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## Wellington Water Limited - Bulk Water Supply update

### 1. Purpose

To inform the Committee of Wellington Water Limited's (WWL's) activities relating to the Bulk Water Supply.

### 2. Comment

#### 2.1 Summer Water Demand

The long spell of dry weather in January led to record low rainfall and the highest demand for one day since 2008/09. Despite increased public communications activity, the relatively high demand and declining source water availability through February triggered the introduction of a sprinkler ban on 7 March.

At the time of writing there have been significant, if short, periods of rain and there is rain forecast on 6 of the next 10 days. Lake storage is above 70% so it is likely that this will see the supply/demand situation returning to near average conditions over the next week or so.

#### 2.2 Lake Quality

The concentration of Geosmin in the Macaskill lakes has been declining since January. The levels are now low enough to need no additional treatment.

#### 2.3 Iron Bacteria

An exercise to clean and disinfect the contaminated well at Waterloo has been completed. Flushing of the well occurred in early February and subsequent water testing results were clear. The well has been in service since the cleaning and no quality issues have been identified.

#### 2.4 Water Integration

The new organisation structure came into effect on 2 March and all senior management positions have been filled. The transition of roles and responsibilities is being carefully managed to ensure that critical activities and deliverables are not affected.

## **2.5 Wellington Water Quarterly Outlook to 31 December 2014**

As part of the new reporting regime for the Wellington Water Committee, WWL has created a combined quarterly update and outlook that covers the three waters for all 5 shareholding councils. The three waters report and outlook for the quarter ended 31 December 2014 is included for your information as **Attachment 1**. Future quarterly updates will continue to be provided to this Committee after they have been received by the Wellington Water Committee each quarter.

## **3. The decision-making process and significance**

No decision is being sought in this report.

### **3.1 Engagement**

Engagement on this matter is unnecessary.

## **4. Recommendations**

*That the Committee:*

- 1. Receives the report.*
- 2. Notes the content of the report.*

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**Appendix 1: Wellington Water - Three waters report and outlook for the quarter ended 31 December 2014**