

Finding a solution for Featherston's wastewater treatment

A key value is **Te Mana o te Wai** – the vital importance of water, and the protection of the health and wellbeing of our freshwater.

What you asked for

- Improved water quality
- Better environmental performance
- Catering for growth
- Using natural processes
- Resilience | Affordability

A balance between

- Community aspirations
- Mana whenua values
- Council role as investor
- Greater Wellington Regional Council requirements as consenting authority

Featherston's wastewater treatment plant has been operating under a historic resource consent since 2012. There's been a process to find a fit-for-purpose solution for a new consent.

2012
The resource consent for the discharge of treated effluent to Donalds Creek from the Featherston Wastewater Treatment Plant expires

2012
Council lodges a new consent (water-based discharge), which is still on hold

2017
Council lodges a new resource consent seeking to transition from a water based discharge to a land based discharge. This application was publicly notified.

January 2023
Council commitment to lodge a new consent application in 2023

December 2020
Workshop long list into short list incorporating community, stakeholder and mana whenua feedback

July to October 2020
Wellington Water engages with community, stakeholders, and mana whenua to identify local values and aspirations, and to develop a long list of options.

2020
Council withdraws 2017 consent and engages Wellington Water to identify a long-term consenting solution

June 2022
Affordable proposal identified

February 2021
Council considers shortlist options for affordability and environmental outcomes



The proposal

South Wairarapa District Council is seeking a fit-for-purpose solution that delivers value to the local community and Mana Whenua.

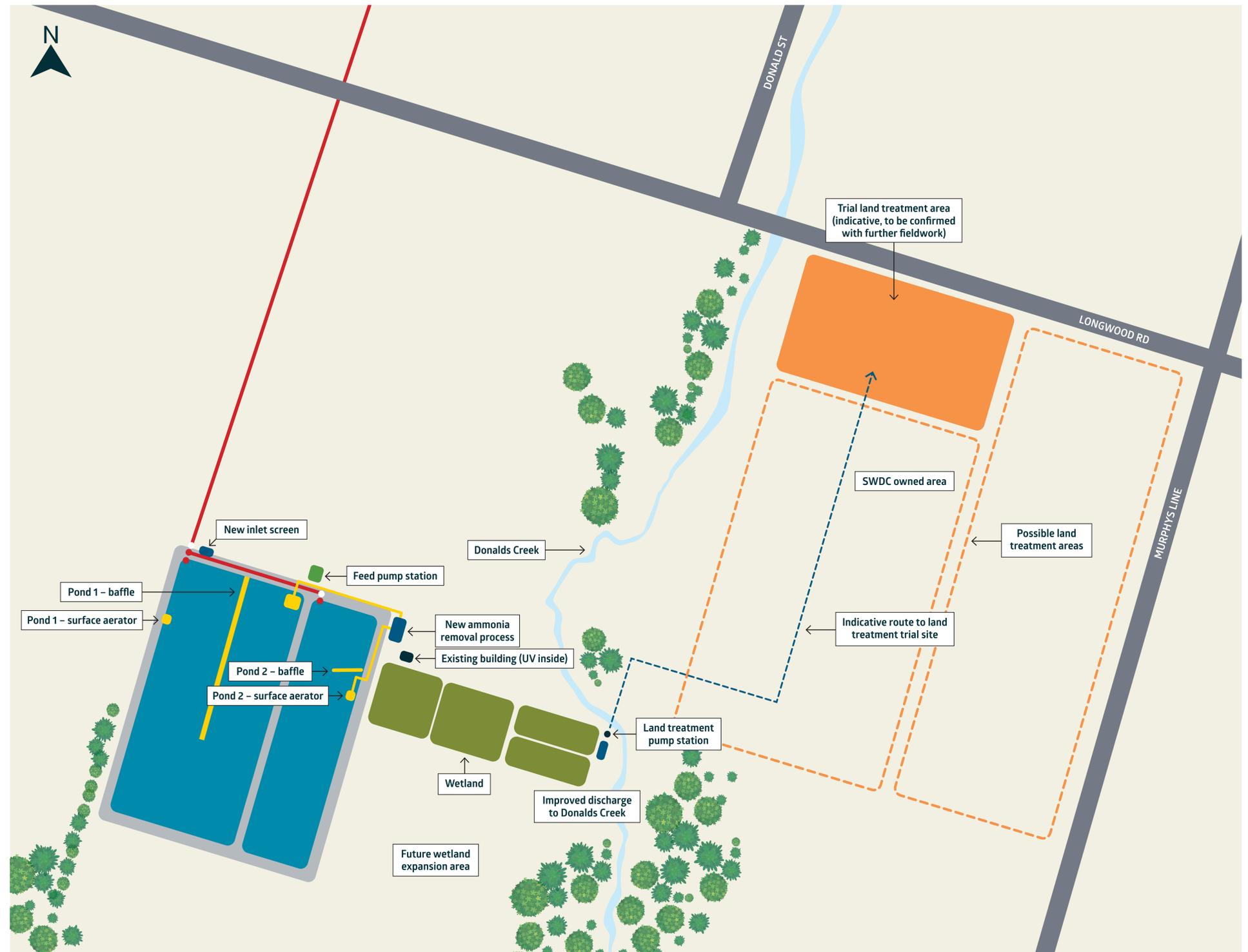
The proposed solution will upgrade and improve the performance of the plant.

It will also allow time to trial and implement innovative treatment systems including:

- Process for removal of ammonia
- Land treatment trial
- Introducing a wetland to further enhance the quality of the treated wastewater before discharging to Donalds Creek.

Affordability is a big factor. That's why we're proposing a solution that allows us to test and monitor these new techniques that will:

- Deliver value for money for local ratepayers
- Support the principles of Te Mana o te Wai
- Inform long-term investment, supporting the transition to land-based treatment over time.



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