

Omaha WWTP Consultative Group

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Pt Wells Bowling Club

Introduction

- Work identified in Investigation Plan now largely complete
- Anticipate one more meeting to present findings
- Followed by subsequent meeting(s) to discuss findings to attempt to achieve consensus, as per the terms of reference
- Therefore, we have not set a date for lodgement of the application

Terms of Reference

The Omaha Wastewater Treatment Plant Consultative Group will participate and attempt to achieve consensus in respect of:

- a) The effects of the current and future discharges from the Omaha WWTP on the environment, including but not limited to the Whangateau Harbour.
- b) The contributions of factors other than the discharges from the Omaha WWTP that may be affecting the Whangateau Harbour and how these may change over time.
- c) Development of resource consent applications by Watercare that will enable the treatment and discharge of wastewater from the Omaha WWTP in an environmentally appropriate manner for a period of up to 35 years.
- d) Identification of other initiatives that may contribute in improving the quality of the Whangateau Harbour, noting that these may not be within the responsibility of Watercare.

Proposed forthcoming meetings

- Today's meeting present findings on
 - Groundwater
 - Nutrients and Emerging Contaminants
- Meeting 12 March present findings on
 - Microbiology
 - Hydrodynamics
 - Ecology
 - Land use management
- 10 April
 - Feedback session and discuss next steps/future meetings etc