


3 February 2025

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Tēnā koe 

Request for information about Constructed Overflow Points

Thank you for your request of 12 December 2024, made under the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (LGOIMA – the Act) for the following:

For each of the COPs listed in Table 2.2 of the consent application please send me:

- *Information that identifies the status of the discharge from the COP in terms of section 15 of the RMA (ie: is the discharge consented, unconsented, permitted or allowed due to existing use rights?);*
- *For any COP where the discharge is consented a copy of the corresponding consent;*
- *For any COP where the discharge is consented the identity of the consent holder; and,*
- *For any COP where the discharge is unconsented, as well as not allowed due to the absence of permitted activity status and/or existing use rights, the identity of the person / agency that is responsible for the discharge.*

Your request is responded to in accordance with the Act. Please refer to the appendix on the following page that responds to your individual questions. Additionally, please refer to the attached documents titled:

- Wet Weather Overflows From the Porirua and Wellington Wastewater Networks Report.pdf
- Wet Weather Overflows From the Porirua And Wellington Wastewater Networks Table.pdf
- WGN180027 Consent Certificate.pdf

Please note that it is our policy to publicly release our responses to official information requests where possible. Our response to your request will be published shortly at <https://www.wellingtonwater.co.nz/about-us/official-requests/official-information-act-responses/> with your personal information removed.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this decision. Information about how to make a complaint is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or freephone 0800 802 602.

If you wish to discuss this decision with us, please feel free to email us at official.information@wellingtonwater.co.nz

Nāku noa, nā



Acting Group Manager
Customer Operations Group

APPENDIX

Wellington region's wastewater system is aging, and parts of the network are over 120 years.

It is a priority for Wellington Water, and Porirua City Council to improve performance, increase capacity and build resilience of the wastewater network. Council have invested in a significant programme of work to upgrade the wastewater network.

The network transfers as much as it physically can to treatment plants, up to five times the normal daily average flows. However, when the network gets overloaded, some wastewater can overflow from manhole lids and at constructed outlet pipes into streams, rivers, and the harbour. These overflows minimise the risk of wastewater entering your properties and community and reduce the risks to public health.

Construction of the original wastewater network was originally designed to protect public health, with less focus on the environment's health. These overflows are a part of normal operation of the plant to cope with peak flows during heavy rainfall.

1. *Information that identifies the status of the discharge from the COP in terms of section 15 of the RMA (ie: is the discharge consented, unconsented, permitted or allowed due to existing use rights?);*

Global discharges from the stormwater network are consented under the stage 1 global stormwater consent via section 124 of the Resource Management Act 1991 (coded as COF-SW in the table). The other discharge locations are not currently consented however an application to consent them was lodged in 2023.

2. *For any COP where the discharge is consented a copy of the corresponding consent;*

Please see attached a copy of the resource consent.

3. *For any COP where the discharge is consented the identity of the consent holder;*

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4. *For any COP where the discharge is unconsented, as well as not allowed due to the absence of permitted activity status and/or existing use rights, the identity of the person / agency that is responsible for the discharge.*

For unconsented discharges it is general practice that abatement notices are served against Wellington Water and the relevant Client Council; accordingly, both organisations would likely be responsible.