

TO: INFRASTRUCTURE AND SERVICES
FROM: THE DIRECTOR OF WORKS AND SERVICES
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STORMWATER CONSENT APPLICATION - DECISION

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SUMMARY

Application was made to Environment Southland in August 2016 for a new consent to discharge stormwater from the stormwater network through multiple discharge points to five streams through the city. The application was heard by commissioners during the week of 7 August, and the commissioners have issued their decision to grant the consent for duration of 15 years. This is now within the appeal period, and is being reviewed by Council staff and consultants

RECOMMENDATIONS

That this report be received.

IMPLICATIONS

1.	<i>Has this been provided for in the Long Term Plan/Annual Plan?</i> Yes.
2.	<i>Is a budget amendment required?</i> No
3.	<i>Is this matter significant in terms of Council's Policy on Significance?</i> No.
4.	<i>Implications in terms of other Council Strategic Documents or Council Policy?</i> No.
5.	<i>Have the views of affected or interested persons been obtained and is any further public consultation required?</i> Yes, as part of the annual plan process.
6.	<i>Has the Child, Youth and Family Friendly Policy been considered?</i> N/A.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The consent conditions will require significant additional monitoring of Council, and investigative work to identify and resolve stormwater quality issues. A budget allocation has been made for this additional work

STORMWATER CONSENT RENEWAL

As a requirement of Southland's Regional Water Plan, and the proposed Southland Water and Land Plan, Invercargill City Council is required to obtain consent for discharges from its stormwater reticulation to freshwater. The previous consent expired in December 2016, and Council made application for renewal in August 2016.

The previous consent which was for a five year period, had conditions requiring monitoring to establish the level of contamination in the discharges. The monitoring identified contaminants including sewage, and contaminants from industrial sites and roads which will need to be addressed within the term of the new consent.

The new consent conditions require a significantly larger monitoring programme, and investigations to identify and correct contamination at source.

Staff and Consultants are currently reviewing the consent conditions, to confirm their suitability, and to assess the additional workload which will be required to meet them. The consent has an appeal period ending on 5 October 2017.

CONCLUSION

Invercargill City Council has received notification that consent to discharge has been granted, subject to an appeal period ending on 5 October 2017
