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Environmental Policy department report – August 2009

1. Proposed Regional Policy Statement

During April presentations were made to all city and district councils in the region on the proposed Regional Policy Statement. Presentations to Porirua City Council, Hutt City Council, Wellington City Council, Masterton, South Wairarapa and Carterton district councils were made by Fran Wilde and Tami Woods. The presentation to Kapiti Coast District Council was made by Sally Barber with Tami. The presentation to Upper Hutt was made by Tami. There was good attendance at a number of the presentations by constituent councillors.

Specific meetings were also held with the following organisations, to discuss the proposed:

- Horticulture New Zealand
- Regional Public Health
- The Department of Conservation
- Industry sector representative for Pork Industry Board.

Submissions on the proposed Regional Policy Statement closed on 8 June 2009, after an extension to the initial closing date of 25 May, in response to requests from submitters.

144 submissions were received on the proposed document. Ten of these were late. The late submissions were accepted in accordance with the Resource Management Act, 1991.

The summary of submissions was prepared by staff ready for notification on 11 July 2009. Further submissions, either supporting or opposing the original submissions, can be made until 7 August.

2. Proposed National Policy Statement for Freshwater

In June, Murray McLea presented Greater Wellington's submission to the Board of Inquiry considering the propose National Policy Statement (NPS) on Freshwater. The presentation included Greater Wellington's overall comments on the NPS, an overview of the state of fresh water in the region, information on freshwater policies in Greater Wellington's RPS, and details of particular problem areas for us in the proposed NPS.

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Environmental Monitoring and Investigations Department Report – July 2009

1. Hydrological monitoring

A summary of our rainfall, river and groundwater monitoring for June 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>.

2. Rainfall and river flows

2.1 Rainfall

Rainfall during June showed a strong east-west pattern. The Kapiti Coast, Porirua and Wellington city recorded very low rainfall – less than half the average for the time of year. The Wairarapa Valley had around average rainfall for June, and eastern Wairarapa had slightly higher than average. In general, there was significantly less rainfall in June than in May.

The low rainfall in the west of the region is a reflection of the dominance of easterly airflows during June, which brought rainfall to eastern Wairarapa. There were also several southerly events which did not result in much rainfall. Although very little rainfall compared to average was recorded in the Tararua Range, some of the precipitation there was snowfall.

There were no particularly significant or heavy rainfall events during the month; generally the rainfall occurred as light rain or drizzle over many days. However, about 30-50% of the Wairarapa's rainfall for the month occurred in the last three days of June during a strong south easterly flow.

2.2 Rivers

River flows were generally well below average for June as a result of the low rainfall and lack of significant storms. The highest flows for the month tended to occur as a result of the rainfall in the last few days, particularly in the Wairarapa. However, there were no significant floods during the month.

3. Groundwater levels

Groundwater levels around the region were around long term average during June. Very few sites recorded either exceptional high or lows during the month.

3.1 Lower Hutt groundwater zone

Groundwater levels in the artesian Waiwhetu aquifer were generally above average for this time of year.

3.2 Kapiti Coast groundwater zones

Groundwater levels in Kapiti Coast aquifers remained around average conditions during June.

3.3 Wairarapa groundwater zones

A number of monitoring sites in the Wairarapa recorded slightly below average levels during June. This is probably a reflection of the reduced recharge due to low rainfall and river flows during autumn.

4. Soil moisture

Soil moisture remained stable or increased during the quarter at typical winter levels.

5. Climate outlook

NIWA's climate outlook for July to September favours 'normal' rainfall in Wellington and 'normal' or 'above normal' rainfall in the Wairarapa. There is a very high likelihood of an El Nino developing in the next few months which could result in a warm dry spring.

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 alarms triggered in the region in June.

The outlet from Lake Onoke was blocked three times for a total of 12 days in June. The blockage at the end of the month coincided with rough seas and high river flows (not flood flows) which required water to be "backflowed" into Lake Wairarapa. Lake shore farmers were warned of rising lake levels. Lake Onoke reached a level of 12.653m which is the highest since records began in 1953.

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.

8. Didymo

Surveillance monitoring was carried out in June. The results indicated the absence of didymo at eight of the ten river sites sampled with results yet to be received for the other two.

9. Air Quality Monitoring

9.1 National environmental standard for air quality

There was one exceedance of the NES-AQ; on 25 June the standard for particulate matter (PM₁₀) was exceeded in the Wairarapa airshed with a reading of 55µg/m³ recorded at the Wairarapa college monitoring site.

A short term air quality monitoring campaign, measuring outdoor concentrations of particulate matter, is being carried out at Carterton, Featherston and Solway (Masterton) this winter. We have no monitoring data outside of the Masterton urban area and this study is the first step in assessing whether our monitoring programme in the Wairarapa adequately represents the airshed.

We have carried out a review of our monitoring programme and at the same time have had the technical aspects of our ambient air quality monitoring (procedures and practice) externally peer reviewed. We have not received the results of the peer review to date.

10. Coastal monitoring

Five reports have recently been completed for various environmental monitoring and investigations undertaken in Porirua Harbour during 2008/09 - the key findings of the reports are the subject of a separate committee paper.

11. Soil quality monitoring

The 2008/09 State of Environment soil quality monitoring was completed in April and we are currently awaiting the results. Consistent with the long-term programme 23 samples were collected from dairy farms.

12. Project summary

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

- The lower valley component of the Wairarapa Groundwater model is being calibrated and work has begun on building the upper valley component.
- The application we made to the Community Irrigation Fund to provide for accelerated studies of Wairarapa water resources has been largely

successful. Funding has been provisionally granted for work on the Wairarapa groundwater model, for instream flow work and for iwi consultation. Funding was also granted for an economic evaluation of the proposed Wairarapa irrigation scheme. The application was based on the need for this information to assess feasibility of irrigation infrastructure proposals.

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Environmental Regulation Department Report – July 2009

1. Consent statistics

The following consents processing data reflects the entire region. In the period from 22 May to 30 June 2009 we have received 51 consent applications. This compares with 108 received for the same period last year.

Over the same period, we have processed 34 consents. This compares with 71 over the same period last year.

Our median processing time for non-notified consents (excluding s37 time extensions) for the year to 30 June 2009 rises to 17 working days.

While notified processing workloads remain reasonably high, non-notified consent processing numbers remain low compared to the same time last year. Notified and limited notified consents are discussed in section 2, and a summary of those consents already notified or served on affected parties (limited notified) is also attached for information.

2. Major resource consents and other matters

2.1 Key notified consents update

Reporting, pre-hearing and hearing or decision work has remained steady in this period with work on Featherston Waste Water, T&T Landfill, Transpacific Technical Services, WCC Westchester Drive and Wairarapa Aggregates.

Fully Notified

T & T Landfill - Owhiro Rd Landfill

A decision granting consents both replace existing consents to operate the fill, and extend (by lifting) the current landfill in Owhiro Road, Brooklyn was released on 25 June.

Critical issues considered in the decision and dealt with through consent conditions include mitigating the loss of headwater streams (through a reclamation mitigation plan which will direct appropriate planting over 150m of stream) controlling the type and composition of waste disposed of at the landfill; monitoring heavy metals largely discharged from historically landfilled materials on Owhiro Stream; and ensuring landfill stability.

It is pleasing to see the concept of adaptive management endorsed in the decision requiring effects to be reviewed and then appropriately mitigated if heavy metal tolerance and ecosystem protection limits are exceeded. Adaptive management provides considerable flexibility for both the consent holder and GW to manage unforeseen effects as they arise through the life of the consent.

Wellington City Council – Westchester Drive, Churton Park

This decision was released on 8 July 2008 granting consents to build the extension to Westchester Drive. The consents will control the effects of sediment discharges (through sediment control) and stream realignment on habitat of Stebbings Stream (through riparian planting).

This is a roading project connecting Westchester Drive in Churton Park to the current Mark Avenue extension in North Newlands. Notified jointly with WCC, the applications also included a notice of requirement application to change an existing designation for new road alignment. 53 submissions were received with 22 in opposition.

Transpacific Technical Services - Seaview

There are applications for discharges to air (including odour) from an industrial and hazardous waste processing facility in Seaview. Consents were granted on 23 June following a one day hearing which largely focussed on the impacts of emissions on public health (affecting businesses adjacent to the site). Conditions of consent require the implementation of a management plan targeting both the treatment of waste and odours and building integrity to ensure fugitive emissions are effectively eliminated.

Other notified applications active (post-notification) during the last period include:

- ***South Wairarapa District Council - Featherston Wastewater Treatment Plant:*** Replacement applications for discharges from the Featherston Wastewater Treatment Plant. Two pre-hearing meetings with submitters has 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. Final draft conditions have received final approval from remaining submitters prior to approving consent.
- ***J V & LA Petrie – taking groundwater:*** Taking groundwater from the fully allocated Tawaha Aquifer, South Wairarapa. Submissions closed on 15 May 2009, and four submissions were received, and a pre-hearing meeting has been set down for early August.
- ***Wairarapa Aggregates Limited – land based gravel quarrying:*** 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. Information requirements virtually complete, and early September hearing planned.

- **BP Oil NZ Ltd – Seaview fuel storage:** Constructing and operating a new fuel storage terminal at Seaview, Lower Hutt (seven tanks holding a range of petroleum products, ranging in size up to 8,000m³), including carrying petroleum products in supply lines over the Coastal Marine Area.
- **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. Following a productive third pre-hearing in April, a September hearing is now planned.
- **Horokiwi Quarries Ltd – Fitzroy Bay gravel extraction:** Replacement consents for gravel and sand extraction from the coastal margin east of Pencarrow Head. Applications were notified on 15 July.
- **Masterton District Council - Masterton Landfill closure:** Applications notified and a pre-hearing completed in early June. Further information being reported back to submitters by the applicant. Issues include the management of ongoing discharges of landfill gas and leachate (to groundwater and the Ruamahanga River) from the fill.
- **Juken Nissho Limited – air discharges:** 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. Peer review of application is being completed with a view to forming draft conditions for a possible negotiated outcome with applicant and submitters.
- **South Wairarapa District Council – coastal erosion works:** An application for a ‘global’ consent to undertake sporadic erosion protection works along a 25km section of the South Wairarapa Coast. Applications notified on 5 June and 9 submissions received.
- **Carterton District Council - Carterton Wastewater Treatment Plant:** Replacement applications for discharges and upgraded treatment from the Carterton Wastewater Treatment Plant, lodged in October 2008 and waiting for further information (together with an applicant-initiated peer review) to be completed.
- **South Wairarapa District Council - Greytown Wastewater Treatment Plant:** 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 from SWDC on treatment options is expected soon.
- **CnD Landfill – landfill extension:** Extension of the existing C n D demolition fill at Happy Valley, Wellington. Requiring further information with a focus on landfill stability and integrity issues.
- **Best Farms Ltd – subdivision development:** 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:

- ***NZ Railways Corporation (Ontrack) - North Island Main Trunk Railway:*** Earthworks and discharges in association with the North Island Main Trunk Railway double tracking between Waikanae and McKays Crossing. Sixth area of major earthworks for the project. Three submissions received and a pre-hearing is being organised.
- ***Kapiti Coast District Council- Western Link Road:*** Decision released on 17 June without requiring a hearing. Constructing section 5 – environmentally, the most difficult section of Western Link Road - between Waikanae and Paraparaumu. The top-ranked roading project under the Regional Land Transport Strategy. A substantial number (over 20) affected parties signed off the application, after full affected party sign-offs had previously not looked possible. Matters dealt with through consent conditions include sediment control, impacts on significant wetlands, flood capacity at Waikanae River, and managing cultural issues (Māori-owned land including an urupā site).

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.

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 August non-notified consents report (report 09.425).

3. Consent appeals and objections

3.1 Appeals

Capital Wharf Limited: Overseas Passenger Terminal (OPT)

As I reported verbally to the June Committee the Court upheld the decision of the hearing panel granting consents to Capital Wharf Ltd, following a shorter than expected Court hearing (7-days) and a surprisingly rapid decision release. The decision found heavily in favour of the original decision and expressed that little merit could be seen in the arguments of the appellant (Waterfront Watch) and section 274 parties (joined process to support the appellant). On the basis of the GW costs of defending the appeal, and the strength of the Court decision, we have made an application to the Court seeking costs from the appellant and associated parties. While we do not wish to deter the rights enshrined in the Resource Management Act to appeal consent decisions, parties in taking appeals must accept the risk of costs applications which go with the process.

The proposal involved a six level residential apartment and retail development, incorporating under-wharf car parking, wharf structural strengthening, public space development and a low-level jetty extension at the Wharf's northern end. The applications also 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.

Masterton District Council: Masterton Waste Water Treatment Plant

Appeals were received in June from a number of parties against the decision to grant consents to continue operating the Homebush treatment plant, including ongoing discharges to the Ruamahanga River and to land in the vicinity. Appellants include MDC itself, NZ Fish and Game, Department of Conservation, Sustainable Wairarapa, iwi and David Holmes. Matters covered by appeals are broad, ranging from wholesale objections to the activity to concerns over land based treatment, monitoring and flood hazards. We are looking to enter into a similar process of preliminary discussions with MDC prior to mediation formally commencing as we have done in other recent appeals. The first pre-hearing conference is set down for 17 August, which will focus on setting out a timetable for mediation.

Kintyre Meats: Meat processing plant wastes –

This is an appeal by the applicant on the decision granting consents to discharge meat processing liquid waste to pasture near Gladstone. The appeal covers a wide range of matters (including the short term of consent, and monitoring requirements), and the first appeal against a non-notified consent

(as opposed to the standard formal objection against conditions of consent) I believe we have ever received. We have entered in to preliminary discussions with the applicant to make early progress before we enter formal mediation.

3.2 Objections

Currently there are no objections before us.

4. Compliance and enforcement

4.1 Abatement notices

We issued five abatements between 22 May and 30 June 2009 (down six for the previous reporting period), including unauthorised discharges of landfill gas at Spicers Landfill, Porirua.

Abatement notices served are detailed in the Environmental Protection Report (report 09.426).

4.2 Infringement notices

We issued three infringement notices between 22 May and 30 June 2009 (down from five issued for the previous period), for discharges of dairy effluent to land causing ponding.

Infringements issued are detailed in the Environmental Protection Report (report 09.426).

4.3 Appeals against notices served

Roddy Mckenzie: excavating a watercourse in Lansdowne, Masterton

The hearing by a Justice of the Peace is set down for 27 July in the Masterton District Court. I will provide a verbal update to the August Committee meeting.

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

We have met with HQL to discuss matters surrounding appeals on both abatement and infringement notices. We have withdrawn infringement notices and have effectively reached a common understanding on the intent of the abatement notices, meaning that appeals against these notices will be withdrawn.

Lloyd Rayner: excavating a watercourse in the Tauherenikau Delta

Lloyd Rainer was recently granted a waiver from the Court to waive timeframes on the late appeal of abatement notices requiring him to cease unauthorised disturbance of a watercourse (and associated diversion of water) in the Tauherenikau Delta (a NZ Fish and Game Council reserve). The watercourse drains to Lake Wairarapa and works carried out to date appear to be enhancing land drainage within the reserve.

4.4 Prosecution and enforcement orders

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

Noel and Elaine Reid, and Stephen Shivas: discharges of piggery effluent to water

First call for this case was on 4 June. As I reported at the June Committee meeting, the Reids did not provide instructions to their lawyer prior to leaving New Zealand for an extensive period. As such we have taken the rare move of requesting that Court issues warrants for the Reids' arrest upon their return to the country. The next call is set down for 27 July, and I will provide a verbal update to the August Committee meeting should anything significant arise.

This is a case against Noel and Elaine Reid, and Stephen Shivas for a November 2008 incident involving the discharge of pig effluent onto land from an open hydrant causing ponding and subsequent run off into a stream. The incident caused substantial increases in the level of contaminants downstream, recorded in both surface and groundwater.

Lloyd Raynor: illegal stream works and diverting wetland water

The case is being heard in the Masterton District Court on 27 and 28 July, bringing together a range of experts in what I believe is one of the most complex cases we have ever prosecuted. Expert evidence will be delivered in key areas including the 'status' of the excavated watercourse, and ecological effects on the watercourse and adjacent wetlands. Once again, it is the common nature of offending such as this within the region which continues to underpin this as an important test case for Greater Wellington. I will update the August meeting Committee of the Court's decision.

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 ('Bartons') Lagoon – an ecologically significant DoC-managed lagoon - and the cull of hundreds of eels.

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

This is a prosecution 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. The first call to the Court will be on 27 July. I will update the August Committee meeting on progress.

Alex Burrell and C n D Landfill: filling above existing consented limits

On 22 June we laid charges against Alex Burrell and his company, C n D Landfill, for allegedly land-filling beyond the scope of his consent (30 - 40 metres above the existing consented fill height), following a lengthy investigation. Wellington City Council has also similarly laid charges for

breaches of their land use consent. There is a good deal of history with Mr Burrell, and we successfully prosecuted him in 2006 for illegal stream works. We have also previously (in 2004) withdrawn a substantial prosecution on technical grounds.

4.5 Take Charge

It has been a busy period for our Take Charge programme, with Grenada North wrap-up work, Naenae area assessment planning and eMission audits. Programme work is summarised further in the Environmental Protection report (report 09.426).

4.6 Significant incidents

Significant incidents are reported in the Environmental Protection Report (report 09.426).

5. Other Environmental Regulation projects

5.1 Resource Management Charging Policy Review

A new policy is now in place following the GW Annual Plan/LTCCP process wrap up in June. A number of changes will enable us to charge consent applicants and holders, and environmental 'non-compliers' more effectively for 'actual and reasonable' staff time. Changes to the policy include an increased staff charge out rate (by \$5 to \$105 per hour), direct charges for non-complying consent holders, and on-charging for the use of experts in consents and compliance assessment work.

5.2 Muddy Waters project – another successful workshop

Earlier in June the *Muddy Waters* team from my department ran a very provocative and highly engaging workshop for earthworks contractors and environmental consultants. There was certainly a high level of openness and honesty in the discussions which spanned the workshop, and it has provided us some really useful pointers for taking the Muddy Waters earthworks programme forward yet again. I am very thankful to my team for their highly professional, frank and engaging presentations.

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	Applicant and submitters working through final stages of agreeing to consent conditions.			
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	Negotiated outcome achieved between submitters and applicant.	-	03/06/09	Granted
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, Homebush, Masterton	30/03/06	15/05/09	6	9/6/09	Further information requested from applicant following pre-hearing meeting.			

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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. Hearing scheduled for 21-24	Cnr Chris Laidlaw (Chair), Cnr Prue Lamason, Kevin Rolfe (Independent, air discharge specialist).		

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						September 2009.			
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 all removed their wish to be heard. No hearing required.		17/06/09	Granted
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. Presently chasing up applicant						
Juken Nissho Ltd WAR 080250	To discharge contaminants to air from woodwaste boiler, veneer driers and presses, kilns	29/12/07	06/11/08	7	No	Independent peer review undertaken. Negotiated outcome being progressed.			

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	at Waingawa, Masterton								
J V & L A Petrie WAR 080367	To take groundwater from a bore for irrigation purposes	12/03/08	15/05/09	4	Scheduled for 04/8/09				
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	Hearing held on 4 June 2009.	Cnrs Sally Baber (Chr), Ian Buchanan and Nigel Wilson	Decision released 23/06/09	Granted
Wairarapa Aggregates Ltd WAR 080518	To discharge stormwater from a gravel extraction and associated cleanfill operation to water	04/06/08	01/04/09	13	No	Further information requested following close of submissions and meeting with applicant. Hearing likely to be held early September.			
T & T Landfill WGN070260 (joint with WCC)	Discharges associated with the operation of a demolition fill	14/06/08	21/11/08	7		Hearing held on 30, 31 March & 1 April, joint with WCC.	Cnr Chris Laidlaw, Robert Armstrong (Chr), Clive Anstey	Decision released 25/06/09	Granted

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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. Presently following up with applicant						
CnD Landfill WGN090036	Extension of construction and demolition fill	04/08/08	On hold for further information and affected party approval						

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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 February, 9-13 & 30 March 2009.	Cr Baber Te Waari Carkeek Rob Van Vorthuysen	29/05/09	Granted (now under appeal)
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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WCC (Capacity) WGN090219	Stormwater discharges to Wellington Harbour and the South Coast	19/12/08	On hold for further information						
WCC WGN090226	Westchester Drive Extension	22/12/08	21/02/09	53 (but includes multiple late submissions)	29/4/09	25-27 May	Crs Baber, Bruce and Stuart Kinear	Decision released 08/07/09	
South Wairarapa District Council WAR090322	Coastal structures along 25 km stretch of Palliser Bay	27/04/09	05/06/09	9					
HCC Waiwhetu overflows WGN090321	Overflows of sewage effluent to the Waiwhetu Stream	27/04/09	04/08/09						
Horokiwi Quarries WGN090117	To conduct activities associated with the extraction of gravel and sand at Fitzroy Bay, Pencarrow Coast.	9/10/08	15/07/09		August 09		TBA		

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
NZ Railways Corporation (Ontrack) WGN090380 (Limited)	Discharge to water/land and culvert extension in relation to double tracking of the Nth Island Main Trunk Railway Line.	15/06/09	23/07/09		August 09		TBA		
Masterton District Council WAR 090346 (Limited)	To undertake various activities associated with the new Riversdale Beach Wastewater Treatment Plant.	11/5/09	7/8/09						
BP pipeline WGN090320	Coastal permit to change the use of an existing pipeline at Seaview Wharf. Discharge permit to discharge operational water and 10 groundwater bores.	24/4/09	21/7/09	7	Scheduled for week beginning 17 August 2009.				

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1. Navigation aids

On 17 July divers carried out a check on the Barrett Reef buoy moorings. Minor remedial work was identified and will be carried out when favourable weather conditions permit.

2. Oil pollution

Two reports of “oil spills” in the harbour were received over this period. One was the result of a small boat sinking at it’s mooring in the Hutt River Estuary. This spill was very minor and the boat was broken up and removed from the estuary. In neither case was any clean-up action required.

On 9 June an equipment exercise was held where a dispersant spray boom was rigged on the new CentrePort tug Tiaki to establish that they could be operated on this vessel.

On 15 – 19 June 2009, Grant Nalder revalidated his Regional On Scene Commanders Revalidation Certificate (ROSC),

Chevron had their Tier 1 plan to cover their operations at Seaview approved.

3. Harbour events of interest

HMSIG (Harbour Masters/Harbour Management Special Interest Group) meeting was chaired in Wellington on 24 and 25 June.

The old floating crane Hikitia was towed from Wellington on 4 June to Lyttelton for dry docking, the first time that the crane had left Wellington since arriving in 1926.

4. Beacon Hill signal station

Work commenced on the construction of the new Beacon Hill signal station on 22 June. On 15 July the floor slab was poured.

The building contract is scheduled to be completed early October, weather dependent.