

CULTURAL IMPACTS ASSESSMENT
OF
RESOURCE APPLICATION
FOR
WHAKATĀNE DISTRICTS COUNCIL'S
PROPOSED
MATATĀ WASTEWATER SCHEME PROJECT

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Whakatāne District Council is seeking resource consent for a proposed wastewater treatment plant scheme for Matatā.

As part of seeking consent, Te Mana o Ngāti Rangitahi Trust (TMoNRT) will prepare a Cultural Impact Assessment Report for the Council, to gain an understanding of the effects of the activity on cultural values, if any, and to determine whether the activity is within the boundaries of cultural acceptance.

This report will assist the Council to take into account the award winning Ngāti Rangitahi Iwi Environmental Management Plan – Te Mahere ā Rohe mō Ngāti Rangitahi 2011.

OBJECTIVES

To identify appropriate measures to avoid, remedy or mitigate, where practical, any adverse effects of the activity on cultural values (e.g. resource consent conditions).

DESCRIPTION OF ACTIVITY

The proposed activity will be treatment of wastewater from Matatā at a facility on Matatā 6A block. The solid waste (sludge) after treatment will be transported (by way of truck) off-site for controlled disposal. The treated wastewater is then pumped to a disposal field where it is drip feed into the ground.

CULTURAL VALUES

Tangata whenua perspectives on the environmental management are based on a series of cultural values. Cultural values relate to recognising and protecting the mauri (life supporting capacity) of land, air, and water.

HISTORICAL EVIDENCE OF MATATĀ 6A

After the battles at Kaokaoroa approximately 39 Crown Grants (lands) were returned to Maori for services to the Crown during the Maori wars. One piece of land was Matatā 6A, this area 5.8ha, land status, Maori Freehold land, has 397 registered owners.

NGĀTI RANGITIHI ASSOCIATIONS WITH MATATĀ 6A

The Matatā 6A is a private Maori land block who have persons of Ngāti Rangitahi descent as registered beneficiaries. Ngāti Rangitahi have a definite connection to this block as it is within their area of interest.

HYDROGEOLOGICAL AND PUBLIC HEALTH RISK ASSESSMENT REPORTS

Te Mana o Ngati Rangitahi Trust has received and support (in principle) the reports prepared by URS New Zealand Limited for Whakatāne District Council.

ISSUES:

ACCIDENTAL DISCOVERY OF KOIWI AND/OR OTHER TAONGA

A guideline for the accidental discovery of koiwi and/or other taonga has been attached to this CIA along with an agreement form. That the first point of contact should any koiwi and/or other taonga be discovered are Erin Tioke and/or Beverley Hughes.

TRENCH DIGGER

That the trench digger operator has the contact details of Erin Tioke if there is a discovery of koiwi and/or other taonga. That the trench digger has some knowledge about recognising any middens and or koiwi which will be brought about through an orientation seminar identifying archaeological sites and koiwi.

CONCLUSION:

Te Mana o Ngāti Rangitahi supports (in principle) the proposed Wastewater Scheme for the Matatā community. This is the final CIA developed for the WDC. If there are any questions or queries I can be contacted at our office.