

MEMO

TO All Councillors
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Decisions on non-notified resource consents applications

1. Purpose

To report on decisions made under delegated authority on non-notified resource consent applications. This report covers the period from 1 July 2015 to 4 September 2015.

2. Applications processed

A total of **121** resource consents were received during the period 1 July 2015 to 4 September 2015, with **87** being approved in the period. This compares with **77** consents that were approved for the same period last year. **Two** applications were returned as incomplete under section 88.

The consents approved are summarised in the table below:

	Coastal permit	Discharge permit	Land use consent	Water permit	Certificate of Compliance
CDC	0	4	5	13	0
HCC	0	1	8	0	1
KCDC	0	4	3	5	0
MDC	0	1	2	3	0
PCC	1	2	6	0	0
SWDC	0	3	7	7	0
UHCC	0	0	2	0	0
WCC	2	3	2	1	0
TDC	0	0	0	0	0
Whole region	1*	0	0	0	0
Total	4	18	35	29	1

* Coastal Permit granted in Western Wellington Region

3. Consent trends

There were no significant trends over this period.

4. Non-notified consents of interest

WGN160008 – Porirua City Council – Spicer Landfill earthworks and discharge from borrow pit

A suite of consents was granted to allow PCC and its contractors access to undertake earthworks activities at 35 Broken Hill Road, Porirua, to extend a historic borrow area to obtain material for operations at Spicer Landfill, including the construction of a new cell at the landfill. The soil material will be used for various landfill activities including final cover, liner layer, construction fill, and daily and intermediate cover. The proposed borrow area will be approximately 3.1 hectares, and the site is an existing historic borrow area. The consent was approved subject to a number of conditions to manage the effects of discharges on the stream, in particular:

- Undertaking the works in accordance with the approved Erosion and Sediment Control Plan
- Using chemical flocculation in the sediment retention pond and decanting earth bunds if required
- Rainfall triggered water quality monitoring and stormwater management investigations.

WGN000178 – Vodafone New Zealand Ltd – change of conditions to coastal consent – survey for fibre optic cabling on seabed

Vodafone NZ has an existing consent to disturb the foreshore and seabed during the installation and maintenance of the submarine fibre optic telecommunication cable, including the following activities: Trenching and burial of the cable; Lifting of the cable for inspection, maintenance or repair activities; and use of the foreshore and seabed during cable installation, inspection, maintenance and repair activities. This was a joint, cross jurisdiction notified consent with three other regional councils (Marlborough, Horizons and Environment Canterbury).

Their conditions stated that after 15 years they needed to conduct a specific survey to confirm that the cable was still buried and in its rightful position. Vodafone agreed to this condition without realising that it would cost them \$15 million to carry out the survey. To date there has been no evidence to suggest that the cable has moved or is interfering with fishing trawlers or other Cook Strait vessel operations. Therefore, Vodafone is intending to vary the consent to delete this condition. However, the deletion of this condition may trigger another notified process, so in the interim they requested a variation to delay the requirement to complete the survey for two years. This will buy them sufficient time to put together an application together and formally consult with affected parties.