


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 the Rukutane Point COP please send me:

- *Information consisting of the date and duration of any overflow that occurred in the period April to September 2024 (inclusive).*
- *For all overflows during the April to September period was the discharge consented, unconsented, permitted or allowed due to existing use rights?*
- *For all overflows during the April to September period where the discharge is consented, a copy of the corresponding consent.*
- *For all overflows during the April to September period where the discharge is consented, the identity of the consent holder.*
- *For all overflow events where the discharge is unconsented, as well as not allowed due to absence of permitted activity status and/or existing use rights, the identity of the person / agency that is responsible for the discharge.*
- *For all overflow events where the discharge is unconsented, as well as not allowed due to absence of permitted activity status and/or existing use rights, all information (if any) PCC holds regarding enforcement actions taken by Greater Wellington Regional Council.*

Your request was transferred from Porirua City Council to Wellington Water under section 12 of the Act. Please refer to the appendix on the following page that responds to your individual questions, and the attachment named:

Porirua pump station discharges September warning letter.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

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Acting Group Manager
Customer Operations Group

APPENDIX

Background

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 consisting of the date and duration of any overflow that occurred in the period April to September 2024 (inclusive).*

Date	Time Started	AM/PM	Date Ended	Time Ended	AM/PM	Duration of overflow	Cause of overflow	Receiving water
12/4/24	1:46	AM	12/4/24	3:59	PM	14 hours 13 min	rain	Titahi Bay
13/4/24	4:24	AM	13/4/24	1:12	PM	8 hours 48 min	rain	Titahi Bay
1/5/24	11:52	AM	1/5/24	9:33	PM	9 hours 41 min	rain	Titahi Bay
1/5/24	1:38	PM	1/5/24	2:02	PM	24 min	rain	Titahi Bay
1/7/24	5:18	AM	1/7/24	11:40	AM	6 hours 22 min	rain	Titahi Bay
30/7/24	12:09	AM	30/7/24	12:45	AM	36 min	rain	Titahi Bay
25/8/24	6:02	PM	26/8/24	7:59	AM	13 hours 57 min	rain	Titahi Bay
31/8/24	1:07	PM	31/8/24	5:41	PM	4 hours 34 min	rain	Titahi Bay
3/9/24	1:04	AM	3/9/24	7:47	AM	6 hours 43 min	rain	Titahi Bay
3/9/24	4:57	PM	3/9/24	10:59	PM	6 hours 2 min	rain	Titahi Bay

16/9/24	8:00	AM	17/9/24	3:11	PM	1 day 7 hours 11 min	rain	Titahi Bay
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2. *For all overflows during the April to September period was the discharge consented, unconsented, permitted or allowed due to existing use rights?*

Wellington Water sought global network discharge consents for wastewater (wet weather) from Greater Wellington Regional Council (on behalf of its metropolitan client councils) in 2023. Given these global applications are currently being processed, wastewater overflows from the metropolitan wastewater network (during wet weather events) are, at this time, unconsented.

3. *For all overflows during the April to September period where the discharge is consented, a copy of the corresponding consent.*

Please see 2 above.

4. *For all overflows during the April to September period where the discharge is consented, the identity of the consent holder.*

Please see 2 above.

5. *For all overflow events where the discharge is unconsented, as well as not allowed due to 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.

6. *For all overflow events where the discharge is unconsented, as well as not allowed due to absence of permitted activity status and/or existing use rights, all information (if any) PCC holds regarding enforcement actions taken by Greater Wellington Regional Council.*

Wellington Water consulted with Porirua City Council, and it noted that: 'Porirua City Council doesn't hold any information about enforcement action relating specifically to the Rukutane Point COP'.