

Consents Management Department Report

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1. Consent Statistics

The Department's median processing time for non notified consents is 10 working days (161 consents). There have been no late consents so far this financial year.

2. Appeals

The Owhiro Bay Boat ramp appeals are due to be heard on 27 March 2000. I shall update the Committee on progress at the meeting.

The Paraparaumu and Waikanae sewage appeals were not resolved before the callover on 13 March 2000. My understanding (and that of the appellants) was that we had all reached agreement last year and KCDC was simply to do the paperwork. Unfortunately, I was wrong and KCDC came back with a number of last minute changes to the draft consent orders.

We were extremely disappointed with these changes as KCDC had more than enough time to tell us about the problems so that they could be resolved. Hence, the submitters and ourselves felt that we had been ambushed. However, all the parties met on 16 March 2000 and agreed to new wording. Hopefully, this is the end of the matter.

We are having one last attempt at mediation on the outstanding appeal against the PCC Sewage decision. If that does not work then we have a Court date in late May.

We have provided our response on the Promall appeals to the Environment Court.

3. Compliance

3.1 Medical Waste Limited

Over the past few weeks we have had a number of complaints about Medical Waste Limited. We have confirmed four alleged breaches of their resource consent conditions relating to excessive discharges of smoke and/or odour. We are presently determining whether further enforcement action is required.

3.2 Abatement Notices

Since the last Committee meeting we have issued three abatement notices. One each was issued to the Wellington City Council and their business unit CitiLandfills for offensive odours from the southern landfill. The WCC's inability to control odour

from the Landfill is a serious concern. We are very close to running out of options and unless the WCC considerably improve their management of the landfill, a prosecution is likely in the medium term.

The other abatement notice was issued to Castrol New Zealand Limited for offensive odour from their Transformer oil regeneration plant.

3.3 **Enforcement Orders**

The application for enforcement orders against Anglian Water International (NZ) Limited and Wellington City Council (Moa Point Sewage Treatment Plant) remains adjourned.

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3.4 **Prosecution and Interim Enforcement Orders**

Unfortunately, I was forced to lay further charges (for allegedly breaching an interim enforcement order) against Burrell Demolition. That has meant that a hearing date has still not been determined.

4. **Other**

4.1 **ISO Registration**

We have completed our application for ISO registration and were to be audited by Telarc on 6 March 2000. Telarc were unable to visit us then so we are presently arranging a new date.

4.2 **Workshops**

A blatant advertisement. The Councillor workshop on running resource consent hearings will be run immediately after the meeting.

4.3 **Customer Satisfaction Survey**

The biannual Customer Satisfaction Survey has begun. We hope to report the results to you by the end of the financial year.

4.4 **Resource Management Charging Policy**

We have begun reviewing the Resource Management Charging Policy which sets our fees and charges for Plan Changes, consent processing and compliance monitoring of consents. The Policy was adopted in 1997 and runs for three years.

The formal review will begin with a report to the Policy and Finance Committee in the next few weeks.

4.5 **Staffing**

Craig Calland has joined the department to replace Andrew Jones. Craig has a degree from Waikato University. Prior to that he worked in a wide range of jobs including semi-professional cricketer in the UK and as a pyrotechnician.

Craig Press has resigned from the department. He plans to complete his Master of Public Policy degree and then cycle across Canada. Craig put a lot of time and effort into coastal compliance and he leaves us in a strong position in that area.

Applicant	Proposal	Date Consent Lodged	Date Submissions Closed	Number of Submissions Received	Pre-hearing Held	Hearing Held	Hearing Committee Members	Date Decision Released	Granted or Declined
Kapiti Coast District Council	Consents associated with the Paraparaumu Wastewater Treatment Plant	12/03/98	28/05/98	19	13/08/98	13/09/98 to 14/09/98 Interim decision released Hearing reconvened on 15/03/99	Councillor Buchanan, Councillor Shields, Te Taru White (Commissioner)	Final decision released on 22/04/99	Most consents Granted with Conditions Now Under Appeal
Porirua City Council	Consents associated with the Porirua Wastewater Treatment Plant	20/12/97	27/05/98	7	Applicant chose not to have a pre hearing	07/12/98 Interim decision released Hearing reconvened on 23/4/99	Councillor Buchanan, Councillor McDavitt, Ian Stewart (Minister of Conservation appointee)	Final Decision released on 03/06/99	Recommendation to Grant (must go to the Minister of Conservation for final approval) Now Under Appeal
Kapiti Coast District Council	Consents associated with the operation and upgrade of the Waikanae Wastewater Treatment Plant	19/06/98	24/07/98	23		17/09/98 to 18/09/98 Interim decision released Hearing Reconvened on 15/03/99	Councillor Buchanan, Councillor Shields, Te Taru White (Commissioner)	Final Decision released on 22/04/99	Declined Now Under Appeal
Wellington City Council (Commissioning) ¹	To construct a boat ramp at Owhiro Bay	04/06/98	24/07/98	31	18/08/98	02/09/98 to 03/09/98	Russell Howie (Commissioner), Frank Boffa (Commissioner)	16/09/98	Granted with Conditions Now Under Appeal Court Date set for 3 April 2000
Peter Hunt ²	Consents associated with the development and operation of a cleanfill	13/02/98	15/09/98	3	Application has been stopped because applicant is yet to pay a Notified application fee				

Tapu Te Ranga ¹	Consents associated with the operation of a cleanfill	11/11/98	08/08/99	73		28/09/99, 29/09/99 and 14/10/99	Councillor Buchanan, And from WCC Councillors Armstrong and Hutchings	05/11/99	WRC Consents granted with conditions, WCC consent declined, WCC consent was appealed but the Appeal was withdrawn
ProMall ³	Consents associated with the development of a new shopping mall. Regional Council consents consist of several bridges, realignment of part of a stream and construction of artificial lakes	05/02/99	25/06/99	250+		13/12/99-17/12/99	Upper Hutt City Councillors	24/12/99	Granted with conditions Now under appeal
Lambton Harbour Management ¹	Consents associated with the development of the Taranaki Street Wharf and Lagoon area	09/04/99	21/05/99	77		04/08/99 05/08/99 06/08/99	Councillor Buchanan, Tony Town (Commissioner)	06/09/99	Granted with conditions Land use consents (WCC) now under appeal
Marathon Developments and Porirua City Council ²	Consents associated with the development of the lower Taupo Swamp area	21/08/99	17/09/99	26	02/11/99	15/12/99-16/12/99	Councillors Buchanan, and Shields and Commissioner Graeme Miller (PCC appointee)	12/01/00	Granted with conditions
WRC Operations (Wairarapa)	Culverts – Whakawiriwiri Stream	21/08/99	17/09/99	14	06/10/99	15/12/99	Commissioners Russell Howie and David Watt	02/02/00	Granted with conditions
Chemwaste	Discharge to air of contaminants arising from the treatment of industrial wastes	02/10/99	03/11/99	14	19/11/99	28/01/00	Councillors Buchanan, Gibson, McDavitt	17/02/00	Granted with conditions

WRC – Utility Services	To intermittently discharge supernatant from Wainuiomata water treatment plant to the Wainuiomata River	19/11/99	21/01/00	4	03/02/00	Issued resolved with out need for a hearing. See report 00.198			
Horokiwi Quarries ¹	Consents associated with proposed cleanfill	02/08/99	23/11/99	6	20/12/99	28/01/00	Commissioner Russell Howie (WCC appointee) and Councillor Turver		Granted with conditions
Medical Waste	Review of consent conditions for the discharge of contaminants to air arising from		17/12/99	24		14/02/00 and 16/02/00	Commissioners Russell Howie and Christine Foster	03/03/00	Changes to conditions 11 and 13 and condition 7 confirmed
Castrol	To discharge combustion gases from a Transformer Oil Regeneration Plant to air.	29/11/99	04/02/00	14	17/02/00	15/03/00	Councillors Allen, Buchanan and McDavitt		
Higgins	Discharge to air the contaminants from hotmix asphalt plant	15/07/99	23/02/00	33	09/03/00	Scheduled for 07/04/00			
GNB Technologies	Discharge to air of contaminants arising from a battery recycling facility	01/03/00							

- 1 These applications were heard jointly with Wellington City Council
2 These applications will be heard jointly with Porirua City Council
3 This application will be heard jointly with Upper Hutt City Council
4 This application will be heard jointly with Kapiti Coast District Council