

Recommended changes from RMA section 42A report shown in redline and recommendations made in the Right of reply are shown in blue

Existing Discharges: In the context of wastewater discharged into fresh or coastal water from a wastewater treatment plant or a wastewater network, or any point source discharge¹, means a discharge ~~already~~ authorised by an existing resource consent at the time of application for a new resource consent ~~relating to~~ for the ~~same activity consented discharge~~².

Option 1: (amend the definition of ‘new discharge and Rule R61)

Alternative definition (no 1) New Discharge: A discharge of wastewater from a wastewater treatment plant or any point source discharge not authorised by an existing resource consent or a permitted activity regional rule. In the context of wastewater discharged to coastal or fresh water from a wastewater treatment plant or a wastewater network or any point source discharge, a new discharge means a discharge not authorised by resource consent at the time of application for a resource consent, or a discharge that was authorised by a resource consent at the time of application for a new consent but is to be discharged in a new location, or increased in volume or range or concentration of contaminants³, or reduces water quality, or otherwise ~~altered the chemical composition of water by a new resource consent~~.

Option 2: (simplify the definition of ‘new discharge’ and amend Rule R61)

Alternative definition (no 2) New Discharge: ~~A discharge of wastewater from a wastewater treatment plant or any point source discharge not authorised by an existing resource consent or a permitted activity regional rule.~~ In the context of **wastewater** discharged to coastal or⁴ fresh water

¹ Consequential amendment MDC (S367/082) and SWDC (S366/082) submission on Policy P71

² Recommendation to accept in part the submission of Masterton District Council S367/029 and South Wairarapa District Council S366/029

³ Consequential amendment to recommended changes to Policy P70 responding to submissions made by Masterton District Council S367/082 and South Wairarapa District Council S366/082

⁴ Recommendation to accept in part the submission of Porirua City Council S163/095 to review and clarify Rule R61 in terms of new discharges to coastal water

from a wastewater treatment plant or a **wastewater network** or any point source discharge⁵, a new discharge means a discharge not authorised by an existing resource consent ~~resource consent at the time of application for a resource consent~~ or by a permitted activity regional rule⁶, or is a discharge that was authorised by a resource consent at the time of application for a new consent but is to be discharged in a new location, or increased in volume or range or concentration of contaminants, or reduces water quality, or otherwise altered by a new resource consent.

Definition of wastewater network⁷: A community reticulated wastewater system, including ~~but not limited to pipes and pump stations~~, a network of devices, pipes and pump stations designed to accept and transport wastewater from properties to a treatment plant and discharge wastewater.

Alternative **Objective O50**: Discharges of wastewater to fresh water are progressively removed⁸.

Additional Objective O50A⁹: The discharge of wastewater to coastal water does not reduce water quality and is managed to provide for the objectives in Tables 3.3 and 3.8, and the values of mana whenua.

I recommend that **Policy P80** is retained as notified.

I recommend that **Policy P81** is retained as notified.

Alternative Policy P82¹⁰: ~~Reasonable steps shall be taken to reflect~~ **Mana whenua** values and interests shall be reflected in the management of **wastewater** discharges to fresh and coastal water and their receiving waters, including adverse effects on **Māori customary use**, Ngā Taonga Nui a Kiwa, outstanding water bodies and **mahinga kai**

⁵ Consequential amendment MDC (S367/082) and SWDC (S366/082) submission on Policy P71

⁶ Consequential amendment to recommended changes to Policy P70 responding to submissions made by Masterton District Council S367/082 and South Wairarapa District Council S366/082

⁷ Recommended to partially accept the submission of Wellington Water Limited S135/034

⁸ Minor change RMA Schedule 1 clause 16

⁹ Recommended to partially accept the submission of Wellington Water Limited S135/047 and S135/095

¹⁰ Recommended to partially accept the relief sought in the evidence of Lucy Cooper and Phillip Percy for Fish and Game, Rangitāne and Minister of Conservation – Natural Resources Plan Hearing 4: paragraphs 497 to 500

I recommend that **Policy P83** is retained as notified.

Additional Policy P83A¹¹: To ensure that new discharges of wastewater to coastal water do not occur unless the discharge to land is likely to have more significant adverse effects on the receiving environment; and options for the discharge of wastewater to the coast have been developed following consultation with iwi about the values and interests present and the effects on them and regard has been had to the recreational values of the CMA.

I recommend that **Policy P86** is retained as notified.

I recommend that **Policy P87** is retained as notified.

Amend heading in Rule R61¹²: ~~Existing~~ Discharges of wastewater to water – discretionary activity

5.2.6 Wastewater

Alternative Rule R61¹³: ~~Existing~~ wastewater discharges to coastal and freshwater– discretionary activity

The discharge of wastewater:

(a) into coastal water, or

(b) that is an **existing discharge** into fresh water; or

(c) that is a **new discharge** of treated wastewater into freshwater that was authorised by an **existing resource consent** at the time of application for a new consent and meets the following conditions:

(i) the location of the discharge was authorised by an **existing resource consent** at the time of application for a new consent

(ii) the volume of the discharge is reduced from that which was authorised by a condition on an **existing resource consent**

(iii) the volume or concentration of contaminants is reduced from that which was authorised by a condition on an **existing resource consent**

¹¹ Recommended to partially accept the submission of Wellington Water Limited S135/047 and S135/095

¹² Recommended that the submissions of Porirua City Council S163/095 be accepted

¹³ Recommended that the submissions of South Wairarapa District Council S366/108, Masterton District Council S367/108 Hutt City Council S84/023, Carterton District Council S301/059, and Porirua City Council S163/096 be accepted in part

(iv) The range of contaminants in the discharge is not increased.

is a discretionary activity.

Notification¹⁴

Any resource consent application arising from Rules R61 and R62 may be publicly notified; but shall be notified to the relevant rūnanga where their written approval has not been obtained¹⁵.

Alternative Rule R62¹⁶: New discharges of wastewater to fresh water – non-complying activity

The discharge of **wastewater** into fresh water that is a **new discharge** into fresh water that does not comply with Rule R61(c) is a non-complying activity.

Alternative Rule R63: Wastewater from ships and offshore installations – permitted activity

(a) The discharge of wastewater into coastal water from a ship greater than 500 tonnes, or an offshore installation outside the harbour and pilotage limit as shown on Map 49 ~~is a permitted activity;~~ and

~~Note~~

~~Also see the requirements of~~

(b) A discharge that The discharge complies with the Resource Management (Marine Pollution) Regulations 1998 in sections 11, 12 and 12A in relation to the discharge of wastewater from ships and offshore installations into coastal water-

is a permitted activity.

¹⁴ Recommended that the submission of Ngā Hapū o Ōtaki S309/035 be accepted in part

¹⁵ Recommendation to accept in part the submission from Ngā Hapū o Ōtaki S309/035

¹⁶ Consequential amendments for alternative Rule R61, and recommendation to accept in part the submissions of Carterton District Council S301/059, Masterton District Council S367/109 and South Wairarapa District Council S366/109

Amend heading in Rule R64: Wastewater from ships and offshore installations ~~not~~ – non-complying activity

Clean version with recommended changes

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Option 1: (amend the definition of ‘new discharge and retain Rule R61 as notified)

New Discharge: A discharge of **wastewater** from a wastewater treatment plant or any **point source discharge** not authorised by an **existing resource consent** or a permitted activity regional rule. In the context of wastewater discharged to coastal or fresh water from a wastewater treatment plant or a **wastewater network** or any **point source discharge**, a **new discharge** means a discharge not authorised by resource consent at the time of application for a resource consent, or a discharge that was authorised by a resource consent at the time of application for a new consent but is to be discharged in a new location, or increased in volume or range or concentration of contaminants, or reduces water quality, or otherwise alters the chemical composition of water.

Option 2: (simplify the definition of ‘new discharge’ and amend Rule R61)

New Discharge: In the context of **wastewater** discharged to coastal or fresh water from a wastewater treatment plant or a **wastewater network** or any **point source discharge**, a **new discharge** means a discharge not authorised by an **existing resource consent** or by a permitted activity regional rule; or is a discharge that was authorised by a resource consent at the time of application for a new consent but is to be altered by a new resource consent

Definition of wastewater network: A community reticulated wastewater system, including but not limited to a network of devices, pipes and pump

stations designed to accept and transport wastewater from properties to a treatment plant and discharge wastewater.

I recommend that **Objective O50** is retained as notified.

Additional Objective O50A: The discharge of **wastewater** to coastal water does not reduce water quality and is managed to provide for the objectives in Tables 3.3 and 3.8, and the values of mana whenua.

I recommend that **Policy P80** is retained as notified.

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Alternative Policy P82: Mana whenua values and interests shall be reflected in the management of **wastewater** discharges to fresh and coastal water and their receiving waters, including adverse effects on **Māori customary use, Ngā Taonga Nui a Kiwa, outstanding water bodies and mahinga kai.**

I recommend that **Policy P83** is retained as notified.

Additional Policy P83A: To ensure that **new discharges of wastewater** to coastal water do not occur unless the discharge to land is likely to have more significant adverse effects on the receiving environment; and options for the discharge of wastewater to the coast have been developed following consultation with iwi about the values and interests present and the effects on them and regard has been had to the recreational values of the CMA.

I recommend that **Policy P86** is retained as notified.

I recommend that **Policy P87** is retained as notified.

I recommend that **Rule R61** is amended as follows:

5.2.6 Wastewater

Amend heading in Rule R61: Discharges of **wastewater** to water – discretionary activity

Rule R61: Wastewater discharges to coastal and freshwater– discretionary activity

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(a) into coastal water, or

(b) that is an **existing discharge** into fresh water; or

(c) that is a **new discharge** of treated **wastewater** into freshwater that was authorised by an **existing resource consent** at the time of application for a new consent and meets the following conditions:

(i) the location of the discharge was authorised by an **existing resource consent** at the time of application for a new consent

(ii) the volume of the discharge is reduced from that which was authorised by a condition on an **existing resource consent**

(iii) the volume or concentration of contaminants is reduced from that which was authorised by a condition on an **existing resource consent**

(iv) The range of contaminants in the discharge is not increased.

is a discretionary activity.

Notification

Any resource consent application arising from Rules R61 and R62 may be publicly notified; but shall be notified to the relevant rūnanga where their written approval has not been obtained.

Rule R62: **New discharges of wastewater** to fresh water – non-complying activity

The discharge of **wastewater** into fresh water that is a **new discharge** into fresh water that does not comply with Rule R61(c) is a non-complying activity.

Amend Rule R63: Wastewater from ships and offshore installations – permitted activity

(a) The discharge of wastewater into coastal water from a ship greater than 500 tonnes, or an offshore installation outside the harbour and pilotage limit as shown on Map 49; and

(b) A discharge that complies with the Resource Management (Marine Pollution) Regulations 1998 in sections 11, 12 and 12A in relation to the discharge of wastewater from ships and offshore installations into coastal water-

is a permitted activity.

Amend heading in Rule R64: Wastewater from ships and offshore installations – non-complying activity

The discharge of wastewater into coastal water from a ship greater than 500 tonnes, or an offshore installation, inside the harbour and pilotage limit shown on Map 49, and not controlled by sections 12 or 12A of the Resource Management (Marine Pollution) Regulations 1998, is a non-complying activity.