

Waihi Village Water and Wastewater Online Submission Form

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Would you like to present your submission in person at a hearing?

- Yes
- I do NOT wish to speak in support of my submission and ask that the following submission be fully considered.

Have Your Say

What is your preferred option?

- Option 1 – Connect Waihi Village with reticulated water and wastewater
- Option 2 – Do not connect Waihi Village with reticulated water and wastewater

Do you have any other comments?

The provision of clean drinking-water and the safe treatment and disposal of sewage have been two of the most important measures for improving public health.

Professionally operated reticulated drinking water and wastewater systems, like those managed by councils are the most protective of public health. Therefore, I fully endorse Waihi Village connecting to Turangi water and wastewater council services.

Diseases are present in every community and the fundamental purpose of reticulated sanitary services is to protect the health of individuals and the wider community by reducing disease in the community.

I consider the benefits of this project to be wider than expressed in the consultation document. Yes, the residents will benefit, but the benefits are far more reaching. When more people in the district are protected by having access to guaranteed safe drinking-water and from contact with an environment that is safeguarded from contamination by sewage, there will be less disease and less chance of disease spreading from person to person or of acquiring an infection from the environment.

Improving the equitable distribution of health is at the centre of increasing the population's health and wellbeing, and their resilience to adversity. When everyone's health is protected no matter where they live or visit in the district, that is when the overall health of the public is improved. This is why it is so important for everyone to have access to assured safe and sufficient water that is suitable for drinking, food preparation, and personal hygiene, as well as distancing people from their waste, and preventing contamination of the environment from sewage.

Improving the level of protection for the whole population is significant because health is central to people's prosperity and wellbeing. Without our health we have nothing.

I note that Council and the Trustees are working to find options to assist property owners to connect to the Council water supply. I wish to acknowledge the previous good work by Council to connect the Waitahanui community, and Toi Te Ora Public Health is willing to assist Council and the Trustees to encourage and support every residence and building to connect.

The following DHB position statements provide additional information regarding the public health perspective to sanitary services, healthy housing and a healthy built environment, each of which is relevant to this project.

Supporting Documents

Use this section if you want to attach supporting documentation to your submission.

- Lakes District Health Board, Sanitary Services Position Statement - <http://www.lakesdhb.govt.nz/Resource.aspx?ID=45272>
- Lakes District Health Board, Housing and Health Position Statement – [3.5 c\) 20170828 Housing and Health FINAL-Lakes.docx](#)
- Lakes District Health Board, Healthy Built Environments Position Statement – <http://www.lakesdhb.govt.nz/Resource.aspx?ID=50193>