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Environmental Policy Department Report – May 2009

1. Proposed Regional Policy Statement - update

Council approved the release of the proposed Regional Policy Statement at their meeting on 9th March 2009.

It was notified on the following dates, in local papers.

Publication	Date
Dominion Post	Saturday 21 March
Hutt News	Tuesday 24 March
Kapi Mana News	Tuesday 24 March
Upper Hutt Leader	Wednesday 24 March
Wairarapa News	Wednesday 25 March
Wairarapa Times Age	Wednesday 25 March
Kapiti Observer	Thursday 26 March
The Wellingtonian	Thursday 26 March

Five hundred copies of the proposed Regional Policy Statement were sent to interested organisations or individuals. This included all city and district council Councillors, community boards and residents associations.

The 6th RPS Review Newsletter was also prepared and included with the mail-out of RPS. This newsletter advised of the release of the proposed Regional Policy Statement, explained key changes from the draft and outlined how to make a submission on the proposed Regional Policy Statement. A further 200 newsletters were sent to interested parties.

Greater Wellington's website was updated and provides links to further background information and reports prepared during the development of the Regional Policy Statement. The website also provides submitters on the draft access to the report with the summary of submissions and responses.

Submissions on the proposed Regional Policy Statement close on 25 May 2009.

Presentations on the proposed Regional Policy Statement have been made to all city and district council's in the region. Presentations were made by Cr Fran Wilde, except for the Kapiti Coast District Council presentation which was made by Cr Sally Baber. There was good attendance by constituent councillors.

Council	Presentation date
Porirua City Council	26 March
South Wairarapa District Council	1 April
Hutt City Council	1 April
Wellington City District Council	7 April
Masterton District Council	22 April
Carterton District Council	22 April
Upper Hutt City Council	30 April

2. Resource Management (Simplifying and Streamlining) Amendment Bill

The submission on the Resource Management (Simplifying and Streamlining) Amendment Bill was approved by Council on 2 April 2009 and has been lodged. The Bill was introduced into the House within the 100 day reform timetable. It is the Stage 1 of a two stage reform. Major changes are the establishment of an Environmental Protection Agency and the introduction of different and centralised resource consent pathways to speed up the processing of nationally significant projects and reducing the potential for appeals. There are numerous other changes to plan and consent processing, all with the expectation of reduced delays and costs.

The conclusion within Council was that the intention of the Bill was inarguable, but that there were significant drafting shortfalls, due primarily to the time constraints, and some probably unintended consequences. There were however four key areas of concern which our submission focused on, supported by a table of more minor concerns and drafting details. These were:

- Proposed changes to the designation process to remove the decision making power from the Requiring Authority. This is a major change and would better be addressed as part of the Stage 2 reform.
- The proposal to change the further submission process for a policy statement or plan change which would put the onus on Council to identify and get feedback from parties who may be affected by another parties' submission. Further submissions are often lodged to support the original proposal, and to give status for any appeal. We submitted that the process should be left as it is, or taken out completely leaving the Council to support the proposed provisions.

- There is a definite move to reduce the number of consent categories and the proposal is to remove non-complying consents. Non-complying status is a useful tool to indicate that an activity is generally unacceptable, but may in some instances be allowed. We have used it in our Freshwater Plan very effectively and asked that the category be retained.
- The consents processing changes aim to tighten up processing by changing the presumption for notification of consents, restricting requests for further information, and many other minor changes with the ultimate sanction of providing for refunds if times area exceeded. The major problems here are drafting inconsistencies and the increased potential for litigation arising from these and the loss of existing case law.

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Environmental Monitoring and Investigations Department Report – May 2009

1. Hydrological monitoring

A summary of our rainfall, river and groundwater monitoring for March is set out in sections 2 to 5 below. This is based on the reports produced at the end of each month for inclusion on the Greater Wellington web site and for distribution with a media release. The full reports can be found at <http://www.gw.govt.nz/section2534.cfm>.

Information for April was not available when this report was written.

2. Rainfall and river flows

2.1 Rainfall

March was a relatively dry month. Much of the region had less than half the long-term average rainfall and it was particularly dry on the Kapiti Coast and in the foothills of the Tararua Range. We recorded only 18mm of rainfall in Otaki; it was the driest March there in the last 20 years. Similarly, in some parts of the western Tararua Range it was the driest March since records began in 1991.

2.2 Rivers

River flows were, overall, well below average for March due to the low rainfall (particularly the low rainfall in the Tararua Range). After a February with several floods, the rivers experienced a flow recession for the entire month of March, interrupted only by a few small freshes following minor rainfall events. In general the highest river flows of the month occurred on the 1st, following rainfall at the end of February. By the end of March, river flows were low but not as low as those experienced in late January and early February, and were not unusually low for the time of the year.

3. Groundwater levels

Groundwater levels in many parts of the region were high at the end of the quarter compared to long term data in spite of a drier than average March. The relatively wet February allowed many irrigators to reduce or cease groundwater abstraction with a resultant increase in groundwater levels earlier in the year than normal. However, irrigation had started again at the end of March.

3.1 Lower Hutt groundwater zone

Groundwater levels in the artesian Waiwhetu aquifer increased during the month. Levels at the McEwan Park monitoring site were well above average for March. Levels at the Somes Island monitoring borehole approached the highest levels on record for the time of the year.

3.2 Kapiti Coast groundwater zones

Groundwater levels in Kapiti Coast aquifers remained at average or above average conditions, although a small number of sites recorded below average levels. Monitoring sites around Te Hapua and Te Harakeke wetlands are above average for this time of year reflecting a fairly wet end to the summer season.

3.3 Wairarapa groundwater zones

Many groundwater level monitoring sites in the Wairarapa recorded above average conditions by the end of the quarter. However, some sites had water levels below average, particularly in the Masterton and Te Ore Ore areas. Water level in the confined Parkvale aquifer was well above the long term minimum for the first time in several years. This is possibly a result of an early reduction in irrigation abstraction due to the wet February.

4. Soil moisture

Soil moisture in the Wairarapa remained fairly steady during March at around average levels for this time of year though values were dropping towards the end of the month as the low rainfall took effect.

5. Climate outlook

NIWA's climate outlook for April to June 2009 signals a weakening La Nina and a mild start to winter. This favours overall normal rainfall, river flows and soil moisture over the three month period.

6. Floodwarning

The Environmental Monitoring and Investigations department provides a flood warning and monitoring service for the Wellington region. Rainfall and river level recorders around the region automatically relay information to the Regional Council Centre and the Masterton office. When specified rainfall intensities or river levels are reached the system automatically alerts staff who implement response procedures.

There were no floods in March.

The blocked outlet from Lake Onoke was blocked for six days in late March.

Water levels in Lake Wairarapa fluctuated around the March target.

7. Recreational bathing water monitoring

This programme that collects samples from selected rivers and beaches and tests these for bacterial contamination was completed for the year at the end of March. A report on the season's monitoring will be produced in June.

8. Didymo

We carried out surveillance monitoring in March with the results indicating the absence of didymo at the sites we monitor in the region.

9. Air quality monitoring

9.1 National environmental standard for air quality

There were no exceedances of the NES-AQ recorded during the period.

10. Porirua Harbour

We have been working with the Porirua City Council on studies in the Porirua Harbour. This has included conducting a targeted assessment of stormwater-derived contamination in sediments at the southern end of the Onepoto arm and installing tide gauges. One of these tide gauges, at the Mana Cruising Club, will be a permanent installation; three others are temporary installations to assist in a bathymetric survey of the harbour which the Porirua City Council has initiated.

11. Te Hapua wetland

Work is progressing on a joint study, with the Kapiti Coast District Council, with the aim of understanding the relationship between the Te Hapua wetlands, groundwater and land use. Agreement has been reached with local landowners to site bores and/or monitoring equipment on their properties with this work being done in March.

12. Project summary

Brief notes on some of the projects the Environmental Monitoring and Investigations department are working on:

- We are continuing monitoring in the Mangatarere catchment as part of our project to find the reasons for poor water quality in the Mangatarere Stream
- The Wairarapa Groundwater study is focussing on building the model for the lower valley

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Environmental Regulation Department Report – May 2009

1. Consent statistics

The following consents processing data reflects the entire region. In the period from 1 March to 4 April 2009 we have received 27 consent applications. This compares with 95 received for the same period last year.

Over the same period, we have processed 41 consents. This compares with 65 over the same period last year.

Our median processing time for non-notified consents (excluding s37 time extensions) for the year from 1 July increases to 17 working days.

The later part of this period saw a considerable lift in notified processing workloads. Conversely, numbers of non-notified applications received have dropped markedly compared to the same time last year, but this trend is yet to fully transfer to consent processing numbers. Notified and limited notified consents are discussed in section 2, and a summary of those consents already notified or served on affected parties is also attached for information.

2. Major resource consents and other matters

2.1 Key notified consents update

Reporting, hearing or decision work has remained high in this period with Kelson Heights subdivision, Masterton Waste Water and T&T Landfill, and further assessment and pre-hearing on Western Link Road (Stage 5), Transpacific Technical Services (liquid waste processing facility), Featherston Waste Water, Davis Sawmill Ltd and UWI sludge dewatering plant. A number of applications lie in the mid to early stages of processing.

A feature of the last period is the successful processing of limited notified consents without requiring a hearing. Negotiated outcomes have been achieved or are pending on four limited notifieds we have processed.

Fully Notified

MDC – Masterton Wastewater Treatment Plant

An interim decision on the 'replacement' consent applications for continuing discharges from the Masterton Waste Water Treatment Plant was released on

20 March. The main purpose of the interim decision was to enable all parties to comment on the workability of draft consent conditions. A final decision is expected in early May.

The applications involve discharging treated effluent to the Ruamahanga River at Homebush, and to 75 hectares of land (new proposal) in the general vicinity of the Masterton Wastewater Treatment Plant. New ponds will be constructed in a less flood-prone location, a 100 year stopbank constructed to protect the ponds, and a landfill eventually developed to receive sewage sludge.

Kelson Heights Limited – Kelson subdivision

The decision granting consents on the 143-lot Kelson Heights subdivision was released in late March. A strong feature of the joint GW-HCC decision is requirements for the consent holder to mitigate the effects of permanent stream loss of nearly 600 metres of Speedy's Stream, including headwater protective fencing and riparian planting. Conditions also require adapting earthworks methods on site if potential impacts from discharges become too great. In this regard, the decision imposes a reasonably innovative and pragmatic approach in managing impacts of development on stream systems.

T & T Landfill

These are applications to extend (by lifting) to the current landfill in Ohiro Road, Brooklyn; also incorporating applications to replace existing consents to operate the landfill.

Critical issues assessed (including those raised in the seven submissions) included potential impacts on headwater streams and mitigation considerations, landfill stability, and managing the discharge of heavy metals from historically landfilled materials on Owhiro Stream.

A three-day hearing ended on 1 April, and a decision is expected by the start of May.

Other notified applications active during the last period include:

- ***Westchester Drive:*** A roading project connecting the current Mark Avenue extension in North Newlands. Notified jointly with WCC (including application to change an existing designation for new road alignment) – submissions closed 2 April. 53 submissions were received with 22 in opposition. A hearing has been set down for the week of 25 May.
- ***South Wairarapa District Council:*** Replacement applications for discharges from the Featherston Wastewater Treatment Plant. Meeting with submitters confirmed acceptance of SWDC'S revised approach for a shorter term consent, focussing on providing monitoring information to better support the development of a long term effluent treatment upgrade option. Draft conditions now circulated for comment prior to approving consent.
- ***Wairarapa Aggregates Limited:*** A proposed aggregate quarry and cleanfill operation, at Waingawa south of Masterton involving discharges of

sediment and possibly taking groundwater adjacent Waingawa Wetland. Lodged in June 2008, and jointly notified with the Carterton District Council on 4 March.

- **Transpacific Technical Services:** Discharges to air from an industrial and hazardous waste processing facility in Seaview. A public health risk assessment to determine possible impacts of associated discharges on public health - has been received. A pre-hearing meeting was held in late March and a hearing is being tentatively set for early June.
- **WCC/Capacity: UWI Sludge Dewatering Plant:** Replacement applications for continued sludge dewatering plant operation (including discharges of odour from the plant and sludge land filling operations) at the Carey's Gully Complex. WCC has completed trialling sludge disposal at Southern Landfill over this summer. A productive third pre-hearing to report back to submitters was held on 7 April. Possibility that scope of issues in contention may be narrowed.
- **WCC – contaminated stormwater discharges:** Lodged prior to Christmas, these are replacement applications for the existing suite of consents covering sewage-contaminated discharges of stormwater to Wellington inner and outer harbour, and the South Coast. The focus of our consideration for new consent requirements may include more extensive monitoring of the impacts of these discharges over a longer term (lacking sufficient detail in the existing consents). Applications are expected to be notified post-July in order to incorporate more information from recent overflow events provided by recently installed monitoring equipment and certain outfalls.
- **Masterton District Council:** Masterton Landfill closure. Further information now provided and applications notified. Issues include the management of ongoing discharges from the fill.
- **Juken Nissho Limited:** Replacement applications for discharges of contaminants from the woodwaste boiler, veneer driers and presses, and various kilns at their Waingawa, Masterton plant. Lodged in January 2008 with updated AEE provided in May. Applications were notified on 8 October. Currently assessing application with a view to forming draft conditions for a possible negotiated outcome with applicant and submitters.
- **Carterton District Council:** Replacement applications for discharges and upgraded treatment from the Carterton Wastewater Treatment Plant, lodged in October 2008 and waiting for further information.
- **South Wairarapa District Council:** Replacement applications for discharges and upgraded treatment from the Greytown Wastewater Treatment Plant, lodged in December 2007 and waiting for further information. A final decision on treatment options is expected soon, prior to a revised AEE in March.
- **C n D Landfill:** Extension of the existing CnD demolition fill at Happy Valley, Wellington. Requiring further information with a focus on landfill stability and integrity issues.
- **Best Farms Ltd:** A subdivision and associated activities including 300,000 cubic metres of earthworks over nearly 15 hectares, and stream reclamation, at Best Farms, Churton Park. Applicant providing further information on ecological impacts and sediment control, and a strong possibility that the applications will not be notified.

Limited Notified

Limited notified applications active during the last period include:

- ***Kapiti Coast District Council (KCDC) - Western Link Road (WLR) – Section 5:*** A pre-hearing took place on 13 March, which has paved the way for possibly resolving outstanding submitters' issues through consent conditions. The proposal spans part of the alignment between Otaihanga and Te Moana Road in Waikanae providing challenges in terms of environmental (wetland impacts and flood capacity) and cultural issues (Takamore Trustee - māori-owned land including an urupā site). Negotiated outcome appears likely.
- ***Davis Sawmilling Limited:*** Discharges of sediment and other contaminants from the sawmill site platform at Davis Sawmill, Featherston. Pre-hearing meeting was held in late January. Revised short term consent enabling longer term solutions to manage and monitor sediments to be designed put forward, and negotiated outcome anticipated. Draft conditions ready for circulation to submitters.
- ***Ninness Funeral Home (Crematoria):*** Application to discharge particulates to air from a crematorium in Kenepuru Drive, Porirua. One opposing submitter, who did not wish to be heard, raised matters including potential impacts on property prices. Hearing not required, and applications granted on 22 March. Standard conditions for controlling hours of operations, and the operating process to manage particulate emissions and the discharge of heat, have been applied.

2.2 Upcoming consent applications

South Waitohu Stopbank: A proposed 780m stopbank adjacent Mangapouri Stream in Otaki, by Greater Wellington, Flood Protection. Lodgement pending.

Hutt River stopbank, Boulcott: Applications by Greater Wellington, Flood Protection to construct a new stopbank in the vicinity of Boulcott and Hutt Golf Courses. Lodgement expected later in 2009.

Kaitoke abstraction - GW Water Group: Applications to increase water abstraction from the Hutt River at Kaitoke (to lower the minimum flow from 600L/sec to 400L/sec).

Windflow: Establishing a 30 (approx) two-blade turbine windfarm at Long Gully, Wellington.

Lincolnshire Cleanfill: A large cleanfill proposed for the Lincolnshire Farm area north of Newlands.

Horokiwi Quarries Ltd: Replacement consents for gravel and sand extraction from the coastal margin east of Pencarrow Head.

Aotea Block Stages 10 and 11: Earthworks associated with subdivision at Aotea, Porirua.

Silverwood Stages 3 and 4: Earthworks associated with subdivision at Silverwood, Whitby.

J Burrell: Establishing a cleanfill at Eastern Hutt Road in the vicinity of Silverstream bridges. Processing of GW applications deferred while UHCC process notified applications.

2.3 Other applications

Significant non-notified consents from the period will be reported in the May non-notified consents report.

3. Consent appeals and objections

3.1 Appeals

Meridian Energy Limited: Project Mill Creek

Appeals have been lodged by seven parties including Meridian Energy Ltd, Ngati Tama, Makara Gaurdians, Ohariu Preservation Society, and several individuals, against the joint GW-WCC-PCC decision to grant consents for 29 turbines at Mill Creek north of Makara. Matters raised by appellants (other than Meridian) in contention relate to landscape and visual effects, impacts on the receiving environment including Makara Estuary, and cumulative effects relating to Project Westwind. The more significant issues relating to GW consents primarily concerning the requirements on Meridian through environmental baseline monitoring conditions and reporting. A date for first call is yet to be set.

Capital Wharf Limited: Overseas Passenger Terminal (OPT)

The two week hearing will commence on 4 May, following a lengthy process of evidence exchange and caucusing.

This is an appeal by Waterfront Watch against the hearing panel's decision to grant consents to redevelop the Overseas Passenger Terminal site at Clyde Quay Wharf. A number of section 274 parties have also joined the appeal, including Chaffers Marina Limited, Chaffers Marina Holdings Limited, John Spry, Grant Hodgson, Malcolm Small, Helene Ritchie, Tomas Huppert, Dennis Foot and John Moore.

The applications incorporated a six level residential apartment and retail development, incorporating under-wharf carparking, wharf structural strengthening, public space development and a low-level jetty extension at the Wharf's northern end. The applications incorporated modifications put forward at the hearing, including retaining more heritage elements, improved mitigation of construction effects on marina uses and additional provision for mariner services in the longer term.

Winstone Aggregates Limited – Belmont Quarry

The first round of mediation took place on 2 February, resulting in a narrowing of the scope of evidence to matters of noise from extended operations, dust effects and amenity. Some significant progress made through mediation suggests that a mediated outcome on at least the GW issues may be possible. On that basis the applicant is currently working through conditions and mitigation matters with the two councils and appellants.

Six appeals including Western Hills Environment Foundation Incorporated (a group comprised of submitters and members of the community), Martha Swanepoel, Rachael Ford, Chris and Sera Solomon, and Stephen Arthur were lodged regarding the joint decision by the Hutt City Council and Wellington Regional Council granting consents for the proposed Overburden Disposal Area (OBDA). The applicant has also appealed one condition of the discharge to air permit (controlling the discharge of dust to air from the proposed OBDA).

The proposal to develop an OBDA involved applications to reclaim and pipe over 500 metres of ephemeral and intermittent stream channel, and control sediment discharges from the working sites, and discharges of dust to air.

Wellington City Council/Capacity - Western Wastewater Treatment Plant

As reported to the March Committee meeting, all parties, except West Wellington Environmental Protection Society (WWEPS) have effectively signed up to the mediation agreement. WWEPS' outstanding matter relates to land access, and discussions continue with a new progress reporting date of 29 May imposed by the Court.

These are appeals against a decision (and recommendation to the Minister in regard to Restricted Coastal Activities) to grant consents to discharge treated effluent to the South Coast, and milliscreened or untreated effluent to both Karori Stream and the South Coast (also including discharges of odour).

3.2 Objections

Currently there are no objections before us.

4. Compliance and enforcement

4.1 Abatement notices

We issued 17 abatements between 1 March and 4 April 2009 (down on 34 for the previous double-reporting period), for:

- Unauthorised discharges of dairy effluent; and sediment, paint and hydrocarbons to water and stormwater (the majority of notices issued), and particulates from burning, and
- Illegal stream works

Abatement notices served are detailed in the Environmental Protection Report (report 09.196).

4.2 Infringement notices

We have issued four infringement notices between 1 March and 4 April 2009 (down on the fifteen issued for the previous double-reporting period), for discharges of dairy effluent and odours. Notices included:

- Batersea Limited and Mathew and Sarah Bolton for discharging effluent into a watercourse through a subsurface drain and roadside culvert, including effluent ponding on an adjacent paddock

Infringements issued are detailed in the Environmental Protection Report (report 09.196).

4.3 Appeals against notices served

Roddy Mckenzie: excavating a watercourse in Lansdowne, Masterton

The hearing by a Justice of the Peace has been set back to enable further evidence to be compiled. A full Court hearing will follow if the JP determines there is a case to hear (in other words possible fault is found in the basis for issuing the infringement notice in the first place).

Horokiwi Quarries Ltd (HQL): sediment discharges from Horokiwi Quarry to Wellington Harbour

We have met with HQL to discuss matters surrounding the infringements, and we will shortly confirm our final position on defending the notices.

4.4 Prosecution and enforcement orders

Two prosecutions were before the Court in the last period, with monitoring of performance occurring on a further two sets of enforcement orders.

Lloyd Raynor: illegal stream works and diverting wetland water

We are currently bringing together expert evidence in a number of key areas including the 'status' of the watercourse, ecological effects, and typical regulatory of planning evidence, in anticipation of a mid-year Court hearing. The common nature of offending such as this within the region continues to underpin this as an important test case for Greater Wellington.

The prosecution resulted from 200 metres of watercourse adjacent to Lake Wairarapa (a nationally significant water body) being excavated, water being diverted from the Simmonds Lagoon (ecologically significant DoC-managed lagoon), and the cull of hundreds of eels.

Selwyn McLachlan and Matthew Honeyset: discharges of dairy effluent to water

On 2 April we laid charges against Selwyn McLachlan (consent holder) and his farm manager, Matthew Honeyset, for illegally discharging dairy effluent from a travelling irrigator to a tributary of Ruamahanga River. It is worth noting that this is the first dairy farm effluent prosecution since our August 2007 media release on poor compliance in Wellington region and our toughening enforcement stance for repeated or significant breaches. We are yet to receive instructions from the District Court.

4.5 Take Charge

We are currently following up on the final set of audited Grenada North businesses to determine that they have completed recommendations.

A feature of the last period was the increased efforts in paint and panel shop audits in connection with a GW-IAG joint initiative which will see over 40 'gold member' paint and panel shops in Wellington region audited. The added context here is that unauthorised discharges from paint and panel shops are a common form of complaint to us through our Environment Hotline.

4.6 Significant incidents

Significant incidents are reported in the Environmental Protection Report (report 09.196).

Notified and limited notified consents – in progress

Applicant	Proposal	Date Consent Lodged	Date Submissions Closed	Number of Submissions Received	Pre-hearing Held	Hearing Held/ Process Delay	Hearing Committee Members	Date Decision Released	Granted or Declined
South Wairarapa District Council WAR970080	To discharge treated wastewater to land and to Donalds Creek, Featherston	13/05/97		9	12/12/03 18/12/08	Hearing delayed as applications on hold. Updated AEE submitted in October 2008. Applicant and submitters have agreed in principle to work towards a negotiated outcome			
Davis Sawmilling Co Ltd WAR 040165 (Limited Notified)	To discharge contaminants to land (which may enter water) associated with stormwater runoff from timber yard in Featherston	29/11/04	10/12/08	2	27/1/09	Applicant to provide further information following pre-hearing meeting			
Masterton District Council WAR 060047 WAR 980159	To discharge contaminants to land and air associated with the operation of Masterton landfill, transfer station and composting plant,	30/03/06	15/5/09						

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	Homebush, Masterton								
Stronvar Properties Ltd WAR 060160	Various activities associated with subdivision including discharges of communal waste water, soil disturbance, taking water, and constructing an amenity and treatment dam, Stronvar, Masterton	24/07/06	15/12/06	24	-	Further information supplied late February 2008. Information externally reviewed and further response provided by applicant. Applicant has now requested for application to be placed on hold indefinitely			
Hutt City Council (Limited Notified) WGN070019	To undertake erosion mitigation works in Wainuiomata River, including disturbance and diversion work	07/08/06	20/10/06	1	20/12/06 15/02/07	HCC revising plans (reducing the scope of the works). Amended proposal to be submitted	-	-	-
Wellington City Council WGN070230	To discharge contaminants to land and air from a sludge dewatering plant, Wellington	27/04/07	13/07/07	95	16/10/07 Second pre-hearing held, 19/05/08 Third pre-hearing held 07/04/09	On hold at applicant's request to carry out trials of discharging sludge to land	-		

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Kapiti Coast District Council (Limited Notified) WGN080150	To undertake various activities associated with the construction of Section 5 (Otaihanga Rd to Te Moana Road) of Western Link Road	09/10/07	07/12/07	5	13/3/09	Submitters withdrew their wish to be heard			
Kelson Heights Ltd. WGN080187	143 lot subdivision	13/11/07	25/11/08	12		16-18 February 2009	Sally Baber (chair) Barbara Donaldson Christine Foster		
South Wairarapa District Council WAR 080254	To undertake various activities associated with the proposed long term upgrade and operation of the Greytown Wastewater Treatment Plant at Papawai, east of Greytown	28/12/07	On hold for further information. Agreed to timeline for updated AEE to be submitted by 31/03/09						
Juken Nissho Ltd WAR 080250	To discharge contaminants to air from woodwaste boiler, veneer driers and presses, kilns at Waingawa,	29/12/07	06/11/08	7	No	Independent peer review undertaken. Negotiated outcome been progressed			

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	Masterton								
Mill Creek (Meridian) WGN080368	To undertake stream works, land disturbance, discharge contaminated storm water to land/water and contaminants to air in association with constructing roads, fill sites and platforms for the establishment of a wind farm	12/03/08	16/06/08	Multiple		Decision released. Six appeals received to date. Phillips Fox organising notice of reply for GW	David Hill, David McMahon, Pamela Peters	6 March	Granted
J V & L A Petrie WAR 080367	To take groundwater from a bore for irrigation purposes	12/03/08	15/05/09						
Transpacific WGN080440	To discharge contaminants to air from the operation of a liquid and hazardous waste processing plant	23/04/08	08/08/08	7	25/03/09	Second pre-hearing possible in April to discuss further the findings of the public health assessment			
Wairarapa Aggregates Ltd WAR 080518	To discharge stormwater from a gravel extraction and	04/06/08	01/04/08	13	Currently arranging a pre-hearing meeting				

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	associated cleanfill operation to water								
T & T Landfill WGN070260 (joint with WCC)	Discharges associated with the operation of a demolition fill	14/06/08	21/11/08	7		Hearing scheduled for 30, 31 March & 1 April, joint with WCC	Cnr Chris Laidlaw, Robert Armstrong (Chr), Clive Anstey		
Hunter Hills Ltd WGN080520	Earthworks associated with new car haulaway area, at Lincolnshire Farms, Newlands	17/06/08	On hold for further information. Yet to be notified						
Hunter Hills Ltd WGN090003	Earthworks associated with a 100 lot subdivision, at Lincolnshire Farms, Newlands	03/07/08	On hold for further information. Yet to be notified						
JR's Orchards Ltd WAR 080557	To take and dam water from the Papawai Stream and to take groundwater from a bore for irrigation purposes at Papawai, east of Greytown	30/06/08	On hold for further information. Agreed to timeline for updated AEE to be submitted by 31/03/09						

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CnD Landfill WGN080462	Extension of construction and demolition fill	04/08/08	On hold for further information and affected party approval						
R& B Steel Ltd	Eastern Hutt Road cleanfill	20/08/08	On hold, deferred under s91 until outcome of UHCC process						
Masterton District Council WAR 090066	To undertake various activities associated with the proposed long term upgrade and operation of the Masterton Wastewater Treatment Plant at Homebush, east of Masterton	20/08/08	15/10/08	30	No	Hearing held 24-27 Feb, 9-13 & 30 Mar 2009	Cr Baber Te Waari Carkeek Rob Van Vorthuysen		
Carterton District Council WAR 090120	To discharge contaminants to water, land, and air associated with the Carterton Wastewater Treatment Plant at Dalefield Rd, Carterton	30/09/08	On hold for further information. Yet to be notified						

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Wearne & Jacobsen Ltd (Ninness Funeral Home) WGN090119	Discharge to air from a natural-gas fired cremator.	15/10/08	24/03/09	5	No	Submitters did not request to be heard	Decision to be made under delegated authority		
WCC (Capacity) WGN090219	Stormwater discharges to Wellington Harbour and the South Coast	19/12/08	On hold for further information.						
M & C Moran WAR090233 (Limited Notified)	To take water from Lake Wairarapa for irrigation purposes	07/01/09	18/02/09	2	No	Submitters requested not to be heard. Applicant agreed to consent conditions	Decision made under delegated authority	Granted	18/3/09
WCC WGN090226	Westchester Drive Extension	22/12/08	21/02/09	53 (but includes multiple late submissions)	29/4/09				

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Manager, Harbours

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1. Harbour navigation aids

All navigation lights are working satisfactorily. The substantial metal access platform for the Rear Leading light was recently replaced.

In March Grant Nalder, who looks after these lights, attended a one day workshop on Solar Power in Auckland.

2. Oil pollution

No reports of “oil spills” were received.

3. Beacon Hill

The design of the proposed building at Beacon Hill has been reworked to meet the approved budget. Expressions of interest for tendering for the revised building have been called and the building will soon be going out to tender.

4. Health & Safety

There have been no Health & Safety incidents during the period.

Both Harbour Rangers revalidated their 1st Aid by attending a course in March.

5. Harbour events of interest

Significant events on the harbour were:

- 21 March was the annual Offshore powerboat race on Wellington Harbour. Our workboat *Seacare* was on the water for the event. There were some complaints received regarding the noise of some of the boats.
- 29 March was the Windsurfers Harbour Blast from Petone to Eastbourne. John Tattersall had been involved with the organisers developing their safety plan.
- 10-14 April - the Optimist Nationals were held at Worsler Bay. These are small one- person sailing dinghies with the sailors aged mostly 10-16 years old. There were 250 boats competing, including some from Singapore and the Pacific Islands. Outbound shipping was diverted to the east of Falcon Shoal, around the race area, for this event.

- 18 April the Wellington Jet sports club had their annual Cook Strait crossing from Mana to Picton and back. This was a well organised event that involved about 35 jet skies and supporters.

6. General

Manager Harbours attended the Oil Pollution Advisory Committee meeting in Wellington on 2 April.

Manager Harbours attended the Pleasure Boat Implementation Group meeting in Wellington on 7 April.