



8 February 2024

Christopher Hetherington



Dear Christopher Hetherington

Request for Information – Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act (the Act) 1987

We refer to your official information request dated 8 January 2024 for:

All correspondence, to and from, regarding the Seaview wastewater treatment plant. From the 1st of December 2023 until the 8th of January 2024.

Answer:

Please find attached Information the Council holds. Some Information has been withheld under section 7(2) of the Act to protect the privacy of natural persons.

We are required under section 7(1) of the Act to consider any public interest in releasing the Information we have decided to withhold. In this case, we do not believe there are any public interest issues.

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Yours sincerely

Philip Rossiter

Senior Advisor, Official Information and Privacy

From: [Steve Hutchison](#)
To: [Bruce Hodgins](#)
Subject: RE: [EXTERNAL] Seaview plant
Date: Wednesday, 3 January 2024 10:15:18 am
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

Hi Bruce,

I am back from holiday and working through emails – it looks like you sent this on to Jeremy so presumably it is in hand. Jeremy has also looped Paul Clarke in from our end.

I have met [REDACTED] a couple of times over the years, generally through his interest in Waste to Energy plants.

Happy to chat when you are back at work. Give me a call whenever it suits you.

Steve

From: Bruce Hodgins <bruce.hodgins@huttcity.govt.nz>
Sent: Monday, 18 December 2023 1:28 pm
To: Steve Hutchison <Steve.Hutchison@wellingtonwater.co.nz>
Cc: Jeremy McKibbin <Jeremy.McKibbin@wellingtonwater.co.nz>; Blair Johnson <Blair.Johnson@wellingtonwater.co.nz>
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Hi Steve. I will call you about this.

Bruce

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From: [Steve Hutchison](#)
To: [Bruce Hodgins](#); [Asli Crawford](#)
Subject: FW: [EXTERNAL] RE: Carpark land next to Seaview WW plant
Date: Friday, 15 December 2023 10:28:59 am
Attachments: [image002.jpg](#)
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[image004.png](#)

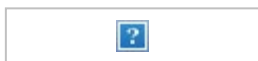
Hi Bruce,
Note from Asli below on timing of dryer project. No doubt worth giving the lease holder a heads up on intentions.
I will leave to you and Asli to agree communication protocols with lease holder.
Steve

From: Asli Crawford <Asli.Crawford@wellingtonwater.co.nz>
Sent: Friday, 15 December 2023 10:19 am
To: Steve Hutchison <Steve.Hutchison@wellingtonwater.co.nz>
Subject: RE: [EXTERNAL] RE: Carpark land next to Seaview WW plant

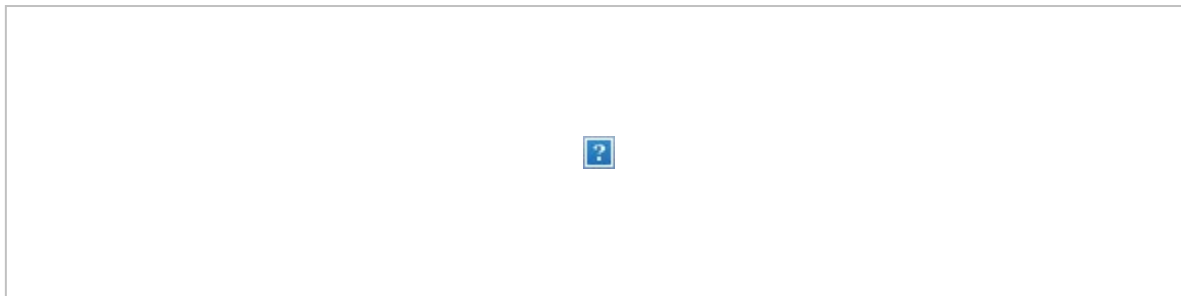
Hi Steve,
At a high-level programme, the enabling works could start in Q1 of FY25/26. However, if needed, we may need an access for about 2 weeks to do some geotechnical works before-hand. We will coordinate this access with the lease-holder at that time.

Ngā mihi,

Asli Crawford Project Director – Major Projects



Tel 04 912 4400 Mob 021 836 075



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Sent: Friday, 15 December 2023 9:53 am
To: Asli Crawford <Asli.Crawford@wellingtonwater.co.nz>
Subject: FW: [EXTERNAL] RE: Carpark land next to Seaview WW plant

Asli,
Do you have an idea yet about the timing when dryer project will want access to the Seaview land?
Steve

From: Bruce Hodgins <bruce.hodgins@huttcity.govt.nz>
Sent: Friday, 15 December 2023 5:43 am
To: Steve Hutchison <Steve.Hutchison@wellingtonwater.co.nz>; Geoffrey Roberts <Geoffrey.Roberts@huttcity.govt.nz>
Subject: RE: [EXTERNAL] RE: Carpark land next to Seaview WW plant

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attachments.

Thanks Steve.

Geoff come and discuss with me as I have been managing the lease with Autologistics, the company that stores the cars at Seaview.

Steve when would WWL be looking to have the lease terminated for the area where the new dryer will go. Maybe we can deal with the land contamination plant at the same time. As you know we are required to give 12 months notice if we want to extricate ourselves from the arrangement.

Bruce

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Sent: Thursday, December 14, 2023 3:39 PM

To: Geoffrey Roberts <Geoffrey.Roberts@huttcity.govt.nz>

Cc: Bruce Hodgins <bruce.hodgins@huttcity.govt.nz>

Subject: [EXTERNAL] RE: Carpark land next to Seaview WW plant

Hi Geoff,

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Bruce will know who the UrbanPlus contact is for more details of lease costs and durations.

Steve

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To: Steve Hutchison <Steve.Hutchison@wellingtonwater.co.nz>

Cc: Bruce Hodgins <Bruce.Hodgins@huttcity.govt.nz>

Subject: Carpark land next to Seaview WW plant

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Thanks

Geoff

Geoffrey Roberts

Manager Waste Minimisation

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Cc: [Bruce Hodgins](#)
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Date: Thursday, 14 December 2023 3:38:48 pm
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

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From: [Blair Johnson](#)
To: [Bruce Hodgins](#)
Subject: RE: [EXTERNAL] Seaview WWTP Infringement Notices I1034 - I1046 for breaches of abatement A958
Date: Friday, 5 January 2024 8:41:35 am
Attachments: [image002.jpg](#)
[image003.png](#)
[image004.png](#)

Hi Bruce.

Thanks for that. As well as infringement notices for breaches of the Abatement, WWL and Veolia also received 13 infringement notices for breaches of the RMA for the odour occurrences (\$1,000 each), so 26 in total, each.

Cheers

Blair

Blair Johnson Head of Wastewater Contracts



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From: Bruce Hodgins <bruce.hodgins@huttcity.govt.nz>
Sent: Thursday, 4 January 2024 1:51 pm
To: Blair Johnson <Blair.Johnson@wellingtonwater.co.nz>
Subject: FW: [EXTERNAL] Seaview WWTP Infringement Notices I1034 - I1046 for breaches of abatement A958

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This is what we received from GW. Still waiting to here if we have paid.

Bruce

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From: Amanda OBrien <Amanda.OBrien@gw.govt.nz>

Sent: Tuesday, December 19, 2023 2:14 PM

To: Bruce Hodgins <bruce.hodgins@huttcity.govt.nz>

Cc: Will Syben <Will.Syben@gw.govt.nz>; Shaun Andrewartha <Shaun.Andrewartha@gw.govt.nz>; Fathima Iftikar <Fathima.Iftikar@gw.govt.nz>

Subject: [EXTERNAL] Seaview WWTP Infringement Notices I1034 - I1046 for breaches of abatement A958

Hi Bruce

Please find attached 13 Infringement Notices for offensive and objectionable odour from the Seaview Wastewater Treatment Plant between 31 October 2023 and 12 December 2023. A physical copy will be sent through the mail today.

If you have any questions, please let me know,

Kind regards,



Amanda O'Brien, CEnvP, MSc, BSc(Hons)

Āpiha Matua – Aroturuki / Senior Compliance, Monitoring and Enforcement Advisor,
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To: [Bruce Hodgins](#)
Cc: [Jeremy McKibbin](#)
Subject: RE: [EXTERNAL] Seaview plant
Date: Wednesday, 20 December 2023 10:33:37 am
Attachments: [image001.jpg](#)
[image002.png](#)

Hi Bruce,

I think this is what you are after. We haven't provided effluent flow as this should be the same volume as the influent. The only difference at the Pencarrow outfall is where there have been short outfall discharges to the Waiwhetu Stream.

Month	Influent Flow (cubic meters)	Influent Solids Load (Kg/month)
Jul-22	2,729,120	379,657
Aug-22	2,999,566	399,217
Sep-22	1,900,242	338,507
Oct-22	1,874,668	357,573
Nov-22	2,089,039	348,392
Dec-22	1,961,183	347,518
Jan-23	1,653,076	350,968
Feb-23	2,050,757	301,911
Mar-23	2,014,433	348,201
Apr-23	2,304,797	291,935
May-23	2,272,289	257,997
Jun-23	1,696,833	305,317
Total	25,546,002	4,027,194

Please let me know if you need more detail.

Kind regards

Blair

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█ asked me again yesterday via email.

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To: Bruce Hodgins <bruce.hodgins@huttcity.govt.nz>

Subject: Re: [EXTERNAL] Seaview plant

Morena Bruce,

Can you advise the volume of sludge that is processed through the plant annually.

That will give us something to work on over the Xmas break.

[REDACTED]

On Tue, 19 Dec 2023, 6:54 am Bruce Hodgins, <bruce.hodgins@huttcity.govt.nz> wrote:

Thanks [REDACTED]. I am advised that Steve is on leave until the New Year so will contact you then when he is back.

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We can pull something together for you to review fairly quickly.
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Subject: FW: [EXTERNAL] Seaview plant

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Hi Blair. I see Steve is on leave now. Are you able to answer the question regarding the volume of wastewater and solids through the plant?
Bruce

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From: [Blair Johnson](#)
To: [Bruce Hodgins](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Odour Complaints - Seaview WWTP
Date: Wednesday, 3 January 2024 9:34:04 am
Attachments: [image001.jpg](#)
[image002.png](#)

Hi Bruce,

As discussed, WWL have not received any complaints directly but we have been notified of a number received by GWRC since work on the biofilter was halted 22 December. At that time, all 6 cells of the biofilter had new media added and the system was fully operational. As we have indicated, the new media takes some time to “bed in” and become fully functional.

Odour complaints (6) that I am aware of as follows:

- 27 Dec 23 – 1 complaint – no address given, but residential – 17.55hrs – No assessment undertaken by GWRC
- 28 Dec 23 - 2 complaints (Leighton Avenue and Bell Road) 14.04hrs and 12.21hrs. GWRC attended site at 15.13hrs and completed an odour assessment at Seaview Roundabout. Detected odour but not O&O.
- 1 Jan 24 – 3 odour complaints (addresses unknown at this stage) – GWRC undertook odour assessments at Bell Road (13.57hrs) no odour detected and at Seaview Roundabout (14.05hrs) odour detected but not O&O.

These are the complaints that GW have informed us of.

As far as we are aware the biofilter is operating as expected and other areas of potential odour from maintenance issues are being carefully managed.

If you need any more detail, please let me know.

Kind regards

Blair Johnson

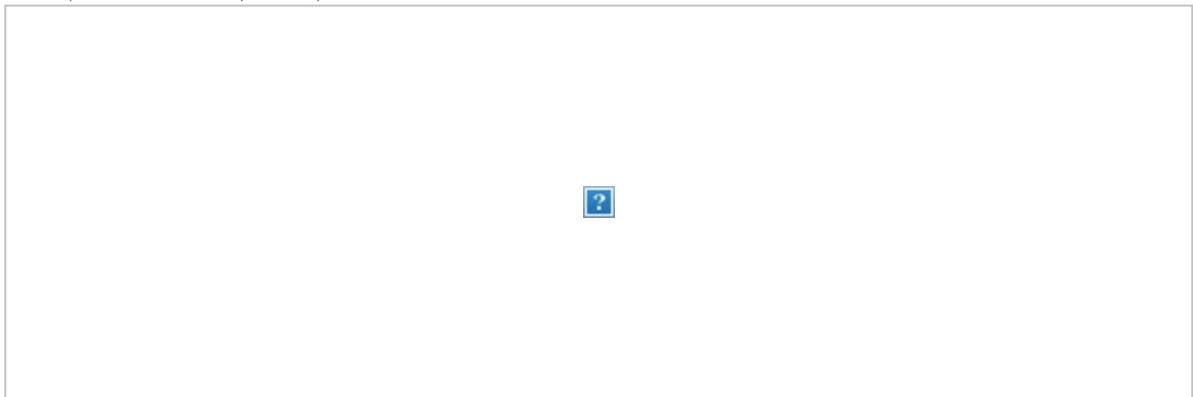
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From: [Blair Johnson](#)
To: [Bruce Hodgins](#)
Cc: [Jeremy McKibbin](#)
Subject: RE: [EXTERNAL] Incident (Minor) - Seaview WWTP - Minor Fire
Date: Wednesday, 27 December 2023 4:40:31 pm
Attachments: [image001.jpg](#)
[image003.png](#)
[image004.png](#)

Hi Bruce,

I think you are on leave and so apologies for sending this while you are away. I think our respective holiday breaks overlap and so I thought it best to get this to you sooner rather than later.

You were seeking some detail on a couple of items; (1) the scope of the odour management project and what was being delivered, and (2) the status of the plant assets currently and those that are currently offline or under repair.

1. **Project Overview – Odour Management – Current Project**

Objective

The objective of this project is to renew and upgrade the odour treatment equipment, as the existing system is no longer delivering compliance with the odour consent conditions for the site. The renewal and upgrade of odour extraction and treatment equipment must be able to achieve odour compliance over the expected 20-year life of the new equipment and provide a safe working environment for operators.

Scope

The following assets are included in the project scope for renewal or upgrade:

- Biofilter odour treatment units – replacement of internal components to improve efficacy of biofilter treatment process
- Odour fans – replacement with appropriately sized units to meet improved foul air extraction rates from point sources
- Odour ducting replacement – as appropriate depending on condition
- System improvements – minor improvements to the site's odour containment and treatment as identified throughout the project
- Milliscreen and dryer building air treatment – new odour treatment units to treat the buildings' ventilation
- Odour control monitoring equipment – new instrumentation to support process control and compliance

Odour extraction and treatment rates will be re-designed to provide a safe working environment for operators, to meet Worksafe's proposed new Workplace Exposure standards for Hydrogen Sulphide. The design process will confirm what additional odour treatment units may be required.

The project is in its early stages and the programme and detailed scope of works is still to be developed.

Note: that a new odour treatment system will be constructed as part of the Seaview WWTP dryer replacement project, specifically to the needs of the drying facility.

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- Primary Sedimentation Tanks (PST's) – 3 of 4 PST's in operation – The scraper chain in #3 failed and the repair failed necessitating procurement of a replacement chain from Europe which is yet to arrive. Subsequent mechanical inspection has indicated that other submerged components are at end-of-life and also require replacement. The other PST's are likely to be in a similar condition and so a programme of work is proposed to be developed in the new year. It should be noted that there are long lead times for the components and so the outage is likely extended up to 4-6 months for the first PST. While not ideal, the plant can cope with one PST offline.
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- Process – following the above issues, the biological processes have been very fragile but are improving and heading toward compliance (estimated compliance date unknown at this stage). In particular, repairs to the blowers has improved aeration and the effluent quality continues to improve.
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- Odour Complaints – the last known odour complaint was received 15/12/23 from HCC Trade Waste Officer.

I hope that provides the detail you were after. Please let me know if you require any further detail or clarification.

Kind regards

Blair

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Thanks Blair.

Yesterday we talked about other plant being currently off-line and you were going to provide me an email with details on that and when the repairs would be completed.

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bruce

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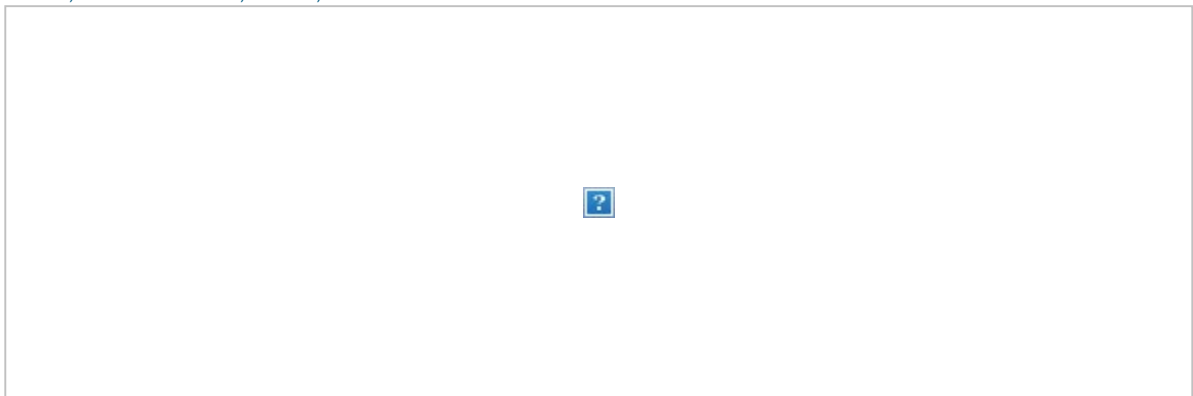
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Dear Bruce and Geoff,

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HCC and UHCC will have received similar infringement notices this afternoon.

Please send copies of the infringement notices to Wellington Water, and we will ensure the relevant deductions are made from the fee's payable to Veolia, as per the Regional Wastewater Treatment Plant Services Contract.

If you have any questions or wish to discuss, please contact me directly.

Ngā mihi

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Cc: [Steve Hutchison](#)
Subject: Seaview WWTP Odour Presentation Nov 2023 -Web.pptx
Attachments: [Seaview WWTP Odour Presentation Nov 2023 -Web.pptx](#)

Thanks Blair. I have made a few minor changes to the notes.

From my perspective OK to go.

Bruce



**Seaview WWTP Odour Control
Community Meeting**

6 December 2023



Our water, our future.

Meeting Agenda



Items	Who	Timeframe
Meeting Opening	Andrew Freeman Facilitator	5:30 – 5:33 pm
Opening Karakia	Tui Lewis – Deputy Mayor	5:33 – 5:35 pm
Presenter Introductions	Andrew Freeman	5:35 – 5:40 pm
Hutt City Council Introduction	Tui Lewis – Deputy Mayor	5:40 – 5:45 pm
Seaview WWTP Background	Steve Hutchison Chief Advisor Wastewater – WWL	5:45 – 5:50 pm
Plant Odour Control Treatment Projects	Jeremy McKibbin – Group Manager NMG – WWL	5:50 – 6:05 pm
Plans for Odour Control and Long-Term Plan (LTP)	Steve Hutchison/ Bruce Hodgins	6:05 – 6:15 pm
Questions/Feedback	All	6:15 – 6:45 pm
Closing Remarks	Jeremy McKibbin	6:45 – 6:50 pm

Opening Karakia



**Whakataka te hau ki te uru
Whakataka te hau ki te tonga
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E hī ake ana te atakura
He tio, he huka, he hau hū
Tīhei mauri ora.**

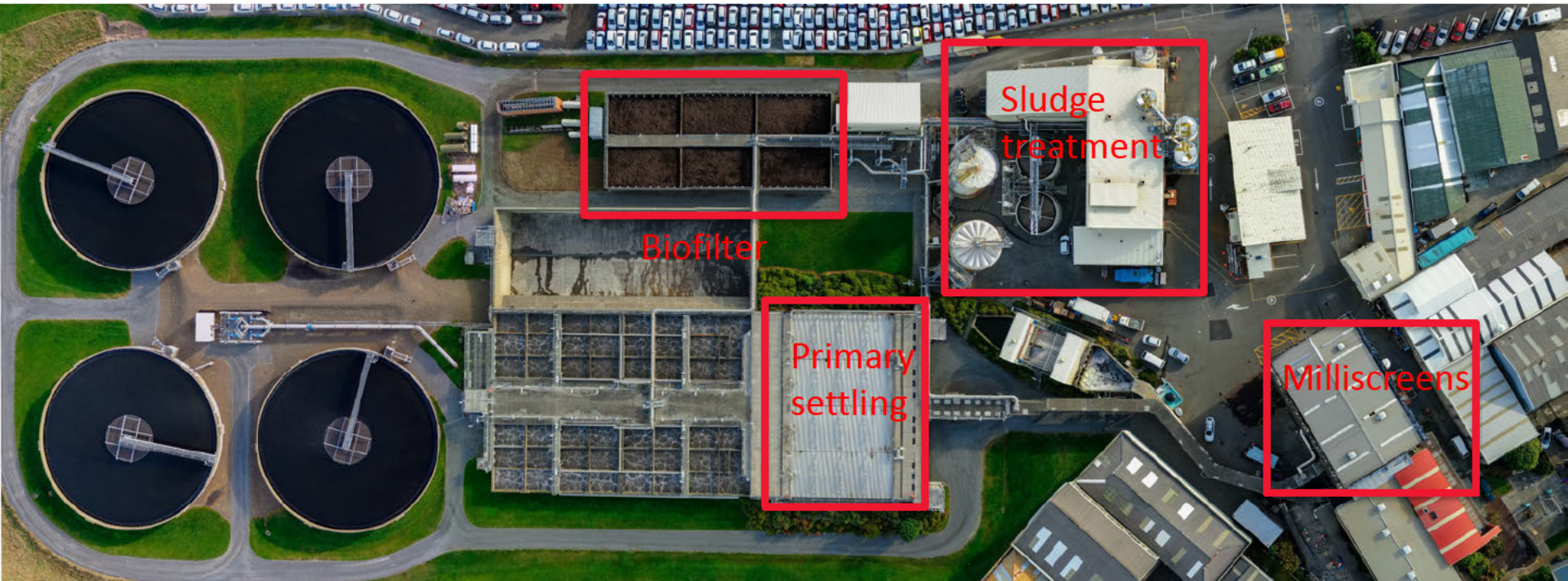
*Cease the winds from the west
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Let the breeze blow over the land
Let the breeze blow over the
ocean
Let the red-tipped dawn come
with a sharpened air.
A touch of frost, a promise of a
glorious day.*

Our commitment



The Council, Wellington Water and Veolia are currently working on several interventions both short and medium-term to effectively manage the odour generated from the site.

Seaview WWTP background



Current work - what has been done



- *Assessment of the odour control system (ducting and biofilter)*
- *Odour scouting monitoring*
- *Use of deodorisers to temporarily mitigate odours*
- *Removal of media and assessment of one Biofilter cell*

Biofilter Replacement



Biofilter replacement is part of a larger programme proposed to address plant odour over time.

The site's biofilter system which treats the odour requires bark media replacement and renewal to remain effective.

During the works to replace bark media, the plant's odour treatment capacity is reduced, and this can result in strong odours at various times.

Biofilter media



- Biofilter media consists of layers of bark and shells, pea gravel and river rock over the air distribution structure
- The biofilter media decomposes over time and requires replacement every 5-10 years
- Images show biofilter cell with media which has “sunk or decomposed”
- Images show decomposition and short circuiting (air flow between the media and biofilter walls) which reduces effectiveness

Biofilter Air Distribution Structure



- Air distribution structure under the bark layer for air distribution
- Plastic “crates” channel the odorous air and distribute across whole biofilter. (showing some damage)



Biofilter Media Replacement Programme



Cells	Media replacement planned start date	Commissioning schedule
Cell 1	14 November 2023	12 December 2023
Cell 2	6 December 2023	12 December 2023
Cell 3	12 December 2023	18 December 2023
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Cell 6	12 January 2023	25 January 2023

Medium-term renewal programme



A specialist team involved to renew the site's odour control system.

The main objectives are to ensure compliance with the resource consent and provide a safe working environment to the operators.

Long Term Investment Plan



Project	Indicative Timeline (subject to funding approval)	Total Cost
Seaview Odour Control Renewal	Concept Phase – FY2023-2024 Design and Construction Phase: FY 2024 – 2026	\$13M
Seaview WWTP Sludge Dryer Replacement	FY2023 – 2028	\$85.5M
Other specific WWTP Projects	FY2024 – 2034	\$61.2M
Planned and Reactive Renewals – ongoing projects	Annually	FY 2024 – 29: \$2.62M FY 2029 – 34 : \$1.5M

Update information and contact details

If you would like to receive further updates on the project, please email customer.notifications@wellingtonwater.co.nz and we will put you on the interested parties list.

We have a dedicated website page with regular updates on the progress of works: <https://www.wellingtonwater.co.nz/projects/seaviewwwtp/>



Questions and Feedback



Closing Remarks

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Thank You

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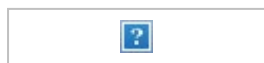
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Jul-22	2,729,120	379,657
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Sep-22	1,900,242	338,507
Oct-22	1,874,668	357,573
Nov-22	2,089,039	348,392
Dec-22	1,961,183	347,518
Jan-23	1,653,076	350,968
Feb-23	2,050,757	301,911
Mar-23	2,014,433	348,201
Apr-23	2,304,797	291,935
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Subject: [EXTERNAL] Infringement notice offensive and objectionable odour from the Seaview WWTP

Dear Bruce and Geoff,

As I indicated to earlier, this afternoon we have now received infringement notices for assessed offensive and objectionable odour from the Seaview WWTP. The infringements cover 13 dates from 1 November to 11 December as assessed by enforcement officers of GWRC. There are 26 infringement notices in total for each entity, Veolia, Wellington Water, Hutt City Council and Upper Hutt City Council respectively. The infringements are for the odour event and for contravening Abatement Notice A956 issued 14 June 2021. The total cost of the infringements is \$22,750 per entity.

HCC and UHCC will have received similar infringement notices this afternoon.

Please send copies of the infringement notices to Wellington Water, and we will ensure the relevant deductions are made from the fee's payable to Veolia, as per the Regional Wastewater Treatment Plant Services Contract.

If you have any questions or wish to discuss, please contact me directly.

Ngā mihi

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From: [Bruce Hodgins](#)
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Cc: [Jeremy McKibbin](#)
Subject: RE: [EXTERNAL] Incident (Minor) - Seaview WWTP - Minor Fire
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[image002.png](#)

Thanks Blair.

Yesterday we talked about other plant being currently off-line and you were going to provide me an email with details on that and when the repairs would be completed.

Thanks

bruce

From: Blair Johnson <Blair.Johnson@wellingtonwater.co.nz>
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Subject: [EXTERNAL] Incident (Minor) - Seaview WWTP - Minor Fire

Hi Bruce,

Just letting you know that there was a minor fire reported at the Seaview WWTP at around 1.30pm this afternoon.

The fire started in the sludge silo loading tube (smoke was visible), which feeds dried sludge into the trailers for disposal. The dryer was not operating at the time and the cause of the fire is not known yet and is being investigated. Fire and Emergency NZ attended.

Some minor damage is being reported. The rubber chute where the fire started and the trailer underneath suffered minor damage. The plant is otherwise operating as it was prior to the fire and at this stage, no further disruption is expected.

FENZ left the site at around 2.50pm

I'll update you with the investigation report when it comes to hand but if you need anything further in the meantime please let me know.

Hopefully, that's it for Seaview pre-Christmas!

Kind regards

Blair

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From: [Bruce Hodgins](#)
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Subject: FW: [EXTERNAL] Seaview WWTP Infringement Notices I1034 - I1046 for breaches of abatement A958
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This is what we received from GW. Still waiting to here if we have paid.

Bruce

From: Amanda OBrien <Amanda.OBrien@gw.govt.nz>
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Subject: [EXTERNAL] Seaview WWTP Infringement Notices I1034 - I1046 for breaches of abatement A958

Hi Bruce

Please find attached 13 Infringement Notices for offensive and objectionable odour from the Seaview Wastewater Treatment Plant between 31 October 2023 and 12 December 2023. A physical copy will be sent through the mail today.

If you have any questions, please let me know,

Kind regards,



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19 December 2023
File No: WGN950162

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Attn: Bruce Hodgins [Strategic Advisor, Hutt City Council]

Dear Bruce,

Infringement Notices I1034 - I1046 for Breaches of Abatement Notice A958

Resource Consent WGN950162 requires that there is no objectionable and offensive odour beyond the boundary of Seaview Wastewater Treatment Plant (SWWTP). Abatement notice A958 issued to you on the 14 June 2021 requires you to cease unauthorised discharges of objectionable and offensive odour beyond the boundary of the SWWTP.

In the opinion of enforcement officers who assessed the odour beyond the boundary of SWWTP after receiving odour complaints between 31 October 2023 and 12 December 2023, the odour beyond the boundary of SWWTP was objectionable and offensive on the following dates:

- 01 November 2023 | 16:37
- 09 November 2023 | 08:46
- 10 November 2023 | 19:38
- 18 November 2023 | 13:25
- 20 November 2023 | 19:00
- 21 November 2023 | 19:45
- 25 November 2023 | 15:01
- 26 November 2023 | 11:58
- 29 November 2023 | 15:30
- 01 December 2023 | 12:42
- 01 December 2023 | 16:42
- 04 December 2023 | 10:04
- 11 December 2023 | 11:00

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You have received this letter because you are the holder of Resource Consent WGN950162 and are responsible for ensuring compliance with all conditions of that consent, you jointly own the land on which the wastewater treatment plant operates, and you jointly own Wellington Water Limited who are responsible for the management of wastewater services (including Seaview Wastewater Treatment Plant) on your behalf. You are also the recipient of Abatement Notice A958.

On this occasion, we have decided to issue you with **thirteen (13) infringement notices** for breaching the Resource Management Act 1991 (RMA) section 323(1)(a), for breaching Abatement Notice A958 on 13 occasions.

Summary of investigation

On **31 October 2023** at 10:10 pm GWRC received notification from Avina Furtado (Wellington Water Wastewater Contracts Administrator) that they had received a complaint that stated:

“On Friday 27th October and again yesterday Tuesday 31 October the odour in the Seaview area has been extremely bad and by the afternoon people have had to leave work due to vomiting and breathing issues. Is there something else that is going on in the area that we need to be aware of? Is it possible to have further air tests as it appears to be worsening”.

On **1 November 2023**, Greater Wellington Regional Council (GWRC) enforcement officers received an odour notification at 15.49pm and went to site and undertook an odour assessment to assess compliance with the Resource Management Act 1991. The odour was assessed as objectionable and offensive beyond the boundary.

Wellington Water Limited (WWL) requested Veolia to investigate and provide an update. On 1 November 2023 the response via WWL from Veolia stated:

“As discussed, we are currently replacing the long screw conveyor along screen #1-5 to the screening bin. Works started on Monday. Yesterday was the removal of the old screw from the building using a crane, which requires a prolonged duration of having the doors at the building open. Nonetheless, once the removal was done, we closed the doors and the odour blaster was running at all times.”

On **1 November 2023**, Avina Furtado sent me an email that stated:

“WWL would like to provide an update on the upcoming biofilter media replacement works at Seaview WWTP. It is anticipated that these works will result in increase in odour complaints from the surrounding residents. The physical works are planned for the week commencing 13 November 2023 and will proceed with one cell at a time over the next 3 months. We anticipate that there will be increased odour for a short period whilst the existing media is being removed. Odour blasters will be operational to mitigate Odour issues and residents will be notified in advance.”

A series of complaints followed. A total of 111 complaints have been received directly to GWRC relating to Seaview WWTP odour between 31 October 2023 and 12 December 2023. The first

complaint received directly to GWRC was on 8 November 2023. Additional odour complaints have been received at HCC, WWL and Veolia.

While some weather conditions (wind direction, wind speed and rainfall) presented relief periods in odour intensity across the period, it is noted that due to the significant volume of complaints received, the odour was deemed to be near continuous and did occur on a regular or frequent basis. Radius of odour has been estimated to be 2-3 km at peak with reports from Lowry Bay and Waterloo.

Effects from odour notifications have included feeling ill, nausea, headaches, wanting to vomit, stress, anxiety, unable to use outside areas of their own homes, smell permeating inside, smell being stuck on clothing, staff leaving work early to get away from smell, customers not coming into businesses and long-term impact on business ratings online.

Odour assessments

The odour assessments undertaken provide a snapshot in time which characterises the intensity and nature of the odour.

The GWRC odour assessments undertaken on the following dates and times have been summarised in Tables 1 –5 below:

Table 1: Odour Assessments and Field Notes 01 November – 10 November 2023

Date and time of assessment	Field notes and observations
01 November 2023 16:37	<p>Odour detected, objectionable if it occurred on a regular or frequent basis (Wareham Place).</p> <p>Nicola Fenn (Senior Compliance Monitoring and Enforcement Officer) and Callum Hawthorne (Compliance Monitoring and Enforcement Officer) drove to Wareham Place which is where the notification was received from to assess the odour.</p> <p>Wind direction was NNE, odour characterised as drier small. Upwind assessment from North Port Road and Gough Street undertaken.</p> <p>Nicola and Callum showed warrants and talked to Veolia (Nico) site staff. The source of the odour was identified as occurring from Seaview WWTP.</p>
08 November 2023 13:31	<p>Odour detected, but not objectionable (Gough Street)</p> <p>Initially Cari Kuske (Compliance Monitoring and Enforcement Officer) recorded initial results as odour detected, and objectionable if it occurred continuously. However, field notes included a statement that it was not offensive and objectionable, therefore, the officer did not enter the WWTP.</p> <p>Intensity recorded as 0-2.</p>
09 November 2023 08:46	<p>Odour detected, objectionable even in periods of short duration (Gough Street)</p> <p>Cari Kuske drove to Gough Street which is where the notification was received from and downwind of SWWTP to assess the odour.</p>

	<p>Cari arrived at Gough Street at 0830. The initial impression of the odour was a distinct, unpleasant, musty biofilter smell. Cari completed a 360° assessment which showed that the source of the odour was SWWTP as no odour was detected at any of the 360° locations. Cari then returned to Gough Street to perform an odour assessment.</p> <p>The odour was unpleasant, distinct and near continuous throughout the entire odour assessment.</p> <p>Cari then called Craig Shuttleworth (WWL) at approximately 0915 to inform him of the odour problem and to organise a visit to the WWTP.</p> <p>Cari entered SWWTP and spoke with an employee who said that the plant was running normally, and that the odour blaster was working as intended. They could not give a reason as to why the odour was occurring. They did say that the biofilter media was due to be replaced soon.</p> <p>It was confirmed to Veolia staff that odour was not allowed to be offensive and objectionable beyond the boundary even during maintenance works.</p>
<p>10 November 2023 11:38</p>	<p>Annie Graham (Resource Advisor) noted odour detected, but not objectionable (Gough Street)</p> <p>The southerly wind was strong, and Annie could smell the WWTP but only occasionally. Annie didn't consider it offensive and objectionable.</p> <p>Annie met with Craig (WWL) and Julian (Veolia) to discuss if any issues at the plant that could cause the odour. Nothing specifically identified.</p>
<p>10 November 2023 19:38</p>	<p>Odour detected, objectionable if it occurred on a regular or frequent basis (Seaview Road)</p> <p>Annie could smell the WWTP from the notifier site at Seaview Road, it smelled mostly of sewage but there was biofilter odour on occasion. The odour was still wafting with the wind but was noticeably stronger than in the morning and she considered it was offensive and objectionable.</p> <p>Annie couldn't get in contact with anyone from the WWTP after hours.</p>

On **8 November 2023**, Wellington Water issued a letter to neighbouring residents and to the interested parties mailing list regarding the replacement of the biofilter media at Seaview WWTP. Several contact numbers from Veolia, Hutt City and WWL were issued to capture enquiries and complaints. Along with a summary of what the replacement involves, the expected odour statement included:

“Residents and businesses in the immediate area of the plant may experience stronger levels of odour than normal. Unfortunately, this is unavoidable, but we will have odour blasters in operation during the works to minimise odour. The total programme may take up to three months to complete, but stronger odours should only be expected for short intermittent periods.”

On **8 November 2023**, GWRC received an email from Bruce Hodgins (Strategic Advisor, HCC) with a table that showed odour control renewals were listed for 2027/2028 funding. The email stated that Council will shortly consider capital renewal projects for the draft LTP (Long Term Plan).

On **16 November 2023** I requested and received from Wellington Water, the June 2023 Air Quality Consulting NZ Limited Odour Investigation Report. This report included a review of odour complaints, an odour-scouting survey over 8 days, on-site ambient and process-related H2S

monitoring, visual and odour observations made during a site visit on 31 March 2023 and recommended improvements to the plant to mitigate odour.

Table 2: Odour Assessments and Field Notes 18 November – 20 November 2023

Date and time of assessment	Field notes and observations
18 November 2023 13:25	<p>Odour detected, objectionable even in periods of short duration (Gough Street)</p> <p>SW/SE wind direction. Odour assessment taken at Gough Street (North of WWTP) – Kagan Morcom (Compliance, Monitoring and Enforcement Officer) deemed it was offensive and objectionable. A 360° assessment was completed with no other odour identified. Officer entered SWWTP showed warrant to the employee (Ron) who confirmed the odour was coming from Seaview WWTP, specifically one of the clarifiers which he said had broken down.</p>
20 November 2023 12:12	<p>Odour detected, but not objectionable (Gough Street)</p> <p>Amanda O'Brien (Senior Compliance Monitoring and Enforcement Officer) drove to Gough Street which is where the last notification was received from and completed an odour assessment.</p> <p>The wind was coming from a westerly direct at the time of the assessment and odour was not identified as offensive or objectionable. An upwind odour check was undertaken.</p> <p>Amanda entered Seaview WWTP and met Nico Robins (Operations Manager, Veolia), who was shown warrant and cautioned, to identify if any odour causing issues could have caused the earlier complaints. No immediate issues were identified by Nico, the following were noted:</p> <p>The biofilter cell 1 was offline with the bark media in a ramp next to the biofilter. Vegetation was noted in call cells (except 1 which was empty). No offensive odour was identified. No physical work was occurring on biofilter.</p> <p>Clarifier 3 was offline, due to the wheel of the arm breaking. It was explained that if let to stagnate it can cause an odour, 2/3rds of the water were being pumped through the clarifier so not to stagnate. No offensive odour was noted.</p> <p>The dryer was offline, and while odour was detected within the dryer room, it was not excessive. It was noted the dryer was offline from early morning (approximately 5-6 am but not confirmed).</p>
20 November 2023 19:00	<p>Odour detected, objectionable if it occurred on a regular or frequent basis (Gough Street)</p> <p>Amanda returned to Gough Street following another odour complaint.</p> <p>Odour was identified in bursts. Upwind, to the north was no odour. 360° assessments undertaken with no other sources identified.</p> <p>Amanda drove around the Seaview Road and then up along the Waiwhetu River, stronger winds and increased odours noted while driving. This was downwind of the treatment plant.</p> <p>Amanda was unable to reach the Seaview WWTP duty officer at the time, so sent through an email requesting any site changes / issues since 1pm. Response from Nico noted no issues on site.</p>

A please explain was issued to Wellington Water on **24 November 2023** for the period between 31 October 2023 through to 20 November 2023. An initial deadline of 1 December 2023 was issued for a response. However an extension was granted to 07 December 2023.

The please explain outlined the breaches and requested answers to questions focused on confirming why the odour occurred, what steps were taken to remedy, what recommendations from the June 2023 Air Quality Consulting NZ Limited Odour Investigation Report have been undertaken as of 24 November 2023, what delays have occurred and what long term solutions are proposed.

The please explain also re-iterated:

“Consent WGN950162 Condition 25 states that the biofilter must be designed to allow redundancy for maintenance to ensure Condition 6, no offensive odour beyond the boundary, is complied with”.

Table 3: Odour Assessments and Field Notes 21 November – 28 November 2023

Date and time of assessment	Field notes and observations
21 November 2023 19:28	Amanda completed an odour assessment in response to notification. No odour detected (Bell Road)
21 November 2023 19:45	Odour detected, objectionable even in periods of short duration (Seaview Road / Parkside Road) Southerly wind direction. Hot sewage smell. 360 completed and no other sources identified. Amanda Met Ron on site. PST gates were open on tank that was empty, these did not smell. Gates were partially open where pumping was occurring of another PST tank which was causing a distinct sewage odour. Biofilter area did not have a high odour.

On **24 November 2023** I had a meeting with Blair Johnson (WWL) to discuss Seaview WWTP and odour complaints process.

Veolia assessments have not detected any offensive and/or objectionable odour. Blair noted that the plant is not designed to keep odour in, and it is a matter of how to minimise that as much as WWL can. WWL were heading to Seaview WWTP to ensure good housekeeping was being undertaken. Blair commented that the biofilter remediation should have happened 3 months ago & that it was *“less than ideal occurring over summer”*. Prior to Christmas 4 out of 6 cells plan to be done with the final 2 set to be completed at the start of January 2024. A longer term project, includes a remediation of the plenum. Biofilter Media started to arrive on site 24 November 2023 but is not likely to go in till final week of November.

Table 4: Odour Assessments and Field Notes 21 November – 28 November 2023

Date and time of assessment	Field notes and observations
25 November 2023 15:01	Odour detected, objectionable even in periods of short duration (Gough Street / Seaview Road) SSE wind direction, Annie characterised the odour as sewage. Upwind assessment was completed.
26 November 2023 11:58	Odour detected, objectionable if it occurred on a regular or frequent basis (Bell Road)

	<p>Southerly wind direction, Annie characterised the odour as sewage, odour distinct/strong during stronger wind gusts of 45 km/hr.</p> <p>Upwind assessment was completed. Annie went to Gough Road/Seaview Road intersection and confirmed the odour was from the plant.</p>
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On **28 November 2023**, I rang Blair Johnson (WWL) to inform him that the Seaview WWTP offensive and objectionable odour was being brought to an enforcement decision group for next steps. I requested he let their client councils (HCC, UHCC) as well as contractors, Veolia know so they were aware that this issue was being considered as a serious breach of the RMA.

Table 5: Odour Assessments and Field Notes 29 November – 04 December 2023

Date and time of assessment	Field notes and observations
29 November 2023 15:16	<p>Odour detected, objectionable if it occurred continuously (Seaview Road)</p> <p>Cari noted that the odour was detected strongly to start with, but a wind change to a southerly meant odour was not detected after the 3rd minute of the odour assessment. An upwind assessment was completed. Did not attend WWTP.</p>
29 November 2023 15:30	<p>Odour detected, objectionable even in periods of short duration (Seaview Road)</p> <p>SW wind direction. Cari noted meaty poo odour, upwind assessment undertaken. Met with Nico at WWTP (showed warrant) and identified odour coming from DAFs (Later confirmed to be the RAS).</p>
01 December 2023 12:42	<p>Odour detected, objectionable if it occurred on a regular or frequent basis (Gough Street)</p> <p>SSE wind direction. Nikki noted the odour was like a farm effluent pond. 360° assessment was completed, no odour south of plant or detected from other potential sources. Nikki and Alisha met with Nico, showed warrant.</p> <p>Observations noted that the dryer silo was being cleaned out with liquid dripping into a Dawsons truck. No solid pipe was found connected between the bottom of the drier silo hopper and to the truck.</p> <p>Not an isolated odour: Above the bio filters smelt very strong and sharp, distinct sulphur smell, which was only down wind of the clarifier, could smell the Mili screening area outside of it.</p>
01 December 2023 16:42	<p>Odour detected, objectionable if it occurred on a regular or frequent basis (Gough Street)</p> <p>Wind direction SE. Alisha Vivian (Resource Advisor) noted Farm effluent / public toilet smell. 360° assessments undertaken, no smell south of plant.</p>
04 December 2023 10:04	<p>Odour detected, objectionable even in periods of short duration (Seaview Road)</p> <p>Westerly wind direction. Mel Warner (compliance monitoring and enforcement officer) felt quite sick afterwards. Completed a 360° assessment and couldn't find any other sources of the odour.</p> <p>Met with Vito (showed warrant) on site and identified source as of the odour as emanating from the dryer. Characteristics of the smell included the likes of sewage, a long drop, and sulphur.</p>

On **5 December 2023** Ash Hawkes (Customer Resolution Specialist at WWL) sent an update on the biofilter media replacement works. *"The contractor successfully installing the new media into Cell 1, The digger has now been moved to Cell 2"*.

On **6 December 2023** a community meeting was held by HCC. It was well attended, with approximately 50 – 60 people in attendance. Consisting of many particularly unhappy residents, local businesses and mana whenua.

Hutt City, WWL and Veolia all presented, apologised, and admitted they have made a mistake undertaking the upgrade works at this time of year and committed to spending an additional \$13 million on odour mitigation and upgrades over the next 1-3 years (pending LTP consultation). This money was originally intended to be spent in year 4-7 of the LTP. WWL outlined how works will not occur from the 22nd December until 10th January with the aim that the smell is not as bad over the festive period.

Table 6: Odour Assessments and Field 07 December 2023

07 December 2023 13:16	Folkert Burger (Compliance, monitoring an enforcement officer) undertook an odour assessment in response to several complaints. Odour detected, objectionable if it occurred on a regular or frequent basis (Seaview Road). Reassessed as odour detected, but not objectionable.
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The please explain response was received from Wellington Water on **8 December 2023**: Summary below:

Causes of odour

Biofilter media replacement:

Due to the poor state of the media of the biofilter at Seaview WWTP, a project was put in place for the complete replacement of the media in all six cells. Poor media condition was attributed to odour prior to 14 November, and maintenance and shut off isolation issues after 14 November when replacement works began.

Milliscreen screw conveyor replacement:

One of the two augers required replacement during the investigation period. 31 October doors to the milliscreen building to be left open to remove old auger and may have contributed to the odour. 03 November 2023, new auger was craned into place requiring doors to be open again.

Primary Sedimentation Tank #3 (PST) partial shutdown:

A mechanical failure in PST 3# has meant that this tank has been removed from service and drained down for repair.

Clarifier #3 partial shutdown and wheel replacement:

Clarifier #3 had a wheel failure during the period which meant it had to be operated at reduced flow (33% of normal flow) during the repair activities. Conflicting statements around odour on 31 October being attributed to the clarifier and then saying the clarifiers don't cause odour. Confusion over where odour is occurring - Please explain states odour assessment performed by GWRC and Veolia on 18 November confirmed odour was not coming from PST but from nearby biofilter, however, GWRC notes state this odour was from the clarifier.

Mitigations

Isolation of the Empty Biofilter Cell 1. It is noted that Cell 1 of the plant was offline for at least 2 weeks while waiting for bark media to arrive.

'Active Communications' proved that this is true for the biofilter, as a letter drop for media replacement was supplied to neighbours within the vicinity. Consent WGN950162 does not require notification of potential odour causing activities to be sent through to the GWRC. However, I requested that odour causing maintenance should be notified directly to the GWRC, in response to the initial complaint notifications we had received. This was actioned for the biofilter media and ongoing maintenance work. None of the other above odour causing activities (listed under the 'causes of odour' section of this notice) during this period had been notified to the GWRC or the community. Though, WWL have been open in communication with GWRC.

Utilisation of 'Odour Masking Agents' was brought forward to mitigate the source of the offensive odour.

Delays / works

WWL was first made aware that the biofilter media may require replacement in April 2023. The biofilter media replacement was planned to be completed before the summer of 2023, but due to unforeseen complications and personnel changes, the project was innnevtiably delayed.

The GWRC understand from the monthly meetings that this delay includes a dispute over cost for disposal of the media material (approximately \$500,000) as it was deemed contaminated where WWL did not believe it was, and also bark composition. The response to the please explain only identified decisions on the composition of the material as the cause of the delay.

Odour mitigation works undertaken from the Air Quality Report has focused on the biofilter which was the primary recommendation. Obvious leaks in the ducting system were already addressed, while other short-term projects appeared to have only been scheduled in response to the investigation rather than completed proactively (Veolia).

Odour scouting was set for December 2023. Works for longer term projects do not have an immediate plan in place yet, and are dependent on funding approval (WWL/HCC/UHCC). Simple installations like the weather station were not completed.

The response to the please explain question on a longer term solution was also inadequately answered.

On **8 December 2023** Glenis Bruin (WWL) sent an update on the biofilter media replacement works:

“The team have successfully commissioned Cells 1 & 2 today. This means that both Cells are now operational and treating the odorous gases as designed. The team have moved the digger into Cell 3 and commenced excavation of the old media this afternoon. Next week Cell 3 will be excavated, and inspections will be performed before installing the new media.”

Table 7: Odour Assessments and Field Notes 8 December – 11 December 2023

8 December	Site visit. No assessment undertaken as odour was not deemed offensive and objectionable at notification site.
9 December	Site visit. No assessment undertaken as odour was not deemed offensive and objectionable at notification site.
9 December	Site visit. No assessment undertaken as odour was not deemed offensive and objectionable at notification site.
11 December 2023 11:00	Odour detected, objectionable even in periods of short duration (Seaview Road) North westerly wind direction. Fresh sewage smell, vomit retching, fresh poo smell, heat makes it stick to back of throat, very distinct and prominent even in short periods.

A summary of previous enforcement action

On **12 July 2021** GWRC issued Infringement notice I814 and I816 to Wellington Water Limited, and I815 and I817 to Veolia New Zealand Limited for unauthorised discharge of odour contravening section 15(1)(c) of the RMA 1991 on 16 March 2021 and on 18th March 2021.

On **14 June 2021** GWRC issued Abatement Notice A956, A957, A958 and A959 to Wellington Water Limited, Veolia New Zealand Limited, Hutt City Council and Upper Hutt City Council, respectively to cease the unauthorised discharge of contaminants, namely offensive and objectionable odour, to air at or beyond the boundary of the property immediately and comply thereafter.

On **27 April 2023** GWRC issued Infringement notices I1906, I1908, I1910 and I1912 to Hutt City Council, Upper Hutt City Council, Wellington Water Limited and Veolia New Zealand Limited for unauthorised discharge of odour under section 15(1)(c) of the RMA 1991 and I1907, I1909, I1911 and I1913 to Hutt City Council, Upper Hutt City Council, Wellington Water Limited and Veolia New Zealand Limited for breach of abatement notices A958, A959, A956 and A957 on 31 January 2023 and on 9 February 2023.

Breach(es) of the RMA

These unauthorised discharges of objectionable and offensive odour from the Seaview Wastewater Treatment Plant breach section 15(1)(c) of the RMA which states that:

“No person may discharge any contaminant from any industrial or trade premises into air unless the discharge is expressly allowed by a national environmental standard or other regulations, a rule in a regional plan as well as a rule in a proposed regional plan for the same region (if there is one), or a resource consent”.

Abatement Notice A959 was issued to Upper Hutt City Council on 14 June 2021 requiring you to cease the unauthorised discharge of objectionable and offensive odour beyond the boundary of SWWTP, you have breached your abatement notice and therefore contravened section 323(1)(a) of the RMA.

These unauthorised discharges of objectionable and offensive odours beyond the boundary of SWWTP are not expressly allowed by a national environmental standard, a rule in a regional plan or a resource consent (including WGN950162).

Infringement notice

Attached are **thirteen Infringement Notices (13)** issued under section 343C of the RMA. It is important that you read and understand the Infringement Notices including the Summary of Rights on the reverse side, which sets out the actions available to you if you wish to appeal these notices. Please note that if you do not pay the infringement fees and do not deliver a letter requesting a hearing within 28 days after the service of these notices, you will be served with a reminder notice requesting payment within a further 28 days. If you do not pay the infringement fees and do not deliver a letter requesting a hearing in respect of the alleged infringement offences within 28 days after the service of the reminder notice, these notices will be referred to the court for collection of the fees and you may become liable to pay court costs in addition to the infringement fees.

You should be aware that if you request a hearing and you are found guilty, or plead guilty, the Court may impose a penalty which is different from the infringement fee set out in the infringement notice. The penalty imposed by the Court may be more, less or the same as the infringement fee. The penalties which the Court can impose at a hearing are in the case of a company, a fine up to \$10,000,000 or in the case of an individual, a fine up to \$1,000,000. You may wish to seek your own legal advice on the matter.

If you have any questions about this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me at amanda.obrien@gw.govt.nz.

Yours sincerely,



Amanda O'Brien

Senior Compliance, Monitoring and Enforcement Officer
Environmental Regulation

Encl:

Infringement Notice I1034

Infringement Notice I1035

Infringement Notice I1036

Infringement Notice I1037

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Resource Management Infringement Notice

(Issued under the authority of section 343c of the Resource Management Act 1991)

Enforcement authority

Wellington Regional Council
PO Box 11646, Wellington 6142

Enforcement officer: *Amanda O'Brien*

Authority: A warrant 1026 issued by Wellington Regional Council on 07/12/2022 and delegated authority

TO: *Hutt City Council
30 Laings Road,
Hutt Central,
Lower Hutt, 5010*

For: Bruce Hodgins [Strategic Advisor, Hutt City Council]

You are alleged to have committed an infringement offence against the Resource Management Act 1991, as follows:

Details of alleged infringement offence

Section of Resource Management Act 1991 contravened: *323(1)(a) being an offence against section 338(1)(c) of the Resource Management Act 1991.*

Nature of infringement:

On the 1 November 2023, you permitted the discharge of objectionable and offensive odour beyond the boundary of Seaview Wastewater Treatment Plant. These discharges contravene abatement notice A958 which was issued to you on 14 June 2021 which states:

1. Wellington Regional Council gives notice that you must cease the following action:

Unauthorised discharge of contaminants, namely offensive and objectionable odour, to air at or beyond the boundary of the property

2. The location to which this abatement notice applies is:

Seaview Wastewater Treatment Plant

Addresses: *1 to 17 (inclusive) Wareham Place, Seaview, Lower Hutt; and
26 & 28 Seaview Road, Lower Hutt*

Legal Description:

*Lots 1, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16 DP 368065;
and Lot 3 DP 338433*

Formerly described as: Sec 56, 57 and 58 SO 22480; Sec 47 and 48 SO 24045; Sec 3 SO 23252, Sec 1 SO 36823, Lot 1 and 2 DP 77153 all being part of Block XIV Belmont SD, at or about map reference NZMS 260;R27;697.946.

You have received this notice because you are the holder of Resource Consent WGN950162(01) and are responsible for ensuring compliance with all conditions of that consent, you jointly own the land on which the wastewater treatment plant operates, and you jointly own Wellington Water Limited who are responsible for

the management of wastewater services (including Seaview Wastewater Treatment Plant) on your behalf. You are also the recipient of abatement notice A958.

Date: 01 November 2023

Time: 16:37

The fee for this infringement is \$750.00.

Payment of infringement fee

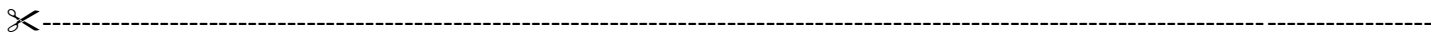
The infringement fee is payable to the enforcement authority within 28 days after *19 December 2023*

The infringement fee is payable to the enforcement authority by electronic payment.



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Signature of Enforcement Officer

Important
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Resource Management Infringement Notice

Notice no: *11034*

Name: *Hutt City Council*

Electronic Payment may be made to Bank A/c 06-0582-0104781-00 Payment made: \$ _____
Please put our invoice number in the reference field.

Date: _____

For manual payments please forward this slip and payment to:
Greater Wellington Regional Council
PO Box 11646, Wellington 6142

PLEASE RETURN THIS PORTION WITH YOUR PAYMENT

Resource Management Infringement Notice

(Issued under the authority of section 343c of the Resource Management Act 1991)

Enforcement authority

Wellington Regional Council

Enforcement officer: *Amanda O'Brien*

Authority: A warrant 1026 issued by Wellington Regional Council on 07/12/2022 and delegated authority

TO: *Hutt City Council
30 Laings Road,
Hutt Central,
Lower Hutt, 5010*

For: Bruce Hodgins [Strategic Advisor, Hutt City Council]

You are alleged to have committed an infringement offence against the Resource Management Act 1991, as follows:

Details of alleged infringement offence

Section of Resource Management Act 1991 contravened: *323(1)(a) being an offence against section 338(1)(c) of the Resource Management Act 1991.*

Nature of infringement:

On the 9 November 2023, you permitted the discharge of objectionable and offensive odour beyond the boundary of Seaview Wastewater Treatment Plant. These discharges contravene abatement notice A958 which was issued to you on 14 June 2021 which states:

1. Wellington Regional Council gives notice that you must cease the following action:

Unauthorised discharge of contaminants, namely offensive and objectionable odour, to air at or beyond the boundary of the property

2. The location to which this abatement notice applies is:

Seaview Wastewater Treatment Plant

Addresses: *1 to 17 (inclusive) Wareham Place, Seaview, Lower Hutt; and
26 & 28 Seaview Road, Lower Hutt*

Legal Description:

*Lots 1, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16 DP 368065;
and Lot 3 DP 338433*

Formerly described as: *Sec 56, 57 and 58 SO 22480; Sec 47 and 48 SO 24045; Sec 3 SO 23252, Sec 1 SO 36823, Lot 1 and 2 DP 77153 all being part of Block XIV Belmont SD, at or about map reference NZMS 260;R27;697.946.*

You have received this notice because you are the holder of Resource Consent WGN950162(01) and are responsible for ensuring compliance with all conditions of that consent, you jointly own the land on which the wastewater treatment plant operates, and you jointly own Wellington Water Limited who are responsible for the management of wastewater services (including Seaview Wastewater Treatment Plant) on your behalf. You are also the recipient of abatement notice A958.

Date: 9 November 2023

Time: 08:46

The fee for this infringement is \$750.00.

Payment of infringement fee

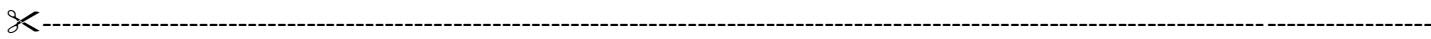
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Resource Management Infringement Notice

Notice no: 1 1035

Name: *Hutt City Council*

Electronic Payment may be made to Bank A/c 06-0582-0104781-00
Please put our invoice number in the reference field.

Payment made: \$ _____

Date: _____

For manual payments please forward this slip and payment to:
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PO Box 11646, Wellington 6142

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Resource Management Infringement Notice

(Issued under the authority of section 343c of the Resource Management Act 1991)

Enforcement authority

Wellington Regional Council

Enforcement officer: *Amanda O'Brien*

Authority: A warrant 1026 issued by Wellington Regional Council on 07/12/2022 and delegated authority

TO: *Hutt City Council
30 Laings Road,
Hutt Central,
Lower Hutt, 5010*

For: Bruce Hodgins [Strategic Advisor, Hutt City Council]

You are alleged to have committed an infringement offence against the Resource Management Act 1991, as follows:

Details of alleged infringement offence

Section of Resource Management Act 1991 contravened: *323(1)(a) being an offence against section 338(1)(c) of the Resource Management Act 1991.*

Nature of infringement:

On the 10 November 2023, you permitted the discharge of objectionable and offensive odour beyond the boundary of Seaview Wastewater Treatment Plant. These discharges contravene abatement notice A958 which was issued to you on 14 June 2021 which states:

1. Wellington Regional Council gives notice that you must cease the following action:

Unauthorised discharge of contaminants, namely offensive and objectionable odour, to air at or beyond the boundary of the property

2. The location to which this abatement notice applies is:

Seaview Wastewater Treatment Plant

Addresses: *1 to 17 (inclusive) Wareham Place, Seaview, Lower Hutt; and
26 & 28 Seaview Road, Lower Hutt*

Legal Description:

*Lots 1, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16 DP 368065;
and Lot 3 DP 338433*

Formerly described as: *Sec 56, 57 and 58 SO 22480; Sec 47 and 48 SO 24045; Sec 3 SO 23252, Sec 1 SO 36823, Lot 1 and 2 DP 77153 all being part of Block XIV Belmont SD, at or about map reference NZMS 260;R27;697.946.*

You have received this notice because you are the holder of Resource Consent WGN950162(01) and are responsible for ensuring compliance with all conditions of that consent, you jointly own the land on which the wastewater treatment plant operates, and you jointly own Wellington Water Limited who are responsible for the management of wastewater services (including Seaview Wastewater Treatment Plant) on your behalf. You are also the recipient of abatement notice A958.

Date: 10 November 2023

Time: 19:18

The fee for this infringement is \$750.00.

Payment of infringement fee

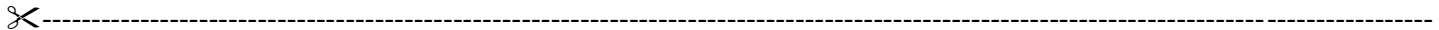
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Resource Management Infringement Notice

Notice no: 1 1036

Name: *Hutt City Council*

Electronic Payment may be made to Bank A/c 06-0582-0104781-00
Please put our invoice number in the reference field.

Payment made: \$ _____

Date: _____

For manual payments please forward this slip and payment to:
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PO Box 11646, Wellington 6142

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Resource Management Infringement Notice

(Issued under the authority of section 343c of the Resource Management Act 1991)

Enforcement authority

Wellington Regional Council

Enforcement officer: *Amanda O'Brien*

Authority: A warrant 1026 issued by Wellington Regional Council on 07/12/2022 and delegated authority

TO: *Hutt City Council
30 Laings Road,
Hutt Central,
Lower Hutt, 5010*

For: Bruce Hodgins [Strategic Advisor, Hutt City Council]

You are alleged to have committed an infringement offence against the Resource Management Act 1991, as follows:

Details of alleged infringement offence

Section of Resource Management Act 1991 contravened: *323(1)(a) being an offence against section 338(1)(c) of the Resource Management Act 1991.*

Nature of infringement:

On the 18 November 2023, you permitted the discharge of objectionable and offensive odour beyond the boundary of Seaview Wastewater Treatment Plant. These discharges contravene abatement notice A958 which was issued to you on 14 June 2021 which states:

1. Wellington Regional Council gives notice that you must cease the following action:

Unauthorised discharge of contaminants, namely offensive and objectionable odour, to air at or beyond the boundary of the property

2. The location to which this abatement notice applies is:

Seaview Wastewater Treatment Plant

Addresses: *1 to 17 (inclusive) Wareham Place, Seaview, Lower Hutt; and
26 & 28 Seaview Road, Lower Hutt*

Legal Description:

*Lots 1, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16 DP 368065;
and Lot 3 DP 338433*

Formerly described as: *Sec 56, 57 and 58 SO 22480; Sec 47 and 48 SO 24045; Sec 3 SO 23252, Sec 1 SO 36823, Lot 1 and 2 DP 77153 all being part of Block XIV Belmont SD, at or about map reference NZMS 260;R27;697.946.*

You have received this notice because you are the holder of Resource Consent WGN950162(01) and are responsible for ensuring compliance with all conditions of that consent, you jointly own the land on which the wastewater treatment plant operates, and you jointly own Wellington Water Limited who are responsible for the management of wastewater services (including Seaview Wastewater Treatment Plant) on your behalf. You are also the recipient of abatement notice A958.

Date: 18 November 2023

Time: 13:25

The fee for this infringement is \$750.00.

Payment of infringement fee

The infringement fee is payable to the enforcement authority within 28 days after 19 December 2023

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Resource Management Infringement Notice

Notice no: I 1037

Name: *Hutt City Council*

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Please put our invoice number in the reference field.

Payment made: \$ _____

Date: _____

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PO Box 11646, Wellington 6142

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Resource Management Infringement Notice

(Issued under the authority of section 343c of the Resource Management Act 1991)

Enforcement authority

Wellington Regional Council

Enforcement officer: *Amanda O'Brien*

Authority: A warrant 1026 issued by Wellington Regional Council on 07/12/2022 and delegated authority

TO: *Hutt City Council
30 Laings Road,
Hutt Central,
Lower Hutt, 5010*

For: Bruce Hodgins [Strategic Advisor, Hutt City Council]

You are alleged to have committed an infringement offence against the Resource Management Act 1991, as follows:

Details of alleged infringement offence

Section of Resource Management Act 1991 contravened: *323(1)(a) being an offence against section 338(1)(c) of the Resource Management Act 1991.*

Nature of infringement:

On the 20 November 2023, you permitted the discharge of objectionable and offensive odour beyond the boundary of Seaview Wastewater Treatment Plant. These discharges contravene abatement notice A958 which was issued to you on 14 June 2021 which states:

1. Wellington Regional Council gives notice that you must cease the following action:

Unauthorised discharge of contaminants, namely offensive and objectionable odour, to air at or beyond the boundary of the property

2. The location to which this abatement notice applies is:

Seaview Wastewater Treatment Plant

Addresses: *1 to 17 (inclusive) Wareham Place, Seaview, Lower Hutt; and
26 & 28 Seaview Road, Lower Hutt*

Legal Description:

*Lots 1, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16 DP 368065;
and Lot 3 DP 338433*

Formerly described as: *Sec 56, 57 and 58 SO 22480; Sec 47 and 48 SO 24045; Sec 3 SO 23252, Sec 1 SO 36823, Lot 1 and 2 DP 77153 all being part of Block XIV Belmont SD, at or about map reference NZMS 260;R27;697.946.*

You have received this notice because you are the holder of Resource Consent WGN950162(01) and are responsible for ensuring compliance with all conditions of that consent, you jointly own the land on which the wastewater treatment plant operates, and you jointly own Wellington Water Limited who are responsible for the management of wastewater services (including Seaview Wastewater Treatment Plant) on your behalf. You are also the recipient of abatement notice A958.

Date: 20 November 2023

Time: 19:00

The fee for this infringement is \$750.00.

Payment of infringement fee

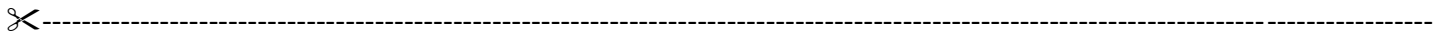
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Resource Management Infringement Notice

Notice no: / 1038

Name: *Hutt City Council*

Electronic Payment may be made to Bank A/c 06-0582-0104781-00
Please put our invoice number in the reference field.

Payment made: \$ _____

Date: _____

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PO Box 11646, Wellington 6142

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Resource Management Infringement Notice

(Issued under the authority of section 343c of the Resource Management Act 1991)

Enforcement authority

Wellington Regional Council

Enforcement officer: *Amanda O'Brien*

Authority: A warrant 1026 issued by Wellington Regional Council on 07/12/2022 and delegated authority

TO: *Hutt City Council
30 Laings Road,
Hutt Central,
Lower Hutt, 5010*

For: Bruce Hodgins [Strategic Advisor, Hutt City Council]

You are alleged to have committed an infringement offence against the Resource Management Act 1991, as follows:

Details of alleged infringement offence

Section of Resource Management Act 1991 contravened: *323(1)(a) being an offence against section 338(1)(c) of the Resource Management Act 1991.*

Nature of infringement:

On the 21 November 2023, you permitted the discharge of objectionable and offensive odour beyond the boundary of Seaview Wastewater Treatment Plant. These discharges contravene abatement notice A958 which was issued to you on 14 June 2021 which states:

1. Wellington Regional Council gives notice that you must cease the following action:

Unauthorised discharge of contaminants, namely offensive and objectionable odour, to air at or beyond the boundary of the property

2. The location to which this abatement notice applies is:

Seaview Wastewater Treatment Plant

Addresses: *1 to 17 (inclusive) Wareham Place, Seaview, Lower Hutt; and
26 & 28 Seaview Road, Lower Hutt*

Legal Description:

*Lots 1, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16 DP 368065;
and Lot 3 DP 338433*

Formerly described as: *Sec 56, 57 and 58 SO 22480; Sec 47 and 48 SO 24045; Sec 3 SO 23252, Sec 1 SO 36823, Lot 1 and 2 DP 77153 all being part of Block XIV Belmont SD, at or about map reference NZMS 260;R27;697.946.*

You have received this notice because you are the holder of Resource Consent WGN950162(01) and are responsible for ensuring compliance with all conditions of that consent, you jointly own the land on which the wastewater treatment plant operates, and you jointly own Wellington Water Limited who are responsible for the management of wastewater services (including Seaview Wastewater Treatment Plant) on your behalf. You are also the recipient of abatement notice A958.

Date: 21 November 2023

Time: 19:45

The fee for this infringement is \$750.00.

Payment of infringement fee

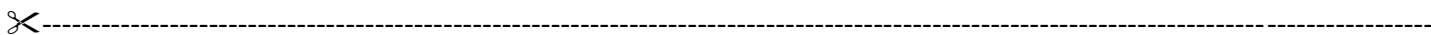
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Resource Management Infringement Notice

Notice no: / 1039

Name: *Hutt City Council*

Electronic Payment may be made to Bank A/c 06-0582-0104781-00
Please put our invoice number in the reference field.

Payment made: \$ _____

Date: _____

For manual payments please forward this slip and payment to:
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PO Box 11646, Wellington 6142

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Resource Management Infringement Notice

(Issued under the authority of section 343c of the Resource Management Act 1991)

Enforcement authority

Wellington Regional Council

Enforcement officer: *Amanda O'Brien*

Authority: A warrant 1026 issued by Wellington Regional Council on 07/12/2022 and delegated authority

TO: *Hutt City Council
30 Laings Road,
Hutt Central,
Lower Hutt, 5010*

For: Bruce Hodgins [Strategic Advisor, Hutt City Council]

You are alleged to have committed an infringement offence against the Resource Management Act 1991, as follows:

Details of alleged infringement offence

Section of Resource Management Act 1991 contravened: *323(1)(a) being an offence against section 338(1)(c) of the Resource Management Act 1991.*

Nature of infringement:

On the 25 November 2023, you permitted the discharge of objectionable and offensive odour beyond the boundary of Seaview Wastewater Treatment Plant. These discharges contravene abatement notice A958 which was issued to you on 14 June 2021 which states:

1. Wellington Regional Council gives notice that you must cease the following action:

Unauthorised discharge of contaminants, namely offensive and objectionable odour, to air at or beyond the boundary of the property

2. The location to which this abatement notice applies is:

Seaview Wastewater Treatment Plant

Addresses: *1 to 17 (inclusive) Wareham Place, Seaview, Lower Hutt; and
26 & 28 Seaview Road, Lower Hutt*

Legal Description:

*Lots 1, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16 DP 368065;
and Lot 3 DP 338433*

Formerly described as: Sec 56, 57 and 58 SO 22480; Sec 47 and 48 SO 24045; Sec 3 SO 23252, Sec 1 SO 36823, Lot 1 and 2 DP 77153 all being part of Block XIV Belmont SD, at or about map reference NZMS 260;R27;697.946.

You have received this notice because you are the holder of Resource Consent WGN950162(01) and are responsible for ensuring compliance with all conditions of that consent, you jointly own the land on which the wastewater treatment plant operates, and you jointly own Wellington Water Limited who are responsible for the management of wastewater services (including Seaview Wastewater Treatment Plant) on your behalf. You are also the recipient of abatement notice A958.

Date: 25 November 2023

Time: 15:01

The fee for this infringement is \$750.00.

Payment of infringement fee

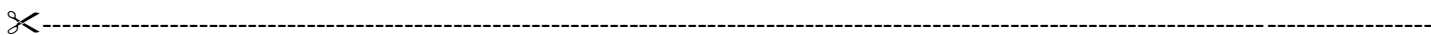
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Resource Management Infringement Notice

Notice no: 1 1040

Name: *Hutt City Council*

Electronic Payment may be made to Bank A/c 06-0582-0104781-00
Please put our invoice number in the reference field.

Payment made: \$ _____

Date: _____

For manual payments please forward this slip and payment to:
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PO Box 11646, Wellington 6142

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Resource Management Infringement Notice

(Issued under the authority of section 343c of the Resource Management Act 1991)

Enforcement authority

Wellington Regional Council

Enforcement officer: *Amanda O'Brien*

Authority: A warrant 1026 issued by Wellington Regional Council on 07/12/2022 and delegated authority

TO: *Hutt City Council
30 Laings Road,
Hutt Central,
Lower Hutt, 5010*

For: Bruce Hodgins [Strategic Advisor, Hutt City Council]

You are alleged to have committed an infringement offence against the Resource Management Act 1991, as follows:

Details of alleged infringement offence

Section of Resource Management Act 1991 contravened: *323(1)(a) being an offence against section 338(1)(c) of the Resource Management Act 1991.*

Nature of infringement:

On the 26 November 2023, you permitted the discharge of objectionable and offensive odour beyond the boundary of Seaview Wastewater Treatment Plant. These discharges contravene abatement notice A958 which was issued to you on 14 June 2021 which states:

1. Wellington Regional Council gives notice that you must cease the following action:

Unauthorised discharge of contaminants, namely offensive and objectionable odour, to air at or beyond the boundary of the property

2. The location to which this abatement notice applies is:

Seaview Wastewater Treatment Plant

Addresses: *1 to 17 (inclusive) Wareham Place, Seaview, Lower Hutt; and
26 & 28 Seaview Road, Lower Hutt*

Legal Description:

*Lots 1, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16 DP 368065;
and Lot 3 DP 338433*

Formerly described as: *Sec 56, 57 and 58 SO 22480; Sec 47 and 48 SO 24045; Sec 3 SO 23252, Sec 1 SO 36823, Lot 1 and 2 DP 77153 all being part of Block XIV Belmont SD, at or about map reference NZMS 260;R27;697.946.*

You have received this notice because you are the holder of Resource Consent WGN950162(01) and are responsible for ensuring compliance with all conditions of that consent, you jointly own the land on which the wastewater treatment plant operates, and you jointly own Wellington Water Limited who are responsible for the management of wastewater services (including Seaview Wastewater Treatment Plant) on your behalf. You are also the recipient of abatement notice A958.

Date: 26 November 2023

Time: 11:58

The fee for this infringement is \$750

Payment of infringement fee

The infringement fee is payable to the enforcement authority within 28 days after 19 December 2023

The infringement fee is payable to the enforcement authority by electronic payment.



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Resource Management Infringement Notice

Notice no: 11041

Name: *Hutt City Council*

Electronic Payment may be made to Bank A/c 06-0582-0104781-00
Please put our invoice number in the reference field.

Payment made: \$ _____

Date: _____

For manual payments please forward this slip and payment to:
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PO Box 11646, Wellington 6142

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Resource Management Infringement Notice

(Issued under the authority of section 343c of the Resource Management Act 1991)

Enforcement authority

Wellington Regional Council

Enforcement officer: *Amanda O'Brien*

Authority: A warrant 1026 issued by Wellington Regional Council on 07/12/2022 and delegated authority

TO: *Hutt City Council
30 Laings Road,
Hutt Central,
Lower Hutt, 5010*

For: Bruce Hodgins [Strategic Advisor, Hutt City Council]

You are alleged to have committed an infringement offence against the Resource Management Act 1991, as follows:

Details of alleged infringement offence

Section of Resource Management Act 1991 contravened: *323(1)(a) being an offence against section 338(1)(c) of the Resource Management Act 1991.*

Nature of infringement:

On the 29 November 2023, you permitted the discharge of objectionable and offensive odour beyond the boundary of Seaview Wastewater Treatment Plant. These discharges contravene abatement notice A958 which was issued to you on 14 June 2021 which states:

1. Wellington Regional Council gives notice that you must cease the following action:

Unauthorised discharge of contaminants, namely offensive and objectionable odour, to air at or beyond the boundary of the property

2. The location to which this abatement notice applies is:

Seaview Wastewater Treatment Plant

Addresses: *1 to 17 (inclusive) Wareham Place, Seaview, Lower Hutt; and
26 & 28 Seaview Road, Lower Hutt*

Legal Description:

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You have received this notice because you are the holder of Resource Consent WGN950162(01) and are responsible for ensuring compliance with all conditions of that consent, you jointly own the land on which the wastewater treatment plant operates, and you jointly own Wellington Water Limited who are responsible for the management of wastewater services (including Seaview Wastewater Treatment Plant) on your behalf. You are also the recipient of abatement notice A958.

Date: 29 November 2023

Time: 15:30

The fee for this infringement is \$750.00.

Payment of infringement fee

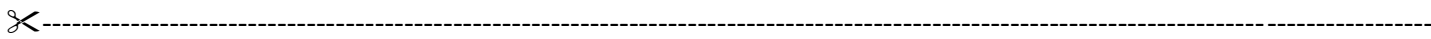
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Resource Management Infringement Notice

Notice no: I 1042

Name: *Hutt City Council*

Electronic Payment may be made to Bank A/c 06-0582-0104781-00
Please put our invoice number in the reference field.

Payment made: \$ _____

Date: _____

For manual payments please forward this slip and payment to:
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PO Box 11646, Wellington 6142

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Resource Management Infringement Notice

(Issued under the authority of section 343c of the Resource Management Act 1991)

Enforcement authority

Wellington Regional Council

Enforcement officer: *Amanda O'Brien*

Authority: A warrant 1026 issued by Wellington Regional Council on 07/12/2022 and delegated authority

TO: *Hutt City Council
30 Laings Road,
Hutt Central,
Lower Hutt, 5010*

For: Bruce Hodgins [Strategic Advisor, Hutt City Council]

You are alleged to have committed an infringement offence against the Resource Management Act 1991, as follows:

Details of alleged infringement offence

Section of Resource Management Act 1991 contravened: *323(1)(a) being an offence against section 338(1)(c) of the Resource Management Act 1991.*

Nature of infringement:

On the 1 December 2023, you permitted the discharge of objectionable and offensive odour beyond the boundary of Seaview Wastewater Treatment Plant. These discharges contravene abatement notice A958 which was issued to you on 14 June 2021 which states:

1. Wellington Regional Council gives notice that you must cease the following action:

Unauthorised discharge of contaminants, namely offensive and objectionable odour, to air at or beyond the boundary of the property

2. The location to which this abatement notice applies is:

Seaview Wastewater Treatment Plant

Addresses: *1 to 17 (inclusive) Wareham Place, Seaview, Lower Hutt; and
26 & 28 Seaview Road, Lower Hutt*

Legal Description:

*Lots 1, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16 DP 368065;
and Lot 3 DP 338433*

Formerly described as: Sec 56, 57 and 58 SO 22480; Sec 47 and 48 SO 24045; Sec 3 SO 23252, Sec 1 SO 36823, Lot 1 and 2 DP 77153 all being part of Block XIV Belmont SD, at or about map reference NZMS 260;R27;697.946.

You have received this notice because you are the holder of Resource Consent WGN950162(01) and are responsible for ensuring compliance with all conditions of that consent, you jointly own the land on which the wastewater treatment plant operates, and you jointly own Wellington Water Limited who are responsible for the management of wastewater services (including Seaview Wastewater Treatment Plant) on your behalf. You are also the recipient of abatement notice A958.

Date: 1 December 2023

Time: 12:28

The fee for this infringement is \$750.00.

Payment of infringement fee

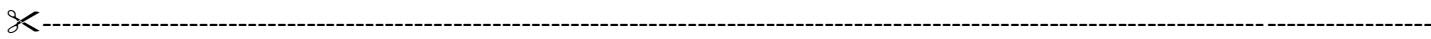
The infringement fee is payable to the enforcement authority within 28 days after 19 December 2023

The infringement fee is payable to the enforcement authority by electronic payment.



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Signature of Enforcement Officer

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Resource Management Infringement Notice

Notice no: *11043*

Name: *Hutt City Council*

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Date: _____

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Resource Management Infringement Notice

(Issued under the authority of section 343c of the Resource Management Act 1991)

Enforcement authority

Wellington Regional Council

Enforcement officer: *Amanda O'Brien*

Authority: A warrant 1026 issued by Wellington Regional Council on 07/12/2022 and delegated authority

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For: Bruce Hodgins [Strategic Advisor, Hutt City Council]

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Details of alleged infringement offence

Section of Resource Management Act 1991 contravened: *323(1)(a) being an offence against section 338(1)(c) of the Resource Management Act 1991.*

Nature of infringement:

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26 & 28 Seaview Road, Lower Hutt*

Legal Description:

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You have received this notice because you are the holder of Resource Consent WGN950162(01) and are responsible for ensuring compliance with all conditions of that consent, you jointly own the land on which the wastewater treatment plant operates, and you jointly own Wellington Water Limited who are responsible for the management of wastewater services (including Seaview Wastewater Treatment Plant) on your behalf. You are also the recipient of abatement notice A958.

Date: 1 December 2023

Time: 16:42

The fee for this infringement is \$750.00.

Payment of infringement fee

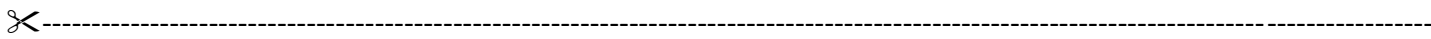
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Resource Management Infringement Notice

Notice no: 1 1044

Name: *Hutt City Council*

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Date: _____

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Details of alleged infringement offence

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Nature of infringement:

On the 4 December 2023, you permitted the discharge of objectionable and offensive odour beyond the boundary of Seaview Wastewater Treatment Plant. These discharges contravene abatement notice A958 which was issued to you on 14 June 2021 which states:

1. Wellington Regional Council gives notice that you must cease the following action:

Unauthorised discharge of contaminants, namely offensive and objectionable odour, to air at or beyond the boundary of the property

2. The location to which this abatement notice applies is:

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Addresses: *1 to 17 (inclusive) Wareham Place, Seaview, Lower Hutt; and
26 & 28 Seaview Road, Lower Hutt*

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You have received this notice because you are the holder of Resource Consent WGN950162(01) and are responsible for ensuring compliance with all conditions of that consent, you jointly own the land on which the wastewater treatment plant operates, and you jointly own Wellington Water Limited who are responsible for the management of wastewater services (including Seaview Wastewater Treatment Plant) on your behalf. You are also the recipient of abatement notice A958.

Date: 4 December 2023

Time: 10:04

The fee for this infringement is \$750.00.

Payment of infringement fee

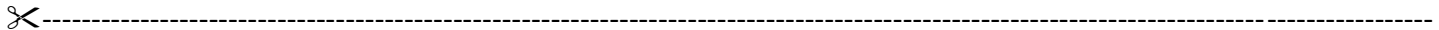
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Resource Management Infringement Notice

Notice no: 11045

Name: *Hutt City Council*

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Please put our invoice number in the reference field.

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Date: _____

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TO: *Hutt City Council
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For: Bruce Hodgins [Strategic Advisor, Hutt City Council]

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Details of alleged infringement offence

Section of Resource Management Act 1991 contravened: *323(1)(a) being an offence against section 338(1)(c) of the Resource Management Act 1991.*

Nature of infringement:

On the 11 December 2023, you permitted the discharge of objectionable and offensive odour beyond the boundary of Seaview Wastewater Treatment Plant. These discharges contravene abatement notice A958 which was issued to you on 14 June 2021 which states:

1. Wellington Regional Council gives notice that you must cease the following action:

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2. The location to which this abatement notice applies is:

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Date: 11 December 2023

Time: 11:00

The fee for this infringement is \$750.00.

Payment of infringement fee

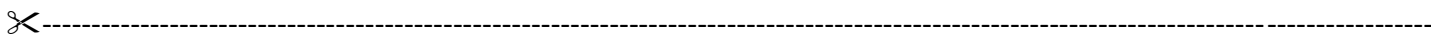
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Resource Management Infringement Notice

Notice no: I 1046

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Payment made: \$ _____

Date: _____

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Summary of rights

Note: if, after reading this summary, you do not understand anything in it, you should consult a lawyer immediately.

Payment

1. If you pay the infringement fee within 28 days after the service of this notice, no further action will be taken against you in respect of this infringement offence. Payments should be made to the enforcement authority at the address shown on the front of this notice.

Note: if, under section 21 (3A) or (3C) (a) of the Summary Proceedings Act 1957, you enter or have entered into a time to pay arrangement with an informant in respect of an infringement fee payable by you, paragraphs 3 and 4 below do not apply and you are not entitled either to request a hearing to deny liability or to ask the Court to consider any submissions (as to penalty or otherwise) in respect of the infringement.

Further action

2. If you wish to raise any matter relating to circumstances of the alleged offence, you should do so by writing a letter and delivering it to the enforcement authority at the address shown on the front of this notice within 28 days after the service of a reminder notice in respect of the offence.
3. If you deny liability and wish to request a hearing in the District Court in respect of the alleged offence, you must, within 28 days after the service of a reminder notice in respect of the offence, deliver, to the enforcement authority at the address shown on the front page of this notice a letter requesting a Court hearing in respect of the offence. The enforcement authority will then, if it decides to commence court proceedings in respect of the offence, serve you with a notice of hearing setting out the place and time at which the matter will be heard by the Court.

Note: if the Court finds you guilty of the offence, costs will be imposed in addition to any penalty.

4. If you admit liability in respect of the alleged offence but wish to have the Court consider submissions as to penalty or otherwise, you must, within 28 days after the service of a reminder notice in respect of the offence, deliver, to the enforcement authority at the address shown on the front page of this notice a letter requesting a hearing in respect of the offence AND in the same letter admit liability in respect of the offence AND set out the submissions that you would wish to be considered by the Court. The enforcement authority will then, if it decides to commence court proceedings in respect of the offence, file your letter with the Court. There is no provision for an oral hearing before the Court if you follow this course of action.

Note: costs will be imposed in addition to any penalty.

Non-payment of fee

5. If you do not pay the infringement fee and do not deliver a letter requesting a hearing within 28 days after the service of this notice, you will be served with a reminder notice (unless the enforcement authority decides otherwise).
6. If you do not pay the infringement fee and do not deliver a letter requesting a hearing in respect of the alleged infringement offence within 28 days after the service of the reminder notice, you will become liable to pay **costs in addition to the infringement fee** (unless the enforcement authority decides not to commence court proceedings against you).

Defence

7. You will have a complete defence against proceedings relating to the alleged offence if the infringement fee is paid to the enforcement authority at the address shown on the front page of this notice within 28 days after the service of a reminder notice in respect of the offence. Late payment or payment made to any other address will not constitute a defence to proceedings in respect of the alleged offence.
8.
 - (1) This paragraph describes a defence additional to the one described in paragraph 7. This defence is available if you are charged with an infringement offence against any of sections 9, 12, 13, 14, and 15 of the Resource Management Act 1991.
 - (2) You must prove either of the following to have the defence:
 - (a) that—
 - (i) the action or event to which the infringement notice relates was necessary for the purposes of saving or protecting life or health, or preventing serious damage to property, or avoiding an actual or likely adverse effect on the environment; and
 - (ii) your conduct was reasonable in the circumstances; and
 - (iii) you adequately mitigated or remedied the effects of the action or event after it occurred; or
 - (b) that—
 - (i) the action or event to which the infringement notice relates was due to an event beyond your control, including natural disaster, mechanical failure, or sabotage; and
 - (ii) you could not reasonably have foreseen or provided against the action or event; and
 - (iii) you adequately mitigated or remedied the effects of the action or event after it occurred.
 - (3) Subparagraph (2) does not apply unless—
 - (a) you deliver a written notice to the enforcement agency; and

- (b) in the notice, you—
 - (i) state that you intend to rely on subparagraph (2)(a) or (b); and
 - (ii) specify the facts that support your reliance on subparagraph (2)(a) or (b); and
- (c) you deliver the notice—
 - (i) within 7 days after you receive the infringement notice; or
 - (ii) within a longer period allowed by a District Court.
- (4) If you do not comply with subparagraph (3), you may ask the District Court to give you leave to rely on subparagraph (2)(a) or (b).

8A (1) This paragraph describes a defence additional to those described in paragraphs 7 and 8. This defence is available if—

- (a) you are—
 - (i) a principal; or
 - (ii) an employer; or
 - (iii) the owner of a ship; and
- (b) you may be liable for an offence alleged to have been committed by—
 - (i) your agent; or
 - (ii) your employee; or
 - (iii) the person in charge of your ship.

(2) If you are a natural person, including a partner in a firm, you must prove either of the following to have the defence:

- (a) that you—
 - (i) did not know, and could not reasonably be expected to have known, that the offence was to be, or was being, committed; and
 - (ii) took all reasonable steps to remedy any effects of the act or omission giving rise to the offence; or
- (b) that you took all reasonable steps to—
 - (i) prevent the commission of the offence; and
 - (ii) remedy any effects of the act or omission giving rise to the offence.

(3) If you are a not a natural person (for example, you are a body corporate), you must prove either of the following to have the defence:

- (a) that—
 - (i) neither the directors (if any) nor any person involved in your management knew, or could reasonably be expected to have known, that the offence was to be, or was being, committed; and
 - (ii) you took all reasonable steps to remedy any effects of the act or omission giving rise to the offence; or
- (b) that you took all reasonable steps to—
 - (i) prevent the commission of the offence; and
 - (ii) remedy any effects of the act or omission giving rise to the offence.

8B (1) This paragraph describes a defence additional to the defences described in paragraphs 7, 8, and 8A. This defence is available if you are charged with an infringement offence against section 15A(1)(a) of the Resource Management Act 1991 (relating to dumping waste or other matter in the coastal marine area from a ship, aircraft, or offshore installation).

(2) In order to have the defence, you must prove all of the following in relation to the act or omission that is alleged to constitute the offence:

- (a) that the act or omission was necessary—
 - (i) to save or prevent danger to human life; or
 - (ii) to avert a serious threat to any ship, aircraft, or offshore installation; or
 - (iii) in the case of *force majeure* caused by stress of weather, to secure the safety of any ship, aircraft, or offshore installation; and
- (b) that the act or omission was a reasonable step to take in all the circumstances; and
- (c) that the act or omission was likely to result in less damage than would otherwise have occurred; and
- (d) that the act or omission was taken or omitted in such a way that the likelihood of damage to human or marine life was minimised.

8C (1) This paragraph describes a defence additional to the defences described in paragraphs 7, 8, 8A, and 8B. This defence is available if you are charged with an infringement offence against section 15B(1) or (2) of the Resource Management Act 1991 (relating to certain discharges of a harmful substance, a contaminant, or water in the coastal marine area from a ship or offshore installation).

(2) You must prove either of the following to have the defence:

- (a) that the harmful substance, contaminant, or water was discharged for the purpose of securing the safety of a ship or an offshore installation, or for the

purpose of saving life and that the discharge was a reasonable step to effect that purpose; or

- (b) that the harmful substance, contaminant, or water escaped as a consequence of damage to a ship or its equipment or to an offshore installation or its equipment, and—
 - (i) such damage occurred without your negligence or deliberate act; and
 - (ii) as soon as practicable after that damage occurred, all reasonable steps were taken to prevent the escape of the harmful substance, contaminant, or water or, if any such escape could not be prevented, to minimise any escape.

Queries/correspondence

9. When writing or making payment of an infringement fee, please indicate -

- (a) The date of the infringement offence; AND
- (b) The infringement notice number; AND
- (c) The identifying number of each alleged offence and the course of action you are taking in respect of it (if this notice sets out more than 1 offence and you are not paying all the infringement fees for all the alleged offences); AND
- (d) Your address for replies (if you are not paying all the infringement fees for all the alleged offences).

Full details of your rights and obligations are set out in sections 341 to 343D of the Resource Management Act 1991 and section 21 of the Summary Proceedings Act 1957.

Note: all payments, all queries, and all correspondence regarding this infringement must be directed to the enforcement authority at the address shown.

From: [Bruce Hodgins](#)
To: [Jeremy McKibbin](#); [Joemar Cacnio](#); [Blair Johnson](#); [Steve Hutchison](#); [Melody McCabe](#)
Subject: RE: [EXTERNAL] RE: Public meeting tonight.
Attachments: [image001.png](#)
[image002.png](#)
[image003.png](#)

Thanks.

From: Jeremy McKibbin <Jeremy.McKibbin@wellingtonwater.co.nz>
Sent: Wednesday, December 6, 2023 12:24 PM
To: Bruce Hodgins <bruce.hodgins@huttcity.govt.nz>; Joemar Cacnio <Joemar.Cacnio@wellingtonwater.co.nz>; Blair Johnson <Blair.Johnson@wellingtonwater.co.nz>; Steve Hutchison <Steve.Hutchison@wellingtonwater.co.nz>; Melody McCabe <Melody.McCabe@wellingtonwater.co.nz>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] RE: Public meeting tonight.

Hi Bruce,

Melody will be there at 4:30

Ngā mihi

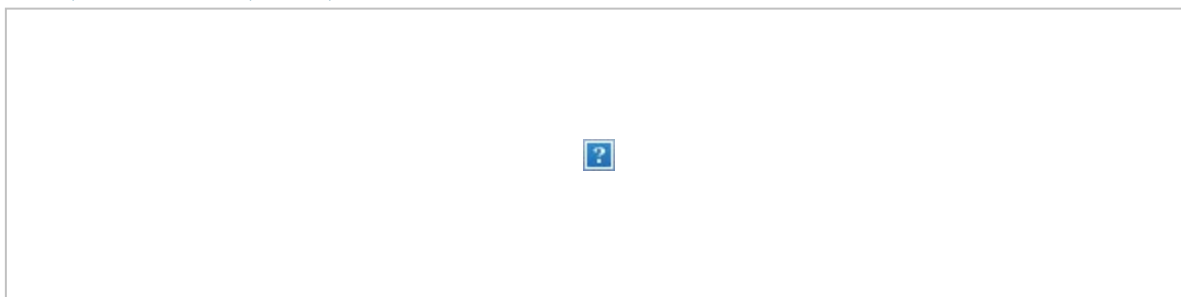
Jeremy McKibbin Group Manager, Network Management



Tel 04 912 4400 **DDI** 04 912 4400 **Mob** 021 435 631

Private Bag 39804, Wellington Mail Centre 5045

Level 4, 25 Victoria Street, Petone, Lower Hutt



From: Bruce Hodgins <bruce.hodgins@huttcity.govt.nz>
Sent: Wednesday, 6 December 2023 8:20 am
To: Jeremy McKibbin <Jeremy.McKibbin@wellingtonwater.co.nz>; Joemar Cacnio <Joemar.Cacnio@wellingtonwater.co.nz>; Blair Johnson <Blair.Johnson@wellingtonwater.co.nz>; Steve Hutchison <Steve.Hutchison@wellingtonwater.co.nz>
Subject: Public meeting tonight.

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Morena gents.

I'm going to be at the venue at 4.30 to help set up. I think it would be a good idea for someone from WWL to be there to make sure we have the technology working for the presentation. We might need some assistance from the staff working there who will be gone by 5pm.

Thanks.

Bruce

Bruce Hodgins

Strategic Advisor

Hutt City Council, 30 Laings Road, Hutt Central, Lower Hutt, Lower Hutt 5010

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Subject: FW: [EXTERNAL] Ltr to GWRC
Date: Thursday, 8 February 2024 8:40:36 am
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[Ltr to GWRC - 2023-12-19 Infringements.pdf](#)

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Strategic Advisor

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From: Blair Johnson <Blair.Johnson@wellingtonwater.co.nz>
Sent: Thursday, February 1, 2024 12:07 PM
To: Bruce Hodgins <bruce.hodgins@huttcity.govt.nz>
Cc: Kevin Locke <Kevin.Locke@wellingtonwater.co.nz>; Jeremy McKibbin <Jeremy.McKibbin@wellingtonwater.co.nz>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Ltr to GWRC

Hi Bruce,

I've attached the letter sent to GWRC regarding the recent odour infringements. This is for your information, no action required.

Kind regards
Blair

Blair Johnson Head of Wastewater Contracts



Mob 021 240 7130

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Level 4, 25 Victoria Street, Petone, Lower Hutt



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Greater Wellington Regional Council
Wellington Office
100 Cuba Street
Te Aro
Wellington
6011

By Email

Attn: Amanda O'Brien – Senior Compliance, Monitoring and Enforcement Officer

31 January 2024

Dear Amanda

Re: Infringement Notices I1008 – I1020 for Breaches of RMA S15(1)(c) and I1021 – I1033 for Breaches of Abatement Notice A956

Wellington Water Limited (WWL) acknowledges receipt of the Greater Wellington Regional Council (GWRC) letter of the 19 December and 26 infringement notices noted above, attached to that letter, in relation to the Seaview Wastewater Treatment Plant (plant).

On the basis of the matters outlined in this letter, we request that GWRC reconsiders its application of the RMA S15(1)(c) and its application of the legislation that has resulted in 26 infringements. We request to receive your response to these matters before WWL decides how to formally respond to the notices.

1. WWL is concerned that 26 infringements have been issued for the period 31 October to 12 December for what is ostensibly the same issue, that being, unexpected mechanical failures within the plant and unavoidable planned maintenance to the biofilter system.

It is also of concern that Veolia have been similarly infringed and that Hutt City Council and Upper Hutt City Council have each received 13 infringements for breaches of the abatement, a total of 78 infringement notices.

It would seem to WWL that this approach has been used to unfairly financially penalise WWL and the other parties similarly infringed, rather than treat recent related events as a single issue. This is particularly pertinent considering the subjective nature of each odour assessment carried out by different officers.

Infringement notices provide a set fine for breaches in a manner that avoids the need for determination by the Court (unless those notices are appealed). The set fine is appropriate for low-level offending. However, in this case GWRC have issued so many notices that the total fine imposed (across 4 different entities) is substantial. We believe that this is an inappropriate use of the enforcement process. Of particular note is that reliance is placed on a breach of an abatement notice that was issued in 2021. That 2021 abatement notice did not do anything more than reflect the condition of the consent. In essence, the infringement that you have issued for each date is exactly the same action/event. This is duplication. We request that you review and refine the infringement notices issued for this reason, and in consideration of the matters addressed further below.

2. With regard to specific odour assessments undertaken by GWRC, we point to the following:
 - a. 1 November 2023 – The odour assessment undertaken by GWRC officers took place in Wareham Place, which WWL believe is within the odour boundary of the plant. GWRC have provided advice that they consider Wareham Place to be outside the plant boundary.
 - b. A number of assessments (1 November, 10 November, 20 November, 26 November, 29 November, twice on 1 December, and 7 December) note that “odour detected, objectionable if it occurred on a regular or frequent basis”. It would appear to WWL that this is not an assessment of objectionable odour because it has not been assessed as being on a regular or frequent basis. Some instances have resulted in infringements while other instances have not.
 - c. There are assessments carried out on the same day or within short duration from previous assessments but that have resulted in separate infringement notices.
 - d. There are odour assessments that have been undertaken without either WWL or Veolia as operators being made aware and being able to carry out similar assessments.
 - e. Some of the descriptions of the odour are difficult to reconcile with the operations of the plant “hot sewage smell”, “meaty poo”, “farm effluent pond” are examples of this.
3. Maintenance work is required on the plant from time to time and this work may require areas of the plant to be opened to necessitate repairs or work. Generally, this maintenance work is unavoidable and when taking place in odorous parts of the plant, will result in odour being discharged. The plant operators will try to minimise time periods that the plant is opened but even with mitigations in place, this is unavoidable.
4. Where possible, we seek to inform GWRC whenever it is expected that works will have potential impact on consent compliance. WWL communicated the planned work on the biofilter media replacement, including the potential for increased odour from the plant whilst the work was underway. It was also communicated that the work may take up to 3 months to complete. Communications were also undertaken to explain the works to local

interested parties.

5. WWL provided a response to the GWRC "Please Explain" letter of 24 November on 8 December and detailed the maintenance work underway, including unexpected maintenance for mechanical failures (replacement of conveyor screw augur, primary sedimentation tank #3 chain failure, clarifier #3 bearing failure), and the steps that were being taken to mitigate odour from the site during this maintenance work and during operations, as normal good practise.
6. On Page 8 of the Infringement letter, GWRC asserts [at the public meeting held on 6 December]– "Hutt City, WWL, and Veolia all presented, apologised, and admitted that they have made a mistake undertaking the upgrade works at this time of the year.....".

WWL refutes the assertion that we admitted to making a mistake undertaking the works at this time of year. WWL has commented that it would have been preferable to undertake the works during winter months, as was originally planned, however, we assessed the risk in delaying the work until winter 2024 as being greater than undertaking the work as soon as practical. This judgement was made to avoid prolonged potential odour issues by holding off the maintenance work. We stand by this decision, even though it was not the preferred time of year to be undertaking the work.

7. Empty Biofilter cell. GWRC states (Page 9 – Mitigations) "Isolation of Empty Biofilter Cell 1. It is noted that Cell 1 of the plant was offline for at least 2 weeks while waiting for bark media to arrive."

The inference from this statement is that the biofilter (cell 1) was off-line for a period longer than necessary. WWL believes that this inference is not strictly correct. The first cell of the biofilter replacement programme was intended to be excavated early to allow for the assessment of the structural integrity of the biofilter and to allow time for our engineering consultants to assess the remedial work, if required, to improve air circulation through the biofilter structure. Until the excavation was undertaken, this was not possible. It was not an unnecessary delay due to the unavailability of bark media.

8. In relation to the delays in commencing the biofilter media works; GWRC states (Page 9 of the Infringement Letter) that "from monthly meetings, that this delay includes a dispute over the cost of disposal of the media material.... The response to the please explain only identified decisions to the composition of the material as to the cause of the delay."

Our response to question 4 (letter to GWRC 8 December) was "The biofilter media replacement was planned to be completed before the summer of 2023, but due to unforeseen delays and personnel changes, the project was delayed. The work cannot be further delayed until next winter (as has been suggested) as the site's odour control system is now not operating effectively and will worsen if further delayed. It was assessed that the biofilter media replacement needed to be completed as soon as practicable."

And, "The biofilter replacement had unforeseen delays due to personnel changes,

contractor availability and confirming the disposal process of the old biofilter media. There was also a delay in order to resolve debate on the optimal composition of the new media for the most effective odour control. Experts have recommended a slightly different composition to the current media composition and that is expected to provide more effective odour management.” (Answer to question 8).

9. GWRC states (Infringement Letter page 10) that “The response to the please explain question on a longer-term solution was also inadequately answered.”

We think this is unfair. WWL stated in its response (8 December) that “Stage 3 actions will be considered as a part of the medium-term actions currently being undertaken by the Wellington Water Project Team”. WWL has communicated on a number of occasions that it has engaged consultants to deliver longer term solutions.

We note in our please explain response (8 December) “The current focus of Wellington Water and Veolia is to complete the short-term actions, which also involves the support of the project team and, as such, the medium-term solution has not yet been finalised.”

“The project team have prepared several technical memoranda as a part of the project's management plan which recommend next steps to be considered to determine the odour treatment upgrade for the site. The implementation of this will be subject to council's funding.”

More detail cannot be provided because it is not available yet. It is also pertinent to note that project activity on longer term solutions is largely unfunded at present.

10. We note that many of the issues raised as potential sources of odour from the plant are due to mechanical failures of the plant, are unexpected and reasonably beyond the control of WWL and the operator, Veolia. This includes the primary sedimentation tanks chain failure, the clarifier bearing failure and screw conveyor auger. This does not seem to have been taken into account when issuing the infringements.

The Biofilter maintenance work was a planned maintenance activity, but the difficulties associated with the cell isolation, as experienced mid-November could not have been reasonably anticipated.

In summary, WWL believes that the approach taken by GWRC is unfair in this instance. The issuing of 26 infringement notices to WWL and Veolia along with 13 infringement notices each to both council entities for unexpected mechanical failures at the plant and for a single planned maintenance activity is therefore unwarranted. We request your consideration and response to these matters before WWL decides how to respond to the infringement notices issued.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Blair Johnson', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Blair Johnson
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