

Manager's Report, Consents Management

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1. Consent Statistics

The median processing time for non notified consents is 11 working days. There have been no late consents so far this financial year.

2. Appeals

The decision on the variation of the Living Earth Joint Venture Company's consent conditions has been appealed by the Southern Environmental Association.

The hearing for the Owhiro Bay Boat ramp appeal is set down for 27 March 2000. These consents were granted in September 1998 and spent a year in mediation.

We are making progress over the Paraparaumu and Waikanae appeals. The Paraparaumu appeals are almost completely resolved. We are waiting for KCDC to confirm that they agree to the wording of one condition. Waikanae is a little further behind but the signs are promising for a negotiated solution.

Mediation on the outstanding appeal against the PCC Sewage decision began on 16 November 1999. We have resolved all our outstanding issues with PCC and the mediation is dealing with the concerns of the other appellant (the Titahi Bay Ratepayers and Progressive Association Inc) and interested parties.

3. Compliance

3.1 Medical Waste Limited

The review of Medical Waste Limited's resource consent conditions was notified on 20 November 1999. Submissions close on 17 December 1999.

3.2 Abatement Notices

We have issued an abatement notice against the Wellington City Council that sets out a timetable for the repair of a culvert underneath Cary's Gully landfill. The poor state of the culvert means that leachate from the landfill is presently entering Cary's Gully stream.

3.3 Enforcement Orders

Anglian Water International (NZ) Limited and Wellington City Council (Moa Point Sewage Treatment Plant)

The application remains adjourned. You have a separate report on one of our initiatives to resolve the issue.

The situation remains much improved on what we had this time last year.

3.4 **Prosecution**

At this stage we do not have a date for depositions in the C&D Landfill prosecution. However, it is not likely to occur this year.

4. **Other**

4.1 **ISO Certification**

We are presently going through the preliminary processes of obtaining ISO 9002 certification for our Wellington consent processing and compliance monitoring functions. The process has so far been far less onerous than I expected, possibly because we are simply extending the scope of the registration. The Resource Information section of the Resource Investigations Department is already ISO accredited and we are hoping to add to that.

4.2 **Staffing**

Two students have recently joined us to assist over the summer. Caroline Ryder will be assisting the Resource Advisors during the “compliance season” and Annette McGovern will be doing some work to bring the Compliance module of the CoCo Database up to speed.

4.3 **Infringement Notices**

As of 1 February 2000, we will be authorised to issue Infringement Notices (instant fines) for minor breaches of the Act. I don’t anticipate we will issue a great number for breaches of resource consents, but they do provide a very effective enforcement tool.

Applicant	Proposal	Date Consent Lodged	Date Submissions Closed	Number of Submissions Received	Pre-hearing Held	Hearing Held	Hearing Committee Members	Date Decision Released	Granted or Declined
Kapiti Coast District Council	Consents associated with the Paraparaumu Wastewater Treatment Plant	12/03/98	28/05/98	19	13/08/98	13/09/98 to 14/09/98 Interim decision released Hearing reconvened on 15/03/99	Councillor Buchanan, Councillor Shields, Te Taru White (Commissioner)	Final decision released on 22/04/99	Most consents Granted with Conditions Now Under Appeal
Porirua City Council	Consents associated with the Porirua Wastewater Treatment Plant	20/12/97	27/05/98	7	Applicant chose not to have a pre hearing	07/12/98 Interim decision released Hearing reconvened on 23/4/99	Councillor Buchanan, Councillor McDavitt, Ian Stewart (Minister of Conservation appointee)	Final Decision released on 03/06/99	Recommendation to Grant (must go to the Minister of Conservation for final approval) Now Under Appeal
Kapiti Coast District Council	Consents associated with the operation and upgrade of the Waikanae Wastewater Treatment Plant	19/06/98	24/07/98	23		17/09/98 to 18/09/98 Interim decision released Hearing Reconvened on 15/03/99	Councillor Buchanan, Councillor Shields, Te Taru White (Commissioner)	Final Decision released on 22/04/99	Declined Now Under Appeal
Wellington City Council (Commissioning) ¹	To construct a boat ramp at Owhiro Bay	04/06/98	24/07/98	31	18/08/98	02/09/98 to 03/09/98	Russell Howie (Commissioner), Frank Boffa (Commissioner)	16/09/98	Granted with Conditions Now Under Appeal
Peter Hunt ²	Consents associated with the development and operation of a cleanfill	13/02/98	15/09/98	3	Application has been stopped because applicant is yet to pay a Notified application fee				
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Tapu Te Ranga ¹	Consents associated with the operation of a cleanfill	11/11/98	08/08/99	73		28/09/99, 29/09/99 and 14/10/99	Councillor Buchanan, And from WCC Councillors Armstrong and Hutchings	05/11/99	WRC Consents granted with conditions, WCC consent declined
ProMall ³	Consents associated with the development of a new shopping mall. Regional Council consents consist of several bridges, realignment of part of a stream and construction of artificial lakes	05/02/99	25/06/99	250+		Tentative hearing date set for 06/12/99			
Lambton Harbour Management ¹	Consents associated with the development of the Taranaki Street Wharf and Lagoon area	09/04/99	21/05/99	77		04/08/99 05/08/99 06/08/99	Councillor Buchanan, Tony Town (Commissioner)	06/09/99	Granted with conditions now under appeal
Upper Hutt City Council	Culvert – Marchant Road	11/08/99	08/09/99	2	No pre-hearing held at applicants request	24/09/99	Councillors Buchanan and Allen		Granted with Conditions
Marathon Developments and Porirua City Council	Consents associated with the development of the lower Taupo Swamp area	21/08/99	17/09/99	26	02/11/99				

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Living Earth Joint Venture Limited	Variation to Biosolids Consents	21/08/99	17/08/99	12	No pre-hearing held at applicants request	06/10/99 07/10/99	Councillors Buchanan, McDavitt and Gibson	21/10/99	Granted with conditions now under appeal
WRC Operations (Wairarapa)	Culverts – Wakawiriwiri Stream	21/08/99	17/09/99	14	06/10/99	Hearing scheduled for 15/12/99			
Chemwaste	Discharge to air of contaminants arising from the treatment of industrial wastes	02/10/99	03/11/99	14	19/11/99				
Medical Waste	Review of consent conditions for the discharge of contaminants to air arising from		17/12/99						

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