleged odour - Mokau Road, Uruti.	Complaint	Consent Compliance	No Further Action
21 Jun 2025	330125-374 IN/52699	Alleged rubbish at Tapuae Beach - South Road, Omata.	Complaint	RCP Allowed	No Further Action
24 Jun 2025	330125-375 IN/52700	Alleged hydrocarbon discharge - Celia Street, Stratford.	Complaint	RFWP Allowed	No Further Action
30 Jun 2025	330125-377 IN/52715	Alleged sediment discharge - Rawhitiroa Road, Eltham.	Complaint	RFWP Allowed	Investigation Continuing
30 Jun 2025	330125-378 IN/52719	Alleged odour - Cross Street, Lepperton.	Complaint	Consent Compliance	No Further Action
30 Jun 2025	330125-379 IN/52721	Alleged hydrocarbon discharge, Mould Street, Waitara	Complaint	RFWP Allowed	Investigation Continuing

Updates of Non-Compliant incidents from previous agendas

Incident Date	Job Number IRIS ID	Incident Type	Source	Alleged Responsible Party	Consent Number	Action Taken	Recommendation
13 Mar 2025 Update	330125-281 IN/52107	Earthworks within 10 metres of a wetland - Kaweora Road, Opunake.	TRC Staff Notification	Andrew Clement (70077)		EAC-26325 - Abatement Notice	No Further Action
Comments: Notification was received regarding earthworks being undertaken within a wetland at Kaweora Road, Opunake. An investigation found that earthworks had been undertaken with vegetation being cleared within a 100 metre setback from a natural inland wetland in contravention of Regulations in the Resource Management (National Environmental Standards for Freshwater) Regulations 2020. An abatement notice was issued to undertake works to infill the drain and contour to ensure compliance. Reinspection found that the abatement notice has been complied with. No further action.							
14 Mar 2025 Update	330125-284 IN/52225	Odour - Colson Road, New Plymouth.	Complaint	Gas & Plumbing Ltd (26366)		EAC-26323 - Explanation Requested - Letter*EAC-26370 - Infringement Notice (\$1,000)	No Further Action
Comments: A complaint was received regarding odour discharging from a sewage dewatering business at Colson Road, New Plymouth. Odour surveys were undertaken and odour was detected off-site. An assessment of the odour against the FIDOL factors for assessing odour, determined that it was of a scale, intensity and regularity to be considered objectionable. A site inspection was undertaken and found that the facility was not being managed in an appropriate manner to prevent odour discharging offsite in contravention of Abatement Notice EAC-26228. A letter requesting an explanation has been sent and no response provided. No further action.							

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1 Apr 2025 Update	330125-300 IN/52244	Digger in stream - Rowan Road, Awatuna.	Complaint	Sunman Farms Limited (34685)		EAC-26311 - Abatement Notice	Investigation Continuing
Comments: A complaint was received regarding a digger in a stream at Rowan Road, Awatuna. An investigation found that earthworks were being undertaken in an unnamed tributary of the Mangawheroiti Stream. The responsible party stated that the works were associated with replacing an existing culvert with a larger sized culvert and to recontour an adjacent paddock. An assessment of the works determined that further erosion and sediment controls were required to be installed at the site to prevent the discharge of sediment into surface water. It was also determined that the newly installed culvert was in contravention of the permitted activity rules in the Regional Freshwater Plan for Taranaki and associated Regulations within the Resource Management (National Environmental Standards for Freshwater) Regulations 2020. A reinspection found that sediment controls had been installed as directed. An abatement notice was issued requiring works to be undertaken to ensure the culvert is compliant with the relevant rules. Reinspection to be undertaken after 3 July 2025. Investigation continuing.							
4 Apr 2025 Update	330125-304 IN/52277	Earthworks in/within 10m of a wetland - Eltham Road, Hawera.	Complaint	BNK Company Limited (23159)		EAC-26324 - Abatement Notice	Investigation Continuing
Comments: A complaint was received regarding earthworks within a wetland at Eltham Road, Hawera. An investigation found contouring earthworks had been undertaken in a paddock within a 10 metre setback from a natural inland wetland in contravention of Regulations in the Resource Management (National Environmental Standards for Freshwater) Regulations 2020. An abatement notice was issued requiring works to cease immediately. Investigation continuing.							
9 Apr 2025 Update	330125-305 IN/52305	Earthworks in/within 10m of a wetland - Wiremu Road, Opunake.	TRC Staff Notification	Andrew Clement (70077)		EAC-26334 - Abatement Notice	Investigation Continuing
Comments: During routine monitoring it was found that earthworks had been undertaken within a wetland at Wiremu Road, Opunake. An investigation found that earthworks associated with land drainage activities had been undertaken within a 100 metre setback from a natural inland wetland. An abatement notice was issued requiring the responsible party to undertake works to infill the drains to ensure compliance with Regulations in the Resource Management (National Environmental Standards for Freshwater) Regulations 2020. Reinspection to be undertaken after 30 June 2025. Investigation continuing.							

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Incident Date	Job Number IRIS ID	Incident Type	Source	Alleged Responsible Party	Consent Number	Action Taken	Recommendation
10 Apr 2025 Update	330125-308 IN/52332	Firefighting foam discharge, Rawinia Street, New Plymouth.	Self-Notification	Port Taranaki Limited (26226)	R2/9978-1.0		Investigation Continuing
Comments: Self-notification was received regarding the discharge of a biodegradable foam solution from a bulk storage facility to land at Rawinia Street, New Plymouth. Inspection found that firefighting foam (3% solution mix of fluorine-free foam concentrate and firewater) had been used to test the firefighting infrastructure at Port Taranaki and then subsequently stored in four tanks awaiting disposal. An inspection by Port staff found that two of the tanks had a loss of volume of product stored within the tanks. The remaining product has been removed from the tanks and the tanks are being inspected to determine the cause of the discharge. The responsible party has engaged suitably qualified experts to undertake an assessment of the site to determine any actual or likely effects on the environment as a result of the discharge. A report has been received by this Council and is being considered. Investigation continuing.							
10 Apr 2025 Update	330125-307 IN/52337	Water take - Record Street, Fitzroy.	Complaint	Fitzroy Golf Club (20469)		EAC-26344 - Abatement Notice	Investigation Continuing
Comments: Third party notification was received regarding the volume of water being abstracted from Lake Rotomanu at Clemow Road, New Plymouth. An inspection found that water was being abstracted for the purpose of irrigation activities associated with the adjacent Fitzroy Golf Club. Enquires with the Golf Club and an inspection of the pump determined that water was regularly being taken at a volume and rate that is in contravention of rules in the Regional Freshwater Plan for Taranaki. The responsible party is installing a flow meter to the pump to determine the volume and rate of water being taken from the lake. An abatement notice was issued requiring works to be undertaken to the management and infrastructure of the water take infrastructure to ensure compliance with the relevant surface water abstraction rules. A flow meter has since been fitted to the pump. The responsible party has also gained information to obtain a resource consent. Reinspection to be undertaken after 1 September 2025.							
13 Apr 2025 Update	330125-306 IN/52331	Dumped rubbish - Mamaku Road, Waitara.	Complaint	Unsourced (9768)			No Further Action
Comments: A complaint was received regarding rubbish that had been dumped in a reserve area beside the Waitara River on Mamaku Road, Waitara. An inspection found the rubbish was not in the river and there is no immediate risk of the discharge of contaminants to water. The rubbish contained various items, including but not limited to, a burnt out vehicle, car parts, furniture items, whiteware and a large amount of household rubbish. The rubbish dumping is occurring on land owned by this Council who will investigate means of removal and how to prevent reoffending. A barrier and rocks will be installed to prevent access. The rubbish will be removed once this is complete. No further action.							

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Incident Date	Job Number IRIS ID	Incident Type	Source	Alleged Responsible Party	Consent Number	Action Taken	Recommendation
22 Apr 2025 Update	330125-315 IN/52365	Fertiliser discharge - Warrick Road, Stratford.	Complaint	Ravensdown Fertiliser Co-operative Ltd (24536)*Whare Lissington (75722)	R2/8438-0		Investigation Continuing
Comments: A complaint was received regarding the discharge of fertiliser onto the road at Warrick Road, Stratford. An investigation found fertiliser had been tracked onto the road by the transport trucks from the distribution facility. It was found that there was a lack of bunding and stormwater interceptor systems on the site to ensure compliance with rules in the Regional Fresh Water Plan for Taranaki. A previously issued abatement notice has been granted an extension to allow sufficient time for the responsible party to apply for resource consents for stormwater and other system upgrades. Investigation continuing.							
5 May 2025 Update	330125-328 IN/52440	Substance in river - Palmer Road, Kapuni.	Self-Notification	Unsourced (9768)			No Further Action/Costs Recovered
Comments: Notification was received regarding an unknown substance blocking a water intake at a fertiliser manufacturing plant at Palmer Road, Kapuni. An investigation found that a rubbery/earth like substance had been entering the facilities water take in the Waingongoro River near Palmer Road. A sample of the substance has been sent for analysis. Analysis of sample results determined that the substance was likely algae based material. The source of the algae was unable to be identified. No further accumulation has been noted at the intake. No further action.							
9 May 2025 Update	330125-344 IN/52516	Bamboo in stream - Devon Street East, New Plymouth.	Complaint	Danielle Washer (73253)			No Further Action
Comments: A complaint was received regarding bamboo in a stream at Devon Street East, New Plymouth. An inspection found a large amount of bamboo growing on the banks of the Te Henui Stream had been felled into the stream. The bamboo has the potential to dislodge from its current location during high flow and cause an obstruction or discharge into the Coastal Marine Area. An investigation located where the bamboo had originated from. A conversation was held with the responsible party who was advised to remove the bamboo from the stream. Reinspection found the bamboo had been removed from the stream. No further action.							

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Incident Date	Job Number IRIS ID	Incident Type	Source	Alleged Responsible Party	Consent Number	Action Taken	Recommendation
12 May 2025 Update	330125-337 IN/52497	Discharge - Pembroke Road, Stratford.	Complaint	Westown Agriculture Limited (55300)		EAC-26343 - Explanation Requested - Letter*EAC-26371 - Infringement Notice (\$750)	No Further Action

Comments: A complaint was received regarding the discharge of effluent onto Pembroke Road, Stratford. An inspection found a trail of stock effluent had discharged on various streets throughout Stratford from a truck transporting stock effluent for disposal. Stratford District Council sent out communication to Stratford residents to avoid the area and a contractor was dispatched to undertake cleanup operations. An inspection confirmed that no effluent had entered surface water. An investigation determined that the trailer unit used to transport the effluent was not appropriate resulting in the discharge. The responsible party was spoken to and accepted responsibility for the discharge. No further action.

Non-compliant incidents for the period 16 May 2025 to 30 Jun 2025

Incident Date	Job Number IRIS ID	Incident Type	Source	Alleged Responsible Party	Consent Number	Action Taken	Recommendation
16 May 2025	330125-342 IN/52517	Animal carcass/offal in river - Bridge Street, Eltham.	Complaint	Unsourced (9768)			No Further Action
Comments: A complaint was received regarding animal remains being observed in the Waingongoro River at Bridge Street, Eltham. An investigation found a sheep carcass within the river. The carcass was recovered to the river bank and South Taranaki District Council dispatched a contractor to dispose of the carcass. The responsible party could not be identified.							
16 May 2025	330125-345 IN/52526	Burning - Hurworth Road, New Plymouth.	Complaint	Lynn Vincent (77281)			No Further Action
Comments: A complaint was received regarding burning at a rural property at Hurworth Road, Hurworth. An inspection found that waste generated from a residential build was being burnt in a pit. The responsible party advised the waste previously burnt consisted of but was not limited to, treated timber, timber pellets and packaging. Upon inspection of the area it was found that the burn pit had been buried and there was no evidence of what had been burnt. Advice and education was provided to the responsible party regarding restrictions on burning prohibited items and the rules around only burning waste generated on the property. No further action.							
17 May 2025	330125-343 IN/52523	Burning - Albert Street, Hawera.	Complaint	Jason Stubbing (77267)			No Further Action
Comments: A complaint was received regarding backyard burning at a residential property at Albert Street, Hawera. An inspection found that a fire had been lit at a residential property within a defined urban area in contravention of rules in the Regional Air Quality Plan for Taranaki. An inspection of the burn pile found vegetation being burnt. Advice and education was provided to the responsible party regarding the restrictions on backyard burning. The fire was extinguished immediately upon request. No further action.							

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Incident Date	Job Number IRIS ID	Incident Type	Source	Alleged Responsible Party	Consent Number	Action Taken	Recommendation
21 May 2025	330125-347 IN/52534	Sediment discharge - Mohakau Road, Stratford.	Complaint	Craig White (77283)		EAC-26357 - Abatement Notice	Investigation Continuing
Comments: A complaint was received regarding a sediment discharge at Mohakau Road, Stratford. An inspection was undertaken and found that pigs were being farmed on the side of steep paddocks resulting in sediment laden stormwater discharging onto the road and likely into the adjacent Mohakau Stream during rainfall events. An abatement notice was issued requiring works to be undertaken to ensure that stormwater doesn't mobilise sediment off site. Works have begun and an extension has been granted on the abatement notice to allow the works to be completed. Reinspection to be undertaken end of July 2025. Investigation continuing.							
25 May 2025	330125-350 IN/52565	Animal carcass/offal in river - Turi Street, Patea.	Complaint	Unsourced (9768)			No Further Action
Comments: A complaint was received regarding animal remains being observed in the Patea River at Turi Street, Patea. An investigation found a cow had been washed up in the Patea River near the boat ramp. The officer at the time was unable to dispose of the carcass due to its size and the state of decomposition. A follow-up inspection the following day found the carcass had washed out to sea. The responsible party could not be identified. No further action.							
26 May 2025	330125-351 IN/52549	Excess pig numbers - Upper Pitone Road, Pitone.	TRC Staff Compliance Monitoring	Simon Harfield (75313)		EAC-26351 - Abatement Notice	Investigation Continuing
Comments: A number of complaints were received regarding odour discharging from a rural property at Upper Pitone Road, Okato. An inspection was undertaken and it was found that the responsible party was farming approximately 35-40 pigs in contravention of the maximum number of pigs (25) allowed within the permitted activity rules within the Regional Air Quality Plan for Taranaki. Pigs were observed moving freely between an open shelter and a fenced outside area. An inspection of the outside area found it to have no vegetation cover and significant pugging. A surface water channel was noted to flow through this area where pigs had unobstructed access. Water samples were taken. The responsible party was advised that he was in breach of rule 47 and 50 of the Regional Air Quality Plan for Taranaki. An abatement notice was issued to the responsible party to undertake works to the management practices of the piggery operation. Reinspection to be undertaken after 30 June 2025. Investigation continuing.							

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Incident Date	Job Number IRIS ID	Incident Type	Source	Alleged Responsible Party	Consent Number	Action Taken	Recommendation
29 May 2025	330125-355 IN/52567	Non-complying weir structure - Patterson Road, New Plymouth.	TRC Staff Notification	Scott and Amanda Hale (26276)			Investigation Continuing

Comments: Notification was received regarding a historic weir at Patterson Road, New Plymouth. An inspection found that a weir had previously been constructed within the Huatoki Stream. An assessment of the weir found that it was likely to be a partial barrier to fish passage in contravention of rules in the Regional Freshwater Plan for Taranaki. The owners of the structure were spoken to and works are being undertaken to better understand the degree of fish barrier that the structure is causing. Further investigation is required.

4 Jun 2025	330125-357 IN/52595	Effluent discharge - Te Ranganuku Road, Waiinu Beach.	Complaint	Silver Fern Farms Limited (30302)	R2/2260-3.2	EAC-26359 - Explanation Requested - Letter	No Further Action/Costs Recovered
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Comments: A complaint was received regarding an irrigator discharging wastewater across the boundary and onto the road from a meat processing facility at Te Ranganuku Road, Waiinu Beach. An investigation found that the discharge had ceased prior to the officer attending the complaint. Evidence was supplied by the complainant that showed the irrigator discharging onto the road in breach of resource consent conditions. Inspection of the paddock found the irrigator had been operating approximately 50 metres from the property boundary however a strong northerly wind had resulted in the irrigated wastewater being carried over the boundary of the property. There was no evidence of wastewater on the road at the time of the inspection. A letter requesting an explanation was sent. A response was received and accepted. The irrigator was found to have been programmed incorrectly. It will now automatically shut down in high winds. No further action.

9 Jun 2025	330125-361 IN/52618	Rubbish along streambank - Katere Road, New Plymouth.	Complaint	Waste Management NZ Limited (25000)			Investigation Continuing
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Comments: A complaint was received regarding rubbish discharging from a waste transfer facility at Katere Road, New Plymouth. An inspection found that litter was being discharged off the site and into neighboring commercial properties and onto the banks of the Mangone Stream. The litter was being discharged offsite by wind and it was also found that litter was being spread as a result of seagulls accessing the waste transfer facility and spreading waste as a result of scavenging activities. A meeting was held with New Plymouth District Council and then subsequently with the responsible party to address the issues. The responsible party has accepted that there is an issue with litter being discharged offsite via various mechanisms and have committed to reviewing site operations and infrastructure to resolve the issue. An increase in pro-active inspections are being undertaken by this Council to monitor and assess the issues identified. The responsible party will be providing an update of proposed solutions in the coming weeks.

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Incident Date	Job Number IRIS ID	Incident Type	Source	Alleged Responsible Party	Consent Number	Action Taken	Recommendation
9 Jun 2025	330125-364 IN/52628	Blocked Culvert - Upper Pitone Road, Okato.	Complaint	Simon Harfield (75313)			No Further Action
Comments: A complaint was received regarding a blocked culvert and sediment laden water discharging onto a neighbouring property at Upper Pitone Road, Okato. An investigation found that earthworks had been undertaken onsite resulting in sediment laden stormwater discharging onto the neighbouring property. This Council are working with the landowner to resolve the issues identified. Reinspection was undertaken and found the culvert had been cleared and stormwater was no longer discharging onto the paddock. No further action.							
12 Jun 2025	330125-369 IN/52672	Hydrocarbon discharge - Brown Street, Inglewood.	Third Party Notification	Unsourced (9768)			No Further Action
Comments: Notification was received regarding a hydrocarbon discharge at Brown Street, Inglewood. An investigation located a 20 litre oil container on the road that had likely fallen off a vehicle. The oil container had split, resulting in the discharge of hydrocarbons onto the road and into the roadside stormwater network. A third party contractor placed sand on the road and absorbent material was placed within the stormwater network to recover the spilt hydrocarbons. A follow-up inspection was undertaken the following day and sorbent pads, socks and sand were replaced. A sucker truck cleaned the gutters and stormwater drain. An inspection of the stream was undertaken and was found to be running clean and clear. The responsible party was unable to be identified. No further action.							
13 Jun 2025	330125-367 IN/52647	Hydrocarbon discharge - Dawson Street, New Plymouth.	Third Party Notification	Unsourced (9768)			No Further Action
Comments: Notification was received regarding an oil sheen in the road side gutter at Dawson Street, New Plymouth. An investigation found a small amount of grease/oil was visible within the roadside gutter. Absorbent material was utilised to recover the visible sheen. The source of the contamination was unable to be identified. No further action.							

Non-compliant incidents for the period 16 May 2025 to 30 Jun 2025

Incident Date	Job Number IRIS ID	Incident Type	Source	Alleged Responsible Party	Consent Number	Action Taken	Recommendation
13 Jun 2025	330125-368 IN/52648	Odour - Sisson Terrace, Lepperton.	Complaint	D H Lepper Family Trust (74401)*Steven Lepper (14547)	R2/5206-2.1	EAC-26373 - Abatement Notice*EAC-26385 - Explanation Requested - Letter	Investigation Continuing

Comments: A complaint was received regarding odour discharging near Sisson Terrace, Lepperton. Odour surveys were undertaken and odour was detected. An assessment of the odour against the FIDOL factors for assessing odour, determined that it was of a scale, intensity and regularity to be considered objectionable. A site inspection of an adjacent piggery was undertaken and the source of the odour was determined to be from the piggery effluent ponds. A letter requesting an explanation was sent. An abatement notice was issued requiring works to be undertaken to the maintenance, management and infrastructure of the piggery effluent containment, treatment and disposal system to ensure compliance with the resource consent. Investigation continuing.

13 Jun 2025	330125-370 IN/52649	Homekill expired consent	TRC Staff Compliance Monitoring	Peter Jones (3453)	R2/3979-2	EAC-26367 - Abatement Notice	Investigation Continuing
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Comments: During routine compliance monitoring it was found that a homekill business was discharging wastewater onto and into land when the authorisation for the activity had expired at Newall Road, Warea. Inspection found that the offal pit was located next to a neighbouring property on land that contours toward the boundary, enabling wastewater to discharge over the boundary line when the sump is full and overflows. An abatement notice was issued requiring works to be undertaken to ensure compliance with rules in the Regional Freshwater Plan for Taranaki. Reinspection to be undertaken after 14 July 2025. Investigation continuing.

Non-compliant incidents for the period 16 May 2025 to 30 Jun 2025

Incident Date	Job Number IRIS ID	Incident Type	Source	Alleged Responsible Party	Consent Number	Action Taken	Recommendation
14 Jun 2025	330125-371 IN/52669	Unauthorised discharge to stream - Otaraoa Road, Waitara.	Self-Notification	Todd Energy Limited (36724)	R2/10022-1.2	EAC-26380 - Explanation Requested - Letter	Investigation Continuing
Comments: Self-notification was received regarding an unauthorised discharge of a liquid surfactant to surface water from the Mangahewa G wellsite at Otaraoa Road, Waitara. An investigation found that a bund containing vessels storing the liquid surfactant had been discharged to land. The stormwater within the bund contained some spilt surfactant which subsequently mobilised through the stormwater treatment system (skimmer pit) and into an unnamed tributary of the Mangahewa Stream. An inspection of the receiving environment by the responsible party found that foaming was present downstream of areas of turbulence (riffles) within the stream. No foam was observed beyond the confluence with the Mangahewa Stream. Upon detection of the discharge, the responsible party shut off the skimmer pit discharge valve and engaged a sucker truck to clean out the stormwater system. Samples were taken within the receiving environment and Otaraoa hapu were advised and attended the site to assess the discharge. The responsible party has since changed its operating procedures to better control discharges from bunded areas onsite. A letter requesting an explanation was sent. Investigation continuing.							
18 Jun 2025	330125-373 IN/52678	Quarrying - Mid Puniho Road, Okato.	TRC Staff Compliance Monitoring	Gibson Family Trust (37097)		EAC-26376 - Abatement Notice	No Further Action
Comments: During routine compliance monitoring it was found that earthworks were being undertaken in a paddock at Mid Puniho Road, Okato. An inspection found that a commercial quarry was being operated in contravention of rules in the Regional Freshwater Plan for Taranaki. An abatement notice has been issued requiring quarrying works to cease. A reinspection confirmed that quarrying activities had ceased. A resource consent will be obtained before quarrying activities recommence. No further action.							
24 Jun 2025	330125-332 IN/52462	Vegetation clearance - Surrey Road, Tariki.	TRC Staff Notification	Gerard Brian Walsh (31738)		EAC-26378 - Abatement Notice	Investigation Continuing
Comments: During unrelated monitoring Council staff observed an area of native bush that appeared to have been cleared at Surrey Road, Tariki. An inspection was undertaken with relevant experts and it was found that approximately 3.05 hectares of native bush had been cleared. It was determined that the vegetation clearance had been undertaken within a 10 metre setback from a natural inland wetland in contravention of Regulations in the Resource Management (National Environmental Standards for Freshwater) Regulations 2020. An abatement notice was issued requiring works to cease immediately. Further enforcement action is being considered. Investigation continuing.							

Non-compliant incidents for the period 16 May 2025 to 30 Jun 2025

Incident Date	Job Number IRIS ID	Incident Type	Source	Alleged Responsible Party	Consent Number	Action Taken	Recommendation
25 Jun 2025	330125-376 IN/52702	Discoloured discharge - Gill Street, New Plymouth.	Complaint	Unsourced (9768)			Investigation Continuing
Comments: A complaint was received regarding discoloured water discharging from a pipe into the roadside curb at Gill Street, New Plymouth. An inspection found that the discharge had ceased prior to arrival at the site. Samples were collected within the stormwater network down gradient from the discharge point. A visit to neighbouring restaurants and cafes was undertaken but the responsible party could not be identified. Investigation continuing.							
27 Jun 2025	330125-380 IN/52723	Wastewater discharge - Eliot Street, New Plymouth.	Self-Notification	New Plymouth District Council (9565)	R2/0882-4.1*R2/10406-1.0		Investigation Continuing
Comments: Self notification was received regarding a wastewater discharge into the Tasman Sea at Eliot Street, New Plymouth. An investigation found that the discharge had occurred from the New Plymouth District Council wastewater reticulation network at the Te Henui Pump Station as a result of the inflows exceeding the maximum pumpable volume during a period of significant rainfall. Warning signs were erected and actions taken in accordance with the wastewater contingency plan. Council has requested further information regarding the operation status of the Pump Station at the time the discharge occurred. Investigation ongoing.							
28 Jun 2025	330125-381 IN/52724	Wastewater discharge - Battiscombe Terrace, Waitara.	Self-Notification	New Plymouth District Council (9565)	R2/0882-4.1*R2/10406-1.0		No Further Action At This Stage
Comments: Self notification was received regarding a wastewater discharge into the Tasman Sea, via the Waitara outfall at Battiscombe Terrace, Waitara. An investigation found that the discharge had occurred from the New Plymouth District Council wastewater reticulation network as a result of the inflows exceeding the maximum storage capacity and pumpable volume within the network caused by a period of significant rainfall. The discharge lasted for approximately 20 minutes. Warning signs were erected and the contingency plan was adhered to. A final report will be submitted to this Council in due course. No further action at this stage.							

Non-compliant incidents for the period 16 May 2025 to 30 Jun 2025

Incident Date	Job Number IRIS ID	Incident Type	Source	Alleged Responsible Party	Consent Number	Action Taken	Recommendation
29 Jun 2025	330125-382 IN/52725	Animal carcass/offal on beach - Waiwhakaiho River Mouth, New Plymouth.	Complaint	Grat Trusts 1 and 2 TA Rosglo Farms (17123)*Rosglo Farms Limited (34336)*Rosglo Trust Partnership Inglewood (23232)			No Further Action/Costs Recovered

Comments: A complaint was received regarding animal remains being observed on the beach north of the Waiwhakaiho River mouth, New Plymouth. An investigation located the dead cow. The owner was identified and engaged a third party contractor to dispose of the carcass. Investigation continuing.

Updates of Compliance Monitoring – Non-compliances from previous agendas

Inspection Date	Job Number IRIS ID	Inspection Type	Compliance Status	Alleged Responsible Party	Consent Number	Action Taken	Recommendation
15 Nov 2024 Update	332125-073 ENF-24671	Office Assessment	Non-compliance	Fonterra Limited (50606)	R2/1450-3.1		No Further Action/Costs Recovered

Comments: During an office assessment it was found that resource consent conditions were not being complied with at a Milk Processing facility at Rifle Range Road, Hawera. It was found that a Wastewater Management BPO Report had not been submitted to Council as required by resource consent conditions. The report has since been received and accepted in accordance with resource consent conditions. No further action.

10 Dec 2024 Update	332125-091 ENF-24706	Compliance Monitoring Insp.	Non-compliance	Silver Fern Farms Limited (30302)	R2/2261-3.1	EAC-26197 - Abatement Notice	No Further Action/Costs Recovered
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Comments: During routine compliance monitoring it was found that resource consent conditions were not being complied with at a Meat Processing facility at Waiinu Beach Road, Waitotara. An inspection found that data had not been supplied to Taranaki Regional Council from the dedicated monitoring bore since March 2022 due to a fault and/or technical issue with the Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA) system, which is used for controlling, monitoring, and analysing industrial devices and processes. An engineer is looking further into the matter. An abatement notice has been issued to the responsible party requiring compliance with resource consent conditions. Reinspection found that the abatement notice and resource consent conditions were being complied with. No further action.

19 Feb 2025 Update	332125-099 ENF-24733	Annual Inspection	Significant non-compliance	Denis Goodwin (74341)	R2/2628-3.0		No Further Action/Costs Recovered
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Comments: During the annual dairy inspection round it was found that the farm dairy effluent disposal system was not operating within resource consent conditions and Abatement Notice EAC-24559 which was issued as a result of a previous non-compliance at Goodwin Road, Okato. Inspection found that the farm dairy effluent storage facility had still not been installed at the property in contravention of resource consent conditions which stated that a suitable storage facility was to be installed by 01 December 2021. The consent holder has informed this Council that a change in contractors for the installation has resulted in a delay in the installation process. In light of the explanation received from the consent holder, Abatement Notice EAC-24559 has been extended to 01 July 2025. Reinspection found that the abatement notice was being complied with and all works had been completed. No further action.

Updates of Compliance Monitoring – Non-compliances from previous agendas

Inspection Date	Job Number IRIS ID	Inspection Type	Compliance Status	Alleged Responsible Party	Consent Number	Action Taken	Recommendation
26 Feb 2025 Update	332125-108 ENF-24771	Compliance Monitoring Insp.	Significant non-compliance	New Plymouth District Council (9565)	R2/2339-4.1	EAC-26358 - Infringement Notice (\$750)*EAC-26297 - Abatement Notice	No Further Action At This Stage/Costs Recovered

Comments: During routine compliance monitoring it was found that resource consent conditions were not being complied with at an indoor/outdoor swimming complex at Tisch Avenue, New Plymouth. An inspection found that total suspended solid concentration for the backwash discharge from the site was measured at 500gm³ in contravention of resource consent conditions (100gm³). The oil and grease concentration was measured at 80gm³ in contravention of resource consent conditions (15gm³). An abatement notice was issued requiring an investigation to be undertaken to identify the cause of the elevated constituents within the discharge and following the findings of the investigation, implement changes to the management of the system to ensure compliance with resource consent conditions is achieved. Reinspection to be undertaken before 1 September 2025.

18 Mar 2025 Update	332125-105 ENF-24759	Compliance Monitoring Insp.	Non-compliance	John Sanderson (13100)*Sanderson H & R Trust (3753)	R2/3132-2	EAC-26364 - Infringement Notice (\$750)*EAC-26283 - Abatement Notice	No Further Action At This Stage/Costs Recovered
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Comments: During the annual dairy inspection round, it was found that the disposal of farm dairy effluent to land was in contravention of Rules 35 or 44 of the Regional Fresh Water Plan for Taranaki at Main South Road, Manaia. The inspection revealed that the resource consent authorising the discharge of farm dairy effluent to land had expired. An abatement notice was issued requiring the responsible party to undertake works to ensure that the rules in the Regional Freshwater Plan for Taranaki are complied with. A reinspection on 10 June 2025 found that no works had been undertaken to submit a resource consent application with this council. An infringement notice was subsequently issued. The responsible party has subsequently engaged a consultant and an application for resource consent to authorise the activity has been submitted to this Council. No further action at this stage.

Updates of Compliance Monitoring – Non-compliances from previous agendas

Inspection Date	Job Number IRIS ID	Inspection Type	Compliance Status	Alleged Responsible Party	Consent Number	Action Taken	Recommendation
15 Apr 2025 Update	332125-115 ENF-24799	Office Assessment	Non-compliance	NZ Forestry Limited (51862)	PA/20652-01		No Further Action/Costs Recovered

Comments: During routine compliance monitoring it was found that the provisions of the Resource Management (National Environmental Standards for Commercial Forestry) Regulations 2017, were not being complied with at a forest harvesting operation at Otaraoa Road, Waitara. Inspection found that slash had been deposited within two unnamed tributaries of the Waitara River at the site. Works were undertaken to remove the slash from the stream and place it outside of the 5% annual exceedance probability level to ensure compliance with the regulations. Reinspection was undertaken and found to be compliant with provisions of the Resource Management (National Environmental Standards for Commercial Forestry) 2017.

1 May 2025 Update	332125-116 ENF-24804	Chemical Sampling Survey	Non-compliance	Molten Metals Limited (25848)	R2/9974-1.0	EAC-26368 - Infringement Notice (\$750)*EAC-26336 - Explanation Requested - Letter	No Further Action/Costs Recovered
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Comments: During routine compliance monitoring it was found that resource consent conditions were not being complied with at a scrap metal storage and processing facility at Centennial Drive, New Plymouth. Analysis of samples taken found that the total suspended solid concentration within the stormwater discharge was (440g/m3) in contravention of resource consent conditions (100g/m3). A letter requesting an explanation has been sent and a response has been received. A follow-up inspection was found to be compliant with resource consent conditions. Another reinspection will be completed in the next few weeks to ensure ongoing compliance is achieved. No further action.

1 May 2025 Update	332125-117 ENF-24805	Chemical Sampling Survey	Non-compliance	Bulk Storage Terminals Limited (10008)	R2/4488-3.0	EAC-26337 - Explanation Requested - Letter	Investigation Continuing
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Comments: During routine compliance monitoring it was found that resource consent conditions were not being complied with at an industrial chemical storage facility at Centennial Drive, New Plymouth. Analysis of samples taken found that the pH concentration within the stormwater discharge from the site was measured at 11.6 in contravention of resource consent condition (9). A letter requesting an explanation was sent. A response was received and is being considered. Investigation continuing.

Updates of Compliance Monitoring – Non-compliances from previous agendas

Inspection Date	Job Number IRIS ID	Inspection Type	Compliance Status	Alleged Responsible Party	Consent Number	Action Taken	Recommendation
9 May 2025 Update	332125-119 ENF-24810	Chemical Sampling Survey	Non-compliance	Tegel Foods Limited (9994)	R2/2335-4.0	EAC-26369 - Infringement Notice (\$750)*EAC-26353 - Explanation Requested - Letter	No Further Action/Costs Recovered

Comments: During routine compliance monitoring it was found that resource consent conditions were not being complied with at a feedmill at Paraite Road, New Plymouth. Analysis of stormwater samples found that the stormwater discharge exceeded resource consent conditions. The stormwater sample found the total suspended solids to be 230g/m³ in exceedance of resource consent condition (100g/m³). The Biochemical Oxygen Demand was found to be 74 g/m³ in exceedance of resource consent condition (50 g/m³). A letter requesting an explanation was sent and a detailed response was received. An investigation identified that the first flush stormwater/tradewaste system had failed. A valve that controls the first flush being directed to trade waste had seized in the closed position. This resulted in the first flush cycle not being discharged to trade waste as it is designed to do but to the stormwater network. No further action.

14 May 2025 Update	332125-118 ENF-24806	Compliance Monitoring Insp.	Non-compliance	Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency (70589)	R2/10655-1.1	EAC-26338 - Explanation Requested - Letter	No Further Action/Costs Recovered
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Comments: During routine compliance monitoring it was found that resource consent conditions were not being complied with at Te Ara o Te Ata (Mount Messenger Bypass) at Mokau Road, Uruti. An investigation found that works had been undertaken that did not follow the methodology described within an approved Specific Construction Water Management Plan. Undertaking the works in a manner that deviated from the approved plan did not result in any measurable adverse effects upon the receiving environment. A letter requesting an explanation has been sent. A response has been received and accepted. Investigation continuing.

Compliance Monitoring – Non-compliances for the period 16 May 2025 to 30 Jun 2025

Inspection Date	Job Number IRIS ID	Inspection Type	Compliance Status	Alleged Responsible Party	Consent Number	Action Taken	Recommendation
27 May 2025	332125-120 ENF-24813	Compliance Monitoring Insp.	Non-compliance	Land Matters Ltd (76861)	PA/20668-01	EAC-26356 - Explanation Requested - Letter	Investigation Continuing
Comments: During routine compliance monitoring it was found that the provisions of the Resource Management (National Environmental Standards for Commercial Forestry) Regulations 2017, were not being complied with at a forest harvesting operation at Lakes Road, Mangawhio. Inspection found that slash had been deposited within an unnamed tributary of the Omata Stream. A letter requesting an explanation was sent. Further enforcement action is being considered. Investigation continuing.							
30 May 2025	332125-121 ENF-24819	Compliance Monitoring Insp.	Non-compliance	Gray Forestry Services (76537)	PA/20685-01		No Further Action
Comments: During routine compliance monitoring it was found that the provisions of the Resource Management (National Environmental Standards for Commercial Forestry) Regulations 2017, were not being complied with at a forest harvesting operation at Matuku Road, Patea. Inspection found the site had commenced harvesting operations without providing the required harvest plan to this Council. A harvest plan was immediately provided following the inspection. No further action.							
5 Jun 2025	332125-123 ENF-24827	Advice & Information	Non-compliance	Ballance Agri-Nutrients (Kapuni) Limited (9706)	R2/4046-3	EAC-26372 - Explanation Requested - Letter	Investigation Continuing
Comments: Self-notification was received regarding the discharge of urea dust to air in contravention of resource consent conditions at a urea manufacturing facility at Palmer Road, Kapuni. Routine compliance monitoring undertaken by an independent company found that the discharge of ammonia dust to air via the dust treatment and extraction system (dust scrubber) was measured to be 34 kg/hr in contravention of resource consent conditions (12 kg/hr). Immediate action was taken by the responsible party to cease the contravention of resource consent conditions, with works undertaken which reduced the rate of particulate discharge to air down to 2.7 kg/hr. The responsible party estimates that the elevated level of particulate discharge to air occurred for approximately 16 hours. A letter requesting further information has been sent. Investigation continuing.							

Compliance Monitoring – Non-compliances for the period 16 May 2025 to 30 Jun 2025

Inspection Date	Job Number IRIS ID	Inspection Type	Compliance Status	Alleged Responsible Party	Consent Number	Action Taken	Recommendation
11 Jun 2025	332125-122 ENF-24820	Compliance Monitoring Insp.	Non-compliance	Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency (70589)	R2/10655-1.1	EAC-26377 - Explanation Requested - Letter	Investigation Continuing

Comments: During routine compliance monitoring it was found that resource consent conditions were not being complied with at Te Ara o Te Ata (Mount Messenger Bypass) at Mokau Road, Uruti. An investigation found that a hydrocarbon spill had occurred onsite, which had subsequently mobilised and was observed within the sediment retention pond at the site. The floating decants had not been lifted to prevent the likely discharge of hydrocarbons into the receiving environment, in contravention of the approved Construction Environment Management Plan. A letter requesting an explanation has been sent. Investigation continuing

25 Jun 2025	332125-124 ENF-24838	Compliance Monitoring Insp.	Non-compliance	Jones Group (2021) Limited - Jones Quarry Limited (30989)	R2/5124-2.1	EAC-26381 - Explanation Requested - Letter	Investigation Continuing
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Comments: During routine compliance monitoring it was found that resource consent conditions were not being complied with at a quarrying operation at Mokau Road, Uruti. An inspection found that extraction operations were being undertaken at the quarry with insufficient erosion and sediment controls in place. An inspection of the area used for the stockpiling of aggregate found that the perimeter bund that captures and directs stormwater to a treatment pond had been breached, allowing for sediment laden stormwater to discharge directly off site and into the adjacent stream during a rainfall event. No unauthorised discharges to the receiving environment were observed during the inspection. A letter requesting an explanation was sent. Investigation continuing.



Date: 22 July 2025

Subject: Towards Predator Free Taranaki Project Update

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Purpose

1. The purpose of this memorandum is to present for Members' information an update on;
 - a. The progress of the Taranaki Taku Tūrangā Our Place - Towards Predator-Free Taranaki project
 - b. The Government's Budget 2025 decision to disestablish Predator 2050 Limited, the crown owned company who part fund our operations.

Executive summary

2. Launched in 2018, *Taranaki Taku Tūrangā Our Place -Towards Predator-Free Taranaki* was the first large-scale project funded by Predator Free 2050 Limited with the long-term aim of progressing towards removing introduced predators from a region.
3. The engagement and support of urban trappers continues with good results from landowners' efforts and excellent attendance at trapping workshops.
4. Continued deployment of the Mustelid suppression programme has paused due to funding constraints; approximately 110,000 hectares have been deployed, with landowners now being responsible for ongoing checking of traps.
5. Ongoing trap checking has become sub-optimal with officers beginning to take a more regulatory stance to ensure trapping continues effectively.
6. Within the Kaitake Zero possum area, A block has now been possum-free for 4 years. Within the B block, five individuals have been detected and all five were tracked down with our detection dogs and removed.
7. The virtual trap barrier at Pukeiti is functioning well keeping possums out of the Kaitake range, with nine possums caught since January.
8. The extension of the Zero possum area is making good progress with over 4500 possums being removed. Large areas of the block including coastal areas are close to zero with only a few individual survivors being detected and removed.
9. A 'farmland barrier' is currently being installed to prevent possums reestablishing. This consists of automatic traps, automatic lure dispensers, cameras and detection dogs.
10. Council has received additional funding (\$1.5 million over three years) to test detection systems within our possum free areas.

11. As part of Budget 2025, government owned Predator Free 2050 Limited is to be disestablished with \$3.6 million/annum ongoing savings for the government.
12. The Department of Conservation will take over all existing agreements.

Recommendations

That Taranaki Regional Council:

- a) receives this memorandum Towards Predator Free Taranaki Project Update
- b) notes the progress achieved in respect of the urban, rural and zero density possum projects of the Towards Predator-Free Taranaki project
- c) notes officers will be increasing the use of regulatory tools under the Regional Pest Management Plan to ensure ongoing mustelid trapping continues.
- d) notes the disestablishment of Predator Free 2050 Limited and that the Department of Conservation will take over Council's existing agreements.

Background

13. In 2018, the Minister of Conservation launched the Taranaki Taku Tūrangā Our Place -Towards Predator-Free Taranaki project.
14. The Taranaki Taku Tūrangā Our Place -Towards Predator-Free Taranaki project is the first large-scale project with the long-term aim of progressing towards removing introduced predators from the region. Supported by more than \$11 million from Predator Free 2050 Ltd (the company set up by the Government to help New Zealand achieve its predator-free 2050 goals), the Taranaki Regional Council (the Council) aims to restore the sound and movement of our wildlife, rejuvenate native plants in urban and rural Taranaki, and protect agriculture.
15. The project's ultimate aim is to support the eradication of mustelids, rats, and possums across the region by 2050. This ambitious goal has not been attempted before, and the project trialed control methodologies and new tools to inform future implementation, both regionally and nationally. The latest technologies – including resetting traps, remote sensors, wireless nodes and a mobile data capture app are being used to help remove predators and prevent re-infestations. This high-tech equipment makes trapping more efficient, particularly in rural areas, and sends an alert to the user when a trap goes off.
16. There are three elements to the project:
 - a. Rural landscape predator control
 - b. Urban predator control
 - c. Zero density possums.
17. There has been a hugely positive response from communities wanting to restore our regional biodiversity by getting behind the Taranaki Taku Tūrangā Our Place -Towards Predator-Free Taranaki Project.
18. Increased efficiency in the rural programme led to a significant underspend, which, in agreement with Predator Free 2050 Limited, was redirected to protect the Zero possum elimination area, with no further programme expansion planned without new funding.
19. Set out below is an update of key progress, along with details of future work, including a newly funded programme aiming at undertaking new research within the project area to answer key questions around efficiently detecting survivors or individuals trying to reestablish within cleared areas.

Discussion

Rural landscape predator control

20. Increasing efficiency of the rural programme over time realized a sizable underspend at the end of the initial five-year funding agreement. Officers worked with Predator Free 2050 Limited to determine priorities for the use of this underspend.
21. It was agreed that no further expansion of the rural programme would occur until additional funding could be sourced and that the remaining PF2050 Limited funds would be used to protect the Zero possum (elimination) area.
22. Council's ongoing budgeted commitment is focused on promoting ongoing engagement and trap checking in both urban and rural areas.
23. In total a 110,000ha mustelid control area was established and is now being maintained by landowners with the support of Council's Biosecurity team.
24. This includes a "refresh" programme where traps are checked and cleared and econode batteries are changed as they run down.
25. Unfortunately, despite signing up to the programme, many landowners are not prioritizing trap checking.
26. A survey has been undertaken to assess barriers to undertaking control and if landowners are using the remote trap check system.
27. Results of this survey are currently being collated, however, it is clear that the current ongoing reminders are not working and increased use of regulatory tools is required.

Urban Predator control

28. Urban control remains a key priority for the programme with the team focusing on engaging and supporting backyard trappers and volunteers undertaking trapping in reserves across the region.
29. Support from volunteers has enabled two trap libraries and four bait freezers in South Taranaki to be established, increasing accessibility to traps and bait in these areas.
30. The team has successfully completed several trapping workshops, Catchment Committee meetings, markets and had displays at A and P shows. Feedback continues to be positive.
31. District Council officers and volunteer community champions continue to support the urban and reserve trapping programme and are a key tool in providing localised support to backyard trappers. Recent rodent monitoring has shown that since the beginning of the programme rat tracking has reduced from 36% to 11% while insect prints on the cards have increased from 28% to 44%.

Zero possum (Elimination) area (see attached map)

32. We are confident that the farmland area in the original Kaitake block (A block) has now been possum free for 4 years, and that individual animals that attempt to re-infest the area are quickly identified and removed.
33. Both blocks A and B continue to be in an incursion detection and response phase, with six incursions detected within block B. Contractors with specially trained dogs have detected and dispatched all six animals.
34. With the success of the Department of Conservation aerial 1080 operation across block C (the Kaitake range), detections have reduced further both on the farmland and within the C block.
35. Possums trying to move back into C block are successfully being stopped at the trap barrier on the boundary between Pukeiti and the park, with only nine possums being caught in the first half of the year.
36. For the extension areas (areas D through G) we are confident that D and G are now possum free with rare incursions. Areas E and F have very few resident possums with the team using cameras and dogs to target these remaining individuals.

37. The green "buffer" area has now been controlled to low levels by a contractor to reduce the re-infestation risk back into the Zero block.
38. A 'farmland barrier' is being installed to detect and prevent recursion from the buffer area. This consists of AT220 autotraps, Automatic Mayo-Lure dispensers, Self-reporting cameras, other traps, and detection dogs.

Embedded Research Project

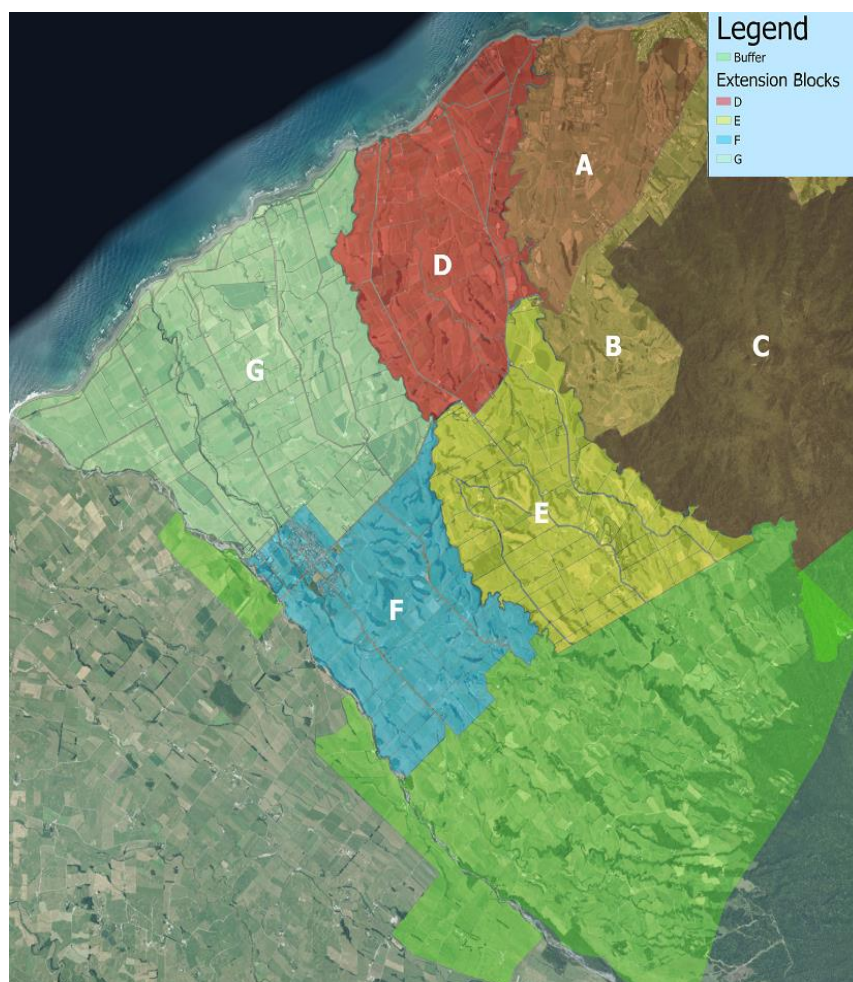
39. Council has received an additional \$1.5 million over three years to support new research. This research takes advantage of there being no resident possums within the area.
40. Initially we are working with researchers on designing trials to compare and test the effectiveness of current and new detection devices, these devices will include; Ai traps, directional microphones to translocate possum calls, new and existing cameras and the use of dogs.
41. Other trials will be designed and completed over time based on both our and other landscape projects needs and could look at new traps and detection systems for other species

Disestablishment of Predator Free 2050 Limited

42. As part of Budget 2025 government owned Predator Free 2050 Limited (the Company) is to be disestablished with \$3.6 million/annum ongoing savings for the government.
43. Established in 2016 to help deliver the ambitious goal of eradicating possums, stoats and rats by the year 2050, the Company has played an important role in the Predator free mission and are the key funder of Taranaki Taku Tūrangā Our Place -Towards Predator-Free Taranaki.
44. The Government has stated that they remain fully committed to the Predator Free 2050 goal.
45. The Department of Conservation is to consolidate the functions of the Company within their existing budgets and have confirmed they will honor all existing contracts.
46. The Department of Conservation has set up a steering group comprising leaders from across the predator free community, including Steve Ellis as the Te Uru Kahika representative.
47. The steering group is in the process of establishing working groups to support key elements of the programme.
48. While the disestablishment of the Company has been sudden, Council has a long history of working with the Department of Conservation and is comfortable that our programme and contracts will continue as planned.

Appendices

Map of Original "Restore Kaitake" block (Areas A, B, C) and Zero Possum Extension block (Areas D, E, F,G)



Public Excluded Recommendations – Operations and Regulatory Committee 22 July 2025

In accordance with section 48(1) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987, resolves that the public is excluded from the following part of the proceedings of the Operations and Regulatory Committee Meeting on 22 July 2025 for the following reason/s:

The matter to be considered while the public is excluded, the reason for passing this resolution in relation to the matter, and the specific grounds under section 48(1) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 are as follows:

General subject of each matter to be considered	Reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter	Ground(s) under section 48(1) for the passing of this resolution	When can the item be released into the public
Item 12: Prosecution for breaches of the Resource Management Act 1991	The alleged offender(s) has not yet had the opportunity to respond to the charges laid. It is therefore important that the principles of natural justice are applied and that legal privilege is maintained. Making any of this information publicly available would result in a breach of the Privacy Act 2020 and be likely to prejudice the maintenance of the law, including the prevention, investigation, and detection of offences, and the right to a fair trial.	In accordance with Section 48(1) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987, this is to be considered with the public excluded as the public conduct of the whole or relevant part of the proceedings would be likely to result in the disclosure of information for which good reason for withholding would exist under section 6 (a) and section 7 (2) (a) and (2) (g) of the <i>Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987</i> .	Upon the conclusion of the trial process and once a final decision has been rendered by the court.