

Monday 3 July 2023

OIA IRO-436

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Kia ora [REDACTED]

Official information request regarding Discharge of Untreated Wastewater from the Rukutane Point Pumpstation.

Thank you for your official information request dated Monday 5 June 2023.

The Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (the Act) requires that we advise you of our decision on your request no later than 20 working days after the day we received it. Unfortunately, we cannot meet the timeframe and must therefore extend the time to make our decision to Friday 21 July 2023.

We are extending your request on the grounds of [Section 14\(1\)\(b\)](#) of the Act. Officers are still working to pull together information that responds to your questions which will then need to be verified and our draft response approved by key officers. We will endeavour to respond as soon as possible.

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.

Ngā mihi,

[REDACTED]

Governance Coordinator

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Tuesday 18 July 2023

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Kia ora [REDACTED]

Official information request regarding Discharge of Untreated Wastewater from the Rukutane Point Pumpstation.

Thank you for your official information request dated Monday 5 June 2023.

We have considered your request in accordance with the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (the Act) and determined that we are able to grant your request in full.

Following the Tangare Pump Station coming into operation to pump to the Porirua Wastewater Treatment plant in the late 1980's the connection through to the Rukutane Pump Station was retained for emergency use only. All wastewater at this point is diverted to the Tangare Pump Station.

See our response to your questions in the appendix of this letter.

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Ngā mihi,

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Acting Group Manager, Customer Operations Group

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Appendix

Question 1: Does WWL measure and record the instances when, and/or durations of, the valve (Asset No. PCC_WW011000) being open?

Answer...

No.

Question 2: If yes to Q1, please provide me with a copy of that record covering the preceding three years.

Answer...

N/A.

Question 3: Is WWL able to measure and record the flow of wastewater (total flux volume and/or maximum instantaneous flux for the 'valve open' event) through the network at the valve when it is open?

Answer...

No.

Question 4: If yes to Q3, please provide me with a copy of that record covering the preceding three years (ie: flow volumes and rates for those instances when the valve was open).

Answer...

N/A.

Question 5: If no to Q3 (ie: a copy of that record covering the preceding three years is not available), please provide me with all the information required for an explanation.

Answer...

The pipeline is redundant. It is maintained for emergency use only.