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Report to the Rural Services and Wairarapa Committee
from Stephen Thawley, Resource Advisory, Planning & Resources

Water Take Compliance Monitoring

1. Purpose

To inform the Committee of the compliance monitoring of water takes for the 2001/02 year.

2. Background

2.1 Under the Resource Management Charging Policy, the following water takes are required to be inspected:

- All large takes greater than 40 litres/sec
- All new water takes

2.2 Also monitoring of low flows in rivers and streams is required, and where appropriate the implementation of water restrictions or bans may be necessary.

3. Inspections

3.1 In total 28 inspections and monitoring of water takes were completed during the past year. A number of inspections were unable to be completed as there was low water use during summer due to timely periods of rainfall. These planned inspections have been deferred to next year.

3.2 Generally the level of compliance was good, particularly with irrigation takes.

4. Low Flows

Due to above average rainfall in the Wairarapa and corresponding above average river and stream flows, no water use restrictions were needed to be applied this year.

5. Recommendation

That the report be received and the information noted.

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