

QLDC Council
29 April 2021

Report for Agenda Item | Rīpoata moto e Rāraki take : 3

Department: Property & Infrastructure

Title | Taitara Water Supply Scheme Boundary Adjustment Policy Amendment

PURPOSE OF THE REPORT | TE TAKE MŌ TE PŪRONGO

The purpose of this report is to amend the Water Supply Scheme Boundary Adjustment Policy to include wastewater.

RECOMMENDATION | NGĀ TŪTOHUNGA

That Council:

1. **Note** the contents of this report and in particular the changes to the Water Supply Scheme Boundary Adjustment Policy; and
2. **Adopt** the amended Water Supply Scheme Boundary Adjustment Policy.

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CONTEXT | HOROPAKI

- 1 The current requirement for any extension to the Wastewater scheme boundaries is to get approval from Council.
- 2 In recent months Property and Infrastructure have received a number of requests for minor extensions to the wastewater scheme boundaries that would have no material effect on the network or any cost to Council.
- 3 When dealing with these requests for minor extensions to the water supply scheme boundary, we have a policy that if the proposed extension to the scheme boundary complies with a set of principals the extension can be approved, under delegation, by the Chief Engineer.
- 4 It is proposed to amend to the existing policy to include wastewater to allow for the efficient extensions to the wastewater scheme boundaries for those that comply with the principals of the policy.

ANALYSIS AND ADVICE | TATĀRITANGA ME NGĀ TOHUTOHU

- 5 The adoption of the amended policy will significantly increase the administrative efficacy for extending the wastewater scheme boundaries that comply with the principals of the policy.
- 6 Any proposed scheme extension that does not comply with the principals within the policy will still require to be presented to Council for approval.
- 7 The amendments to the current policy are appended to this report with changes highlighted for ease of review. The opportunity has also been taken to update some of the wording of existing sections of the policy to add further clarity.
- 8 **Option 1 Accept** and adopt the amendments to the Water Supply Scheme Boundary Adjustment Policy to include extensions to the wastewater scheme boundaries.

Advantages:

- 9 Increase the administrative efficacy of extending wastewater scheme boundaries in line with water supply scheme boundaries.

Disadvantages:

- 10 No disadvantages.
- 11 **Option 2 Decline** the amendments to the Water Supply Scheme Boundary Adjustment Policy to include extensions to the wastewater scheme boundaries.

Advantages:

- 12 Council will retain total control and oversight of the wastewater scheme boundary extensions.

Disadvantages:

- 13 Time, staffing and Council resource will continue to be used preparing and reviewing documents for minor adjustments to the wastewater scheme boundaries.
- 14 This report recommends **Option 1** for addressing the matter because of the efficiency it will achieve when undertaking wastewater scheme boundary adjustments that comply with the proposed amendments to the policy.

CONSULTATION PROCESS | HĀTEPE MATAPAKI:

> SIGNIFICANCE AND ENGAGEMENT | TE WHAKAMAHI I KĀ WHAKAARO HIRAKA

- 15 This matter is of low significance, as determined by reference to the Council’s Significance and Engagement Policy because the decision has no detrimental impact to the existing ratepayers.

RISK AND MITIGATIONS | NGĀ RARU TŪPONO ME NGĀ WHAKAMAURUTANGA

- 16 The adoption of the proposed amended policy will support the Council by allowing the risk to stay at its current level.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS | NGĀ RITENGA Ā-PŪTEA

- 17 The proposed will result in no additional financial implications to QLDC as the policy requires all costs to be paid by the applicant.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 2002 PURPOSE PROVISIONS | TE WHAKATURETURE 2002 O TE KĀWANATAKA Ā-KĀIKA

- 18 The recommended option:
 - Will help meet the current and future needs of communities for good-quality local infrastructure in a way that is most cost-effective for households and businesses by allowing extensions to the wastewater scheme boundary, that comply with the principals, to be processed more efficiently;
 - Requires no funding;
 - Is consistent with the Council's plans and policies; and
 - Would not alter significantly the intended level of service provision for any significant activity undertaken by or on behalf of the Council, or transfer the ownership or control of a strategic asset to or from the Council.

ATTACHMENTS | NGĀ TĀPIRIHANGA

A	Water Supply Boundary Adjustment Policy (Current)
B	Water Supply & Wastewater Scheme Boundary Adjustment Policy (Proposed)
C	Water Supply & Wastewater Scheme Boundary Adjustment Policy (Proposed with Changes Identified)