

AN UPDATE TO THE COMMUNITY ON THE WAIPUKURAU, WAIPAWA AND OTANE WASTEWATER PROJECT

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#theBIG Water Story

PROJECT VISION

"Our effluent is treated in a sustainable way that creates a resource, protects our environment and continues to do so for generations to come"

WHAT'S HAPPENING WITH OUR WASTEWATER?

We all produce wastewater, but what happens to it?

Central Hawke's Bay District Council operates the Waipawa, Waipukurau and Otane wastewater systems, including the sewer reticulation, several pumping stations, and the wastewater treatment plants. Treated wastewater is then discharged into the Waipawa and Tukituki Rivers and an un-named farm drain that discharges to Te Aute Drain/ Kaikora Stream.

There will continue to need to be a discharge of the Waipawa, Waipukurau and Otane wastewater to somewhere, and those discharges are going to need new resource consents. By the middle of next year we need to select the best options to treat and discharge our wastewater, whether it is continuing on the same path or thinking of alternative systems.

Our goal is to see wastewater not simply as 'waste' but rather as a resource that can be used.

As a community, we all impact on our awa and we have an opportunity to do something about it. We have some big decisions to make in the coming months about the wastewater system – what else can we do? Decisions need to be made about what we do with our wastewater, the wastewater needs to be discharged to an environment – whether land or water, these decisions may impact on the wider river environments.

What's important – a balancing act

We need to know what is important to you when it comes to treating and discharging our wastewater? We need help to balance cultural views, recreational impacts, environmental effects and how much you can afford to contribute to maintain or make changes to the current system.

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ESTABLISH THE BEST OPTION FOR OUR WASTEWATER

The District Council needs help from the community to decide what is the best way that our wastewater should be discharged. There are other options besides the current system, like discharging to land. Each of the options come with pros and cons.

There is also the need to recognise the cultural significance of a wastewater discharge, particularly the appropriateness of a wastewater discharge directly into surface water. This may mean that options involving the method of treatment and discharge need to be discussed, as well as the location.

Reference Group

A reference group was formed to help the Council understand the community's views. The Reference Group brings together community representatives from young and old, business, council and tangata whenua.

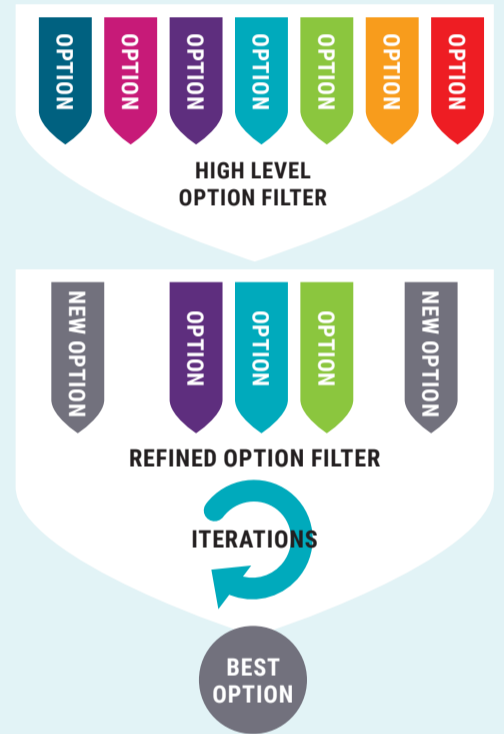
This group has been helping guide the ideas the Council are working on in the process of developing a Best Option. We welcome feedback from the community on the future of our wastewater and the future of the rivers. To provide feedback please email thebigwaterstory@chbdc.govt.nz

Working towards the Best Option

We plan to arrive at the best option by April 2019, we will then run a consultation plan with the community, and then provide a report to HBRC and the environment court in June 2019.



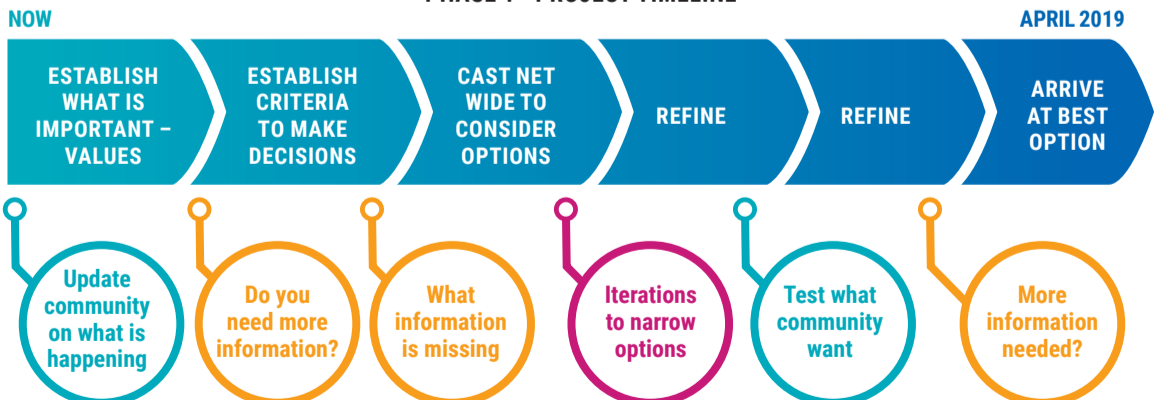
REFINEMENT PROCESS



DISCHARGE CONCEPT METHODS



PHASE 1 - PROJECT TIMELINE



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