



PROJECT: Omaha WWTP Consultative Group

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ATTACHMENTS: White board photo

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<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Bill Tucker
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Agenda/Actions	Responsibility	Due by
Action Points from 13 September meeting		
Nicholas has met with Auckland Council staff from the Sustainable Catchment programme. They are very interested in this process and will be		

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<p>attending future meetings.</p> <p>The media statement that was sent to Mahurangi Matters and the Rodney Times will be added to the project website.</p>		
<p>Issues and concerns</p> <p>The chair, Fiona, gave group members five minutes each to discuss their issues and concerns relating to the Omaha WWTP and wider environment. These were listed on a whiteboard, with those items receiving multiple mentions receiving ticks. In addition to those present, an email from Dean Grice was also read at the meeting and his concerns were noted.</p>		
<p>Matters raised were grouped into three categories – those directly related to the WWTP, broader issues relating to the state of the Whangateau Harbour, and other issues.</p>		
<p>WWTP</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Saturation of the sand dunes and the capacity of the land based disposal (+4 ticks) • The need for additional monitoring of water quality, both of surface runoff and groundwater, and in the receiving environments such as the harbour and beach. Many raised the need for more frequent monitoring and questioned the appropriateness of the monitoring locations. Monitoring in ditches, harbour side of wetland, Omaha Beach etc. (+10 ticks in total) • The effectiveness of the eucalyptus trees for the Jones Road irrigation system and their past management. Potential for other vegetation to be interspersed. Rotation of trees, coppicing etc (+ 4 ticks in total) • The number of current connections and potential growth • All contaminants identified and measured, including emerging contaminants (+2 ticks) • Seepage underground from the WWTP, including into ditches, and the presence of sludge in these ditches. Hard pan under sandy peat that seepage may run over. Build of sludge and smell on foreshore, • Damage to Jones Road from operation of WWTP (+1 tick) • Insects, midge etc • The need for a disaster plan to prevent untreated/partially treated effluent from reaching the harbour • Population growth predictions for the area (+4 ticks) • The appropriateness of consent conditions, including the need to include regular reviews and reporting, and monitoring. Transparency of consents and conditions. (+1 tick) • The capacity of the pipe connection from Matakana, is it already at capacity? May constrain development. • A long term research plan, i.e. 20 years (+ 1 tick) • Alternative discharge points (+ 1 tick) • Stormwater inflows to the WWTP • Wetland contaminant removal, use of vegetation in drains to aid removal • Consistency with NZCPS 		

