



NOTICE OF MEETING

**Notice is hereby given of the Meeting of the
Infrastructure and Projects Committee
to be held in the Victoria Room, Civic Theatre,
88 Tay Street, Invercargill on
Tuesday 2 July 2024 at 3.00 pm**

Cr G M Dermody (Chair)
Mayor W S Clark
Cr A J Arnold
Cr R I D Bond
Cr P M Boyle
Cr S J Broad
Cr T Campbell
Cr A H Crackett
Cr P W Kett
Cr D J Ludlow
Cr I R Pottfingher
Cr L F Soper
Cr B R Stewart
Rev E Cook - Māngai - Waihōpai
Mrs P Coote - Kaikaunihera Māori - Awarua

MICHAEL DAY
CHIEF EXECUTIVE

Infrastructure and Projects Committee - Public

02 July 2024 03:00 PM

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Public Excluded Session

Moved , seconded that the public be excluded from the following parts of the proceedings of this meeting, namely:

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WACHNER PLACE

Why did the Invercargill City Council agree to putting \$4 million towards doing something that is totally unnecessary ?

Mr Jeff Thomson was always going to build his hotel regardless of whether the Council agreed to allowing buses through Wachner Place.

For decades there has been heavy traffic going round the monument onto Dee Street, or they have used Leven Street.

Wachner Place was always meant to be for the people. It is the only place in the inner city that is traffic free. It was partly donated by Mabel Wachner for this purpose. One side comprises of toilets (which children use) and the other has two eating establishments. A high pedestrian area.

What are these coach tours going to do for Invercargill ? They come in late and leave early.

Wachner Place needs to be a garden where the people of Invercargill could sit and relax without worrying about traffic. Hotel guests would have been encouraged , by the beauty of a garden oasis, to walk through to our city.

Dear Mr Day

There are two things that are important to a city
First and foremost is it's housekeeping. There needs to be signs "We love our city. Please don't litter."
The second is beauty. Beauty encourages the "feel good" feeling which in turn encourages business.

Thank you for taking the time to read this
Sincerely

Julie Bryce

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Julie Bryce". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned to the right of the printed name "Julie Bryce".

Dear Mr Day, all of the signatures
are people who live in Invercargill.
What I do know is all these citizens
feel very strongly regarding
Wachner Place being taken over
by motor traffic.

Julia Boyce



SAVE WACHNER PLACE

WE NEED TO RETAIN WACHNER PLACE AS A PLACE TO SIT AND RELAX, AND NOT HAVE BUSES DRIVING THROUGH AND DISTURBING THE PEACE

Jill Van den Arend

Phil Gerde

Takunda Rusike



Adelle Boyce

Diane Ledington
Loegan Gutteridge

Sam Rowe

Kevin Peterson

Cornie Smith

Amanda Little

David Butler











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Antonia Moorsink *Anton Moorsink*
 Erin Mason *Erin Mason*
 Lynne Tiplady *Lynne Tiplady*
 Reeb Mike Thompson *Mike Thompson*
 Helen C. Williamson-Mason *Helen C. Williamson-Mason*
 LINDA HOWARD *L. Howard*
 Gemma Corkery *Gemma*
 Jan Gardner *Jan Gardner*
 Naomi Tressler *NA. Tressler*
 Julie Feely *Julie Feely*
 Evelyn Mathieson *ERMATHIESON*
 Treva Mack-Reid
 Jacqueline Witter
 Kathryn Langewald
 Debbie Ackroyd *Debbie*
 Gay Parker *Gay Parker*
 Carol Brown *Carol Brown*
 J.R. Zimmerman *A.R. SIMON*
 Linda Duncan *Linda Duncan*
~~Ally~~ Allie Betting

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PK Greene

W. Joseph

H. F. Kove

H. J. Kove

A Copeland

I BALLYNTINE J.B.

C. McKee encher

Anne Howden Anne Howden

C Wilson

Ella Sutherland

Sue Rydel

Jonia Jones

Peter Sheford

Shirley Stark

BERIS RUMER

Susan Newell

Law

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Ella Sutherland

S.E. Rydel

Jones


PK Sheford

BERIS RUMER

J Newell

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Maree Fisher 

D. Pluchrode

Juanne Shepherd 

Sue Kennedy 

Roz Waldron 


Josh Hyde 

Howie Turner 

Gael Mackintosh 



Nicci Laphon 

Kennedy Sinclair 

Annemarie McHugh 

Stacie Dow 

9/05/2024.

Sandra Skogge 
DEBBIE FRIEND 

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Reverangi Eketere

Rolyn Boalds

Sandra Wain

Wynne LAWSON

Tony Ryan

Andrea Jerry Ryan

Viki Thompson

Wilma Donaldson

A Stuart

W

Rachel Saxby

Kathleen English

A F Grey

Helen (Shona Ellis)

Maria Baynes

Lee Wainape



Minutes of a meeting of the Waste Advisory Group (WasteNet), held in the Invercargill City Council Chambers, 101 Esk Street, Invercargill on Monday 8 April 2024, at 10.00am

Present

Gore District Council

Cr Keith Hovell (Chair)
Cr Neville Phillips
Mayor Ben Bell

Southland District Council

Mayor Rob Scott
Cr Christine Menzies

Invercargill City Council

Deputy Mayor Tom Campbell
Cr Barry Stewart

In attendance

Mr Jason Domigan	General Manager Critical Services, Gore District Council,
Ms Erin Moogan	Group Manager Infrastructure, Invercargill City Council,
Ms Fran Mikulicic	Group Manager Infrastructure and Capital Projects, Southland District Council
Mr Grant Isaacs	- Southland District Council
Ms Fiona Walker	- Director WasteNet
Ms Annie Benjamin	- Invercargill City Council
Ms Michele Broad	- Executive Support

Apology

Cr Ian Pottinger (Invercargill City Council) .

Moved Deputy Mayor Campbell, seconded Cr Stewart and **RESOLVED** that the apology be accepted.

1. WELCOME

Chairman Cr Hovell welcomed attendees to the meeting and introduced Ms Fiona Walker, newly appointed Director of WasteNet to the meeting. Ms Walker gave a brief introduction to the meeting, noting a background in environmental consulting and compliance prior to accepting the WasteNet role.

2. CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Nil.

3. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Cr Hovell requested any feedback, noting that a number of matters dealt with in the minutes arise later

in the agenda and his comments could be made then.

Moved Cr Stewart, seconded Deputy Mayor Campbell and RESOLVED

1. that the minutes of the Waste Advisory Group meeting held on 29 February 2024, as presented, be confirmed as a true and complete record.

4. WASTENET WASTE TO LANDFILL PERFORMANCE UPDATE

Cr Hovell requested any feedback. Deputy Mayor Campbell asked if there were any items which should be noted as he'd received the papers late. Chair noted continuation of lower levels of recycling, too early to reach conclusion on why, more data required.

Ms Erin Moogan, Group Manager - Infrastructure noted previous trend of both waste to landfill and recycling weights reducing as presented in previous reports. Waste to landfill trending up in this report, would historically see recycling trending up also, it is but not to the same extent. Noted could be lowering of contamination in recycling stream due to education, will continue to monitor. Cr Hovell noted the recycling figures in Invercargill and Southland, queried targeting wider Southland for compliance.

Recommendations that the Waste Advisory Group:

1. Receives the report "WasteNet Waste to Landfill Performance Update".
2. Note the waste to landfill data and trends.
3. Note the recycling data and trends.

RESOLVED on the motion of Cr Phillips seconded by Deputy Mayor Campbell THAT the report be received.

5. WASTENET EDUCATION AND COMMUNICATION UPDATE

Cr Stewart queried the reference to ducks in the document. Ms Moogan noted during duck shooting season a number of ducks are received in the recycling bins, and that receiving dead animals via the yellow bins is not uncommon and is distressing for staff at Recycle South.

Cr Hovell queried ability on the WasteNet website to be able to check what can go into bins, or where items can be disposed of. Ms Annie Benjamin noted in phase 2 of the website a search facility is being added, this will be available by the end of June. Also noted the Waste Free Wanda tour booked for May.

Recommendation that the Waste Advisory Group receive the report "WasteNet Education and Communication Activity Update".

Moved Deputy Mayor Campbell, seconded Cr Stewart and RESOLVED

1. that the report be received.

6. WASTE ACTION PLAN (WAP) UPDATE

Cr Hovell noted no fires at landfill since battery recycling implemented.

Query from Mayor Scott regarding advertising for bin clips. Ms Benjamin noted advertising is taking place on NZME and Media Works, with limited stock available from ICC or SDC offices throughout the region.

A copy of the Waste Activity Plan including activity status updates had been circulated with the agenda.

Recommendation that the Waste Advisory Group receive the report "Waste Action Plan (WAP) Update".

Moved Mayor Scott, seconded Cr Stewart and RESOLVED that the report be received.

7. PUBLIC EXCLUDED SESSION

Resolved on the motion of Cr Hovell, seconded by Deputy Mayor Campbell, that the public be excluded from the following parts of the proceeding of this meeting, namely the items as listed below.

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Public excluded minutes of the Waste Advisory Group 19 February 2024	Enable any local authority holding the information to carry on, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations); and	Section 7 (2)(i) and (h)
Request for funding for an optical sorter – Recycle South	enable any local authority holding the information to carry out, without prejudice or disadvantage, commercial activities.	

The meeting concluded at 10.51am

MINUTES OF INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE, HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, FIRST FLOOR, TE HĪNAKI CIVIC BUILDING, 101 ESK STREET, INVERCARGILL ON TUESDAY 7 MAY 2024 AT 3.00 PM

Present: Cr I R Pottinger (Chair)
Cr A J Arnold
Cr R I D Bond
Cr P M Boyle
Cr S J Broad
Cr T Campbell
Cr A H Crackett
Cr G M Dermody
Cr P W Kett
Cr D J Ludlow
Cr L F Soper
Rev E Cook – Māngai – Waihōpai
Mrs P Coote – Kaikaunihera Māori – Awarua

In Attendance: Mr M Day – Chief Executive
Ms E Moogan – Group Manager – Infrastructure
Mr J Shaw – Group Manager - Consenting and Environment
Mr A Cameron – Chief Risk Officer
Mr M Morris – Manager – Governance and Legal
Mr D Rodgers – Manager Strategic Asset Planning
Mr A Strahan – Transition Manager – 3 Waters Reform
Ms L Knight – Manager – Strategic Communications
Mr G Caron – Digital and Communications Advisor
Ms M Sievwright – Senior Executive Support

1. Apologies

Cr Pottinger thanked Cr Campbell for filling in as Chair while he was on leave.

Mayor W S Clark, Cr Stewart and Cr Crackett for leaving early

Moved Cr Kett, seconded Cr Dermody and **RESOLVED** that the apologies be accepted.

2. Declaration of Interest

Nil.

3. Public Forum

Nil.

4. Minutes of the Waste Advisory Group (WasteNet) Meeting held on Monday 19 February 2024

A5300730

Moved Cr Campbell, seconded Cr Ludlow (pro forma) that the Minutes of the Waste Advisory Group (WasteNet) meeting held on Monday 19 February 2024 be received.

A question was raised about Wastenet Community Grants, and whether the community was aware they could apply, it was noted that councillors were not aware. This grant was not one that was advertised at an official time of year and this was the first year it was advertised that grants were available and open for submission.

In response to a question regarding the plan for an Education Officer, it was noted that there was a new WasteNet Administrator. She was working on a series of visits to each Council to provide an update on where WasteNet was at. She would be asked to present to Council.

In response to a question regarding removing the public recycling bins, it was noted they were not very effective and different approaches would be considered.

The motion, now put, was **RESOLVED**.

5. Minutes of the Infrastructure Committee Meeting held on Wednesday 3 April 2024

A5298969

Moved Mrs Coote, seconded Cr Campbell and **RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the Infrastructure Committee meeting held on Wednesday 3 April 2024 be confirmed.

6. Temporary Road Closure – Rally Race Group, Southern Lights Rally

A5297233

Mr Doug Rodgers presented the report and noted that 90 vehicles would be involved.

In response to a question regarding consultation with residents, it was noted that consultation was part of the process and would happen once approval was given from Council. Council was utilising its powers under the Local Government Act 1974 (the Act) Act and had consulted with Waka Kotahi and the Police and this road closure would not impede traffic unnecessarily. There was an allowance to allow residents back into the closed streets.

In response to a question regarding options, it was noted that staff assessed applications on their merit and considered residents.

In response to a question regarding Anglem and Dart Street residents being contacted by door knocking, it was noted that staff were unaware and it would be unusual for it to happen in this way.

Moved Cr Ludlow, seconded Cr Soper and **RESOLVED** that the Infrastructure Committee:

1. Receives the report "Temporary Road Closure – Rally Race Group, Southern Lights Rally".
2. Resolve that the proposed event outlined in the report will not impede traffic unreasonably.
3. Approves the temporary road closure for Anglem Street, between Tay Street and Dart Street, and Dart Street between Anglem Street and Inglewood Road, between the hours of 12.00 pm and 8.00 pm.

Note: Rev Cook voted against this motion.

7. Temporary Road Closure – Arts Murihiku, Night of the Arts

A5308178

Mr Doug Rodgers presented the report and noted that this closure had happened before.

Moved Cr Ludlow, seconded Cr Soper and **RESOLVED** that the Infrastructure Committee:

1. Receives the report titled "Temporary Road Closure – Arts Murihiku, Night of the Arts".
2. Resolve that the proposed event outlined in the report will not impede traffic unreasonably.
3. Approves the temporary road closure for Esk Street between Dee Street and Kelvin Street between the hours of 5.30 pm and 9.00 pm.

8. Temporary Road Closure – "Bluff Oyster and Food Festival"

A5311668

Mr Doug Rodgers spoke to the report.

Moved Cr Soper, seconded Rev Cook and **RESOLVED** that the Infrastructure Committee:

1. Receives the report "Temporary Road Closure – "Bluff Oyster and Food Festival".
2. Resolve that the proposed event outlined in the report will not impede traffic unreasonably.
3. Approves the temporary road closure for Barrow Street, between Lee Street and Palmer Street and Lee Street between Gore Street (SH1) and Barrow Street from 8.00 am until 6.00 pm on Saturday 25 May 2024.

9. Proposed Right of Way Name – 100 Grant Road

A5313091

Mr Andrew Cameron presented the report.

In response to a question regarding the name options, it was noted that Council had discretion for choosing but would need to explain their reason.

In response to a question regarding why these names were chosen, it was noted that the policy was for the developer to provide three options, and Council would usually select one.

It was suggested the option two be Tī Kōuka (cabbage tree) as this was what Iwi had sent back to the developer. Tī Kōuka was appropriate as they are what Ōtātara was known for. Marram was an introduced plant and not a native to the area.

Moved Cr Soper, seconded Cr Bond and **RESOLVED** that the Infrastructure Committee:

1. Receives the report 'Proposed Right of Way Name – 100 Grant Road'.
2. The proposed Right of Way be named:
 - b. Tī Kōuka Way

Note: Cr Kett voted against this motion.

10. Local Water Done Well Update and Decision

A5322840

Mr Andrew Strahan presented the report and noted that this was an opportunity to reprioritise \$330,000 of better off funding available.

In response to a question regarding money from the government, the application for better off funding was for specific projects, but the current government had directed the portion of the unspent funds to local water. The reprioritisation of the unspent funding would need to be in agreement with the Department of Internal Affairs and Council.

In response to a question regarding financial sustainability, it was noted the new legislation was still to be passed, but that Council would need to look at all options to ensure financial sustainability for the provision of water.

In response to a question regarding the briefing paper from the Ministry, it was noted that councillors would see this information.

In response to a question regarding spending, it was noted that the money would need to be drawn down by 30 June.

In response to a question regarding what this money would be put towards, it was noted that there was a pressing need for transitional arrangements.

In response to a question regarding funds from the Better of Funding that Council had applied to for funding future proof council owned housing, and whether this had been

completed, it was noted that at the time the application was submitted, Council had to have projects which could be delivered within the timeframe, and so housing was chosen, primarily double glazing of the units. The full amount for this work was not required and the DIA had suggested the remaining funds go towards three waters.

Moved Cr Boyle, seconded Cr Dermody and **RESOLVED** that the Infrastructure Committee:

1. Receives the report titled 'Local Water Done Well Update and Decision.'
2. Agree to delegate authority to the Chief Executive, to review and decide whether to reprioritise, in agreement with the DIA, remaining uncommitted Better Off Funding to align with Local Water Done Well objectives.

11. Public Transport Fare Options

A5311838

Mr Doug Rodgers presented the report.

It was noted that no decision would be made today as this would be discussed at the Long-term Plan deliberation meeting.

Moved Cr Ludlow, seconded Rev Cook that the Infrastructure Committee:

1. Receives the report "Public Transport Fare Options".

In response to a question regarding the cost of running the bus service, it was noted that Council funded 40% of the bus service which cost around \$350,000.

It was noted that the Regional Public Transport Plan was required to be renewed in 2024. A strategic long term view of what was required for Invercargill would be looked at. A discussion document could be available within two months. It was noted that a route to Bluff was hard to maintain if it was not part of an integrated regional transport network.

Note: Cr Crackett left the meeting at 4.00 pm.

The motion, now put, was **RESOLVED**.

12. Parking Control Bylaw 2024 Adoption for Consultation

A5285240

Mr Doug Rodgers and Mr Andrew Cameron presented the report.

It was noted it was appropriate Council refunded those users which had paid parking fines incorrectly issued.

In response to a question regarding the differences in the machines around the city, it was noted that as soon as issues were noted they were fixed.

In response to a question regarding infringement notices, it was noted that those who had already paid would be refunded.

In response to a question regarding Invercargill Central, particularly the parks outside the movie theatre, it was noted that this could be included as part of the Bylaw. It was noted that staff were looking at consistency but would look at individual areas if necessary.

Moved Cr Soper, seconded Cr Campbell and **RESOLVED** that the Infrastructure Committee:

1. Receives the report "Parking Control Bylaw 2024 Adoption for Consultation".
2. Note the changes required to the Bylaw to provide for appropriate enforcement:
 - a. Clarification of definitions, including adding definition of authorised vehicles, bus stops, parking area, parking signage, parking warden, roadway and maximum period and additional detail on parking system and app definition. Removal of definition of vehicle and territorial local authority identified as surplus to requirements.
 - b. Addition of amended general resolution clause (5.7).
 - c. Addition of description of parking charging processes within the section Metered Parking Area – brought up from Payment of Parking Fee section for clarification (Section 6 with old section 9 – Payment of Parking Fee removed).
 - d. Clarification that plates must be registered, at the time of parking, regardless of whether payment is required for the anticipated parking period (6.3).
 - e. Clarification of requirements to display Mobility Parking Permit to park in Mobility parking areas (7).
 - f. Addition of information about bus stop signage (9).
 - g. Addition of a section on Authorised Vehicles outlining the process for applying for a permit and areas where authorised vehicles may park (11).
 - h. Clarification that heavy vehicles may not park on the road, including parking areas rather than just the roadway (15).
 - i. For completeness clarifying that breaching any aspect of the Bylaw may result in an offence (16.1).
 - j. Clarification of wording on offences in the area of payment for metered parking, causing an obstruction, parking heavy vehicles on the road, parking vehicles which cannot be safely driven for longer than three days (16.1.xii).
 - k. Removal of Exemptions section as unnecessary in addition to vehicle exemptions section.

Recommends to Council

3. That Council to adopt the draft Parking Control Bylaw 2024 for consultation during June 2024 (A5314733).
4. Nominate a hearing panel to hear submissions and deliberate to include Cr Ludlow, Cr Arnold, Cr Kett and Cr Soper (as alternate).

13. Activities Report

A5313836

Mrs Moogan advised the Committee that there were projects submitted to the fast track consenting. They were Bluff Wastewater Consent and Alternative Water Supply.

In response to a question regarding the fast track process and if councillors could look at this information, it was noted that this would be provided.

It was noted that consultation with Iwi was 21 minutes before the submission needed to be submitted. This was not good process, and undermined the good faith brought to the table between Council and Iwi.

Mrs Moogan apologised to Iwi for this failure and acknowledged it was not what was expected of partners.

Moved Cr Ludlow, seconded Cr Boyle and **RESOLVED** that the Infrastructure Committee:

1. Receives the "Activities Report".

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Section 7(2)(i)

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- b) Minutes of the Public Excluded Session of the Infrastructure Committee Meeting Held on 3 April 2024

Section 7(2)(i)

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Section 48(1)(a)

That the public conduct of this item would be likely to result in the disclosure of information for which good reason for withholding would exist under Section 7

There being no further business, the meeting finished at 4.38 pm.

PRIMARY INFRASTRUCTURE CONSENTING PROGRAMME: BLUFF WASTEWATER CONSENT, ALTERNATE WATER SUPPLY AND CLIFTON WASTEWATER CONSENT UPDATE

To:	Infrastructure and Projects Committee
Meeting Date:	Tuesday 2 July 2024
From:	Alistair Snow – Project Manager
Approved:	Erin Moogan - Group Manager - Infrastructure
Approved Date:	Wednesday 26 June 2024
Open Agenda:	Yes
Public Excluded Agenda:	No

Purpose and Summary

This report is prepared to provide the Committee with updated information and progress of the Bluff Wastewater Consent, the Alternate Water Supply and Clifton Wastewater Consent Projects.

Recommendations

That the Infrastructure and Projects Committee:

1. Receives the report 'Primary Infrastructure Consenting Programme: Bluff Wastewater Consent, Alternate Water Supply and Clifton Wastewater Consent Update', including Dashboard Reports – June 2024.
2. Note that consent option assessment process for Bluff Wastewater Consent and the Alternate Water Supply are progressing as planned.
3. Note project initiation work has commenced for Clifton Wastewater Consent, with the options assessment process planned to commence fourth quarter 2024.

Background

This programme is progressing with information gathering, options analysis and consent development.

Bluff Wastewater Consent

The current consent expires December 2025. A new consent is programmed for application in April 2025, and lodgement no later than end of June 2025. The project is progressing to plan.

Partnership with Te Rūnanga o Awarua and Te Ao Mārama and consultation with key stakeholders (including Bluff Community Board) is established and progressing.

Shortlisted options have been selected (Workshop 28 March 2024) and accepted by the Governance Group.

Four Shortlisted Options have been selected:

Option No.	Description
1	Status Quo Treatment (Aerated lagoon, sedimentation and UV treatment) and discharge to ocean via existing outfall with 100% flow through surface flow wetland located between the Bluff WWTP and the outfall
2	Status Quo Treatment (Aerated lagoon, sedimentation and UV treatment) and discharge to ocean via existing outfall with land contact other than a surface flow wetland located between the Bluff WWTP and the outfall
3	Dual solution: Status Quo Treatment (Aerated lagoon, sedimentation and UV treatment) land application by Rapid Rate Irrigation and discharge to ocean via existing outfall during periods of high flow.
4	Status Quo Treatment (Aerated lagoon, sedimentation and UV treatment) and land application of 100% of treated wastewater by Rapid Rate Irrigation

The Bluff Community Board were updated at the 10 June meeting.

Fast Track Approval Act: Project Submission to Schedule 2 has been made.

Consultation with Te Runanga o Ngai Tahu (TRONT) is commencing with regards the Marine and Coastal Area (Takutai Moana) Act 2011.

\$7.7 million has been provided in the Long-term Plan for the consent of the Bluff Wastewater Treatment Plant. This has been allocated over the first three years of the Long-term Plan - \$0.3 million 2024/25, \$0.4 million 2025/26 and \$7 million 2026/27.

There is a high level of budget uncertainty for this project as we work through the Resource Management Act. Initial cost estimates for these options range from \$5 - \$27 million. We have placed a figure in the Long-term plan towards the lower end of the range reflecting the current pressure on cost affordability within the community.

An affordability statement is being prepared to consider economic efficiency, benchmarking and the community's ability to pay for plant upgrades. This will inform the selection process.

Alternate Water Supply

Numerical modelling work from latest test bores is completed and supports continued proving of the supply. The following summarises the reports degree of confidence for differing pumping scenarios:

Results of the assessment indicate:

- A **high** degree of confidence that abstraction at a rate of 10 Million Litres per Day (MLD) is feasible.
- A **moderate** degree of confidence that abstraction at a rate of 20 MLD could be sustained. Confidence in the ability of the Chatton Formation to sustain a take of this size could be improved by incorporating a degree of intermittency into abstraction and/or improving characterisation of the physical and hydraulic properties of the aquifer system.
- A **low** degree of confidence that a take of up to 40 MLD would be sustainable. Based on the assessment undertaken, it is likely that a take of this magnitude would result in adverse effects on the environment over the medium to long-term.

For context the Branxholme Treatment Plant produces on average 25-26 MLD. Any alternate supply doesn't need to produce the same volumes as Branxholme due to the intent that it be an emergency and potentially supplementary supply only.

Fast Track Approval Act: Project Submission to Schedule 2 has been made for this project.

\$60.8 million is budgeted for the alternative water supply project. Whilst the option of an alternative source at Awarua via aquifer is being investigated in depth a number of options for an alternative source are being considered for business casing including increasing reservoir capacity and alternate river sources, these have cost ranges of \$53-\$155 million.

A number of other options were also initially considered with cost estimates in excess of \$500 million. The current budgeted figure reflects a reasonable level of confidence in the viability of the current Awarua supply option.

Business Case development continues with assessment of alternate options.

Notification to property owners has been sent out, advising of Council intention and the importance of aquifer contamination security.

Calder Stewart Developments are considering investigations for a separate water supply to their proposed Awarua industrial subdivision. Staff are in discussion with Calder Stewart in this regard.

Clifton Wastewater Consent

The project has been initiated commencing with information gathering to assist in defining the current situation. The current consent expires on 30 June 2029. Presentations from Environment Southland Science team have been provided highlighting the poor ecological condition of the New River Estuary. It should be noted that the estuary is already in a poor condition before reaching the treatment plant and while the treatment is considered by Environment Southland to be contributing to Environmental issues in the estuary it is one of a number of contributing factors.

Provision of \$103.7 million for Clifton is allowed for within the Long-term Plan. This project has a high level of budget uncertainty as we work through the Resource Management Act process

for determining a Best Practicable Option. Clifton has been externally assessed as having options ranging from \$40 million to in excess of \$200 million.

Issues

No issues reported.

Next Steps

Bluff Wastewater Consent

Preparation of the Multi Criteria Assessment (MCA) criteria and weightings is being finalised. Technical Investigations and Monitoring are on-going.

Community communications on progress will commence in July, post LTP adoption. Consultation with key stakeholders is continuing, including the Partnership with Te Rūnaka o Awarua, Te Ao Mārama.

Project is on programme for the preferred option selection in September 2024.

Alternate Water Supply

Te Runanga Awarua and TAMI have confirmed they require to be kept informed of progress only for Alternate Water at this stage.

Installation of an additional well commences at the end of June, once installed further hydraulic testing will be undertaken to improve our understanding of the aquifer capacity. The performance report is scheduled to be available in October.

The process remains on track for consent lodgement in 2025.

Attachments

1. Bluff Wastewater Consent Dashboard Report (A5390094).
2. Alternate Water Supply Dashboard Report (A5390128).

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A5390094



Report to: Erin Moogan Phase: Consent Project Manager: Alistair Snow

PROJECT HEALTH STATUS: (1 = Green (OK), 2 = Amber (WATCH), 3 = Red (ESCALATE))				PROJECTS STATUS			
ID		Previous	Current	DESCRIPTION	Item	Amount	Notes
1	Schedule	Green	Green	On Programme, programme version 1.3. Shortlist of options confirmed. BPO Workshop 12 September.	Budget (incl. contingency)	\$ 1,350,000.00	
2	Financials	Amber	Amber	Procurement Waiver Addendum 2.0 approved \$500K. Committed \$480K. Next Waiver submitted for approval, \$1,115K Affordability Statement is being prepared by Finance.	Spend to date	\$ 355,313.00	Committed \$480K
3	Scope	Green	Green	Shortlist selected.	Original contingency allowance		
4	Resources	Green	Green	Planning for a further two procurement waiver processes to complete the project, 1.0 Stage 3:Shortlist - Consent Lodgement Phase, lodged for approval 2.0 Stage 4: Post Lodgement Services	Remaining contingency	\$ 101,442.00	allowance included in forecast
5	Issues	Green	Green	NTR	Forecast to completion	\$ 1,115,862.00	Based on current Forecasts, subject to shortlisting and work plan methodology, excl significance scope
6	Risks	Green	Green	NTR	Known claims		
7	Dependencies	Green	Green	* Shortlist confirmation (Governance Group, Infrastructure committee) * Community Communications to commence July 24' following LTP consultation	Variance (forecast less budget)		
8	Quality	Green	Green	NTR	Key Messages: * Multi Criteria Analyses - Quantitative criteria being development, finalised end of jne, investigations and monitoring progressing * Affordability Statement is being drafted. * Consideration of Council's significance and engagement policy. * Shortlist notification to Infrastructure Committee * Engagement of TRONT with regards to MACA progressing		
9	Stakeholder	Green	Green	* Infrastructure Committee Meeting - 02 July * Bluff Community Board - 10 June * Marine and Coastal Area engagement - TRONT to be notified * Engagement Plan drafting for July commencement			
10	Benefits	Green	Green	NTR			
11	Health & Safety	Amber	Amber	NTR			
OVERALL				The overall Health Status of the consenting programme remains at amber. MCA process is progressing and Infrastructure committee is to receive the short list selection. Drafting of the Engagement plan and affordability statement are progressing. TRONT notification for MACA progressing.			

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1	8/04/2024	Governance Group & Infrastructure Committee Notification	Governance Group Agenda, Infrastructure Committee Agenda	EM / AS	Governance Group Notification Minuted, Infrastructure Committee Meets July 24'
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1	Programme		Current Discharge Consent Expires 31 December 2025	Monitor, Sieving Process progressing to programme
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3	Process		Consent application subject to Best Practicable Option process. Forecasting subject to stage gate outcomes	Undertake BPO process as defined by Stantec. Utilise previous experience of consultant team. Regular updating forecasts
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5	Affordability		Informed decision making on financial impact to rates	Affordability Criteria Briefing and statement

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LOCAL WATER DONE WELL - UPDATE

To:	Infrastructure and Projects Committee
Meeting Date:	Tuesday 2 July 2024
From:	Andrew Strahan
Approved:	Erin Moogan - Group Manager - Infrastructure
Approved Date:	Wednesday 26 June 2024
Open Agenda:	Yes
Public Excluded Agenda:	No

Purpose and Summary

The report provides an update on the Government's Local Water Done Well Policy, resulting legislation and ICC's response.

The report provides further assessment of the Local Government (Water Services Preliminary Arrangements) Bill which was introduced on 30 May 2024.

The report also describes the work that is progressing at a regional level to respond to the Government's legislation program, through the Otago Southland Mayoral and CE Forum. With this context, the report outlines the likely steps, subject to further detailed planning, that the ICC will need to take to assess the options that are available and arrive at a decision, as to the way forward.

Recommendations

That the Infrastructure and Projects Committee:

1. Receives the report "Local Water Done Well - Update".

Background

With the election of a new Government, on 14 December 2023 the Minister of Local Government (the Minister) announced a new direction for water services delivery and the intention to repeal the previous government's water services legislation.

On 13 February 2024, the Minister introduced the Water Services Acts Repeal Bill (the First Bill). The First Bill was enacted on 16 February 2024 and repealed the establishment of the water

service entities and requires Councils to provide for water services in their 2024-34 long-term plans.

The Minister advised that further legislation will be introduced to implement the Government's Local Water Done Well Policy. This will be progressed in a two-stage approach.

The Local Government (Water Services Preliminary Arrangements) Bill (Second Bill) lays the foundations for councils to move to the next stage of water reform. The Second Bill was introduced on 30 May 2024 and, subject to parliamentary timetables, is expected to be passed by August 2024.

A Decision Paper, with supporting analysis and a draft submission was presented to 11 June 2024 ICC Extra Ordinary Meeting. Council confirmed that the submission be lodged with a request for Mayor Clarke and the Chief Executive to present to the Finance & Expenditure Select Committee in support of the submission.

Analysis

With the legislation recently released, high-level planning has been completed as to the required ICC response. More detailed planning will be completed over the coming weeks.

Work has progressed with the Otago Southland Mayoral and CE forum creating a working sub-group to frame up a regional response. ICC is represented within the working group, alongside Dunedin City Council, Clutha District Council, Southland Regional Council and recently, Queenstown Lakes District Council.

Attachment 1 comprises a report which provides the following:

- a. Local Water Done Well - Legislation Status.
- b. Key themes from other submissions to the Second Bill.
- c. A summary of the Otago Southland Local Water Done Well Regional Response – including an outline of the approach being followed to:
 - i. Define a Regional Delivery Model.
 - ii. Scope and size four Regional Collaboration Wins.
 - iii. Identify National Collaboration and Shared Service Opportunities.
- d. High level steps to forming an ICC position on Local Water Done Well.
- e. Early view of key risks.

The report provides a progress snapshot and further updates on progress and the outcomes of detailed planning toward an ICC specific response to the legislation, will be provided to future Infrastructure and Projects Committee meetings.

Next Steps

Continued participation in the Otago Southland Local Water Done Well Working Group and associated work plan.

Chief Executives to attend end July Ngāi Tahu Takiwā meeting – identify any opportunities that may assist our response to Local Water Done Well.

Plan out an ICC response to Local Water Done Well that aligns with the regional approach and places all options on the table for consideration.

Continue to provide updates to the ICC Infrastructure and Projects Committee, at least bi-monthly or more frequently as required.

Provide an update to all ICC 3 Waters staff on the recent Local Government (Water Services Preliminary Arrangements) Bill.

Attachments

1. Local Water Done Well - ICC Infrastructure Committee Briefing (A5420955)

Local Water Done Well

ICC Infrastructure Committee Briefing

2 July 2024

A5420955



Legislation Status

- The Local Government (Water Services Preliminary Arrangements) Bill (Bill 2) was introduced to Parliament on 30 May 24.
- Government is working to an accelerated timeframe with an expectation that the legislation will be passed by August 2024.

Bill Submission Key Themes

- Extend timeframes to complete Water Service Delivery Plan's (WSDP) – most recommended an increase from 12 to 24 months
- Better definition of 'demonstrating financial sustainability'
- WSDP should cover a longer-term timeframe than 10 years (most recommended 30 years).
- WSDP should integrate better with existing Council planning processes
- Define timeframes for WSDP review and approval
- Make streamlining provisions for CCO's available for other delivery options
- Limit intervention by providing upfront support, guidance and direct funding.
- Delivery of process, analysis and consultation requirements are likely to be considerable and have not been provided for within LTP's.
- Establishment of a Water Services CCO or alternatives impacts the future role, functions, community relationships and financial position of councils.

A summary of Bill 2 Requirements is provided in Appendix 1.

What's in a Water Service Delivery Plan?

- Description of the current state of water services, levels of service and areas serviced;
- Compliance with regulatory requirements;
- Required capital and operational expenditure;
- Financial projections for the next 10 years;
- Asset management approach;
- Any issues, risks or constraints;
- How revenue will be separated from other functions and activities; and
- A proposal to ensure water services will be financially sustainable by 30 June 2028 including joint plans between Council's if applicable

WSDP Consultation / Review and Approval

- Bill 2 clarifies that a council resolution to adopt a WSDP is required. As such, the decision-making provisions in the Local Government Act 2002 will apply with ensuing Significance & Engagement Policy public engagement / consultation requirements.
- If a council struggles to submit a WSDP or agree on a joint plan, the Minister can appoint a Crown facilitator to assist with preparation and negotiations.
- The Minister can also appoint a Crown water services specialist to prepare WSDPs for a council or direct the council to adopt a WSDP prepared by the specialist, potentially bypassing the council's lead role.
- For submitted plans, The Secretary for Local Government may only accept a WSDP if satisfied that it complies with the Act.
- If they judged to not comply, Councils would like be requested to provide further information, or to amend and resubmit their plans.

Bill 3 – What’s expected and when.

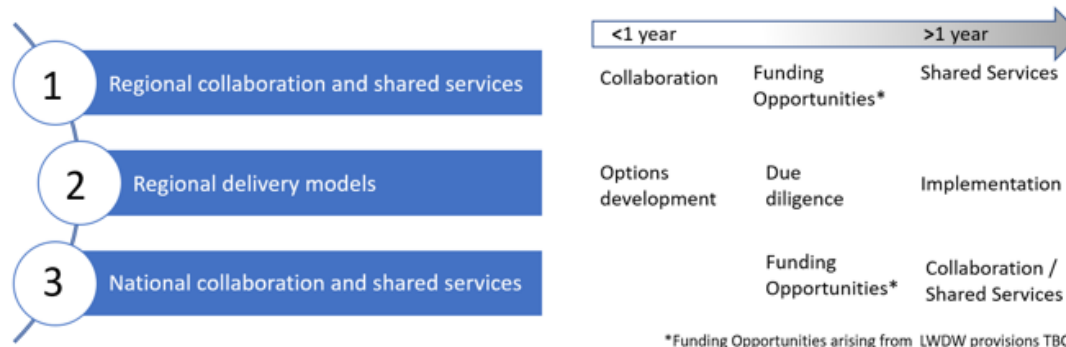
The Minister has advised that a Third Bill (Bill 3) providing for the long-term replacement regime will be introduced in December 2024 and is expected to be passed by mid 2025.

Bill 3 is expected to deliver a more detailed and enduring water services regulatory framework.

Otago Southland - Regional Response

Three parallel activities

Three groups of activities are introduced in the figure below and detailed in the slides that follow



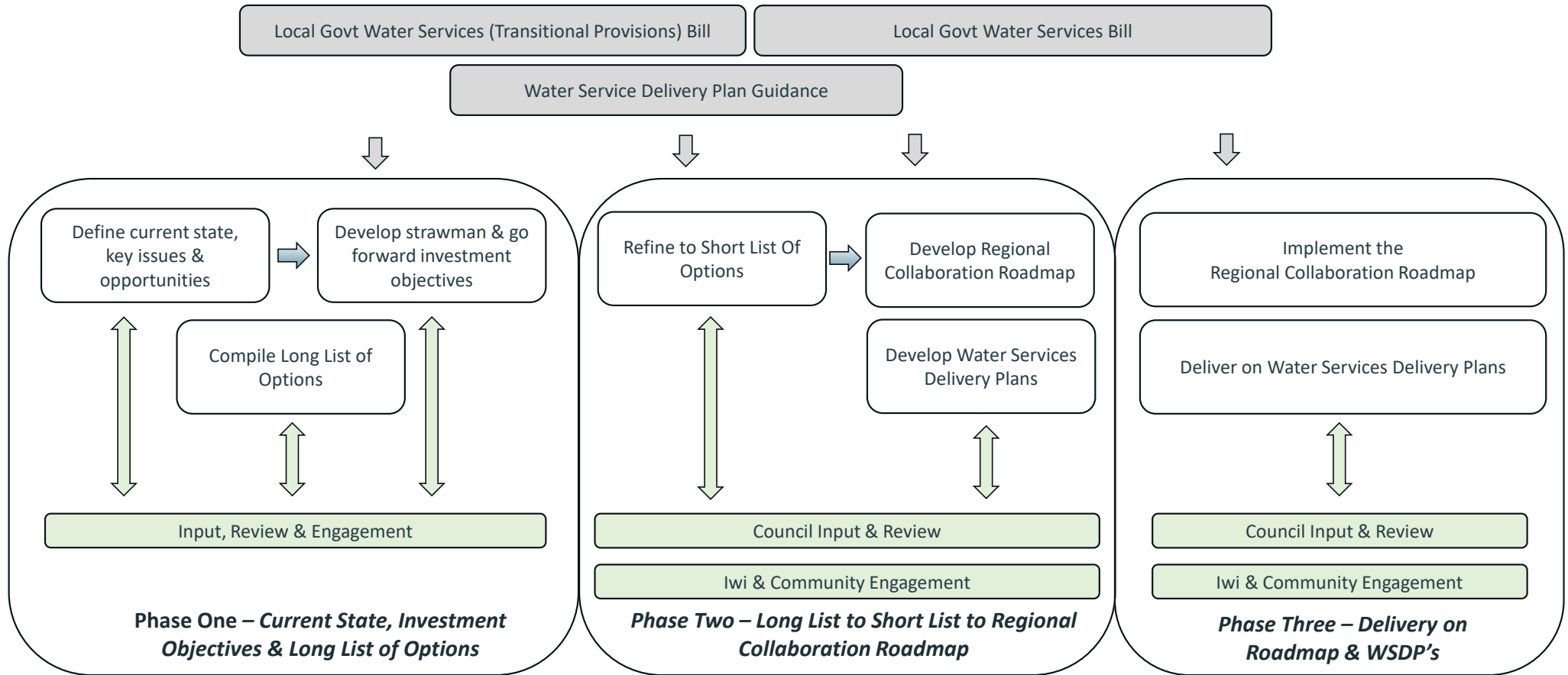
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Clutha District Council



Approach to defining a Regional Delivery Model



Regional Collaboration Wins

1. Strengthening Our Regulatory Position through:

a) Creating Consistent Water Safety Plans

b) Drinking Water Quality Assurance Rules – Backflow Prevention

1. Managing and Operating our networks and facilities consistently

- Review of Control systems, e.g. Scada
- Review of Data Standards

2. Creating An Efficient And Consistent Position On Subdivision Planning

Principles used to Identify Collaboration Wins

- Join up existing teams and foster collaboration
- No change to reporting lines / funding
- Each Council bears its own costs
- Good cost / effort efficiencies on offer e.g. through standardized approach / templates / interactions
- National standards exist and offer a template for Councils to implement to a common standard.
- No / minimal regret effort / spend - in the scenario of a future setup of a Regional / Sub Regional Collaboration model.

National Collaboration & Shared Services

These opportunities will become apparent with time – we need to be flexible to adapt the work we are doing when determining Regional Collaboration Wins and a Regional Delivery Model to incorporate national / inter-regional opportunities of potential value.

Potential Sources include:

- Water NZ
- DIA direction
- Other regions may offer services
- What services could the Southland / Otago region offer Councils / Regions
- NTU material (*Over 10k Program Outputs catalogued and provided for download*)

High Level Plan



DIA Key Dates

Water Services Delivery Plan (WSDP) Guidance
 DIA Check Ins
 Submit Final WSDP



Legislation - (Subject to legislative timetable)

Local Govt Water Services (Transitional Provisions) Bill
 Local Govt Water Services Bill



Regional Delivery Model Definition - Indicative Plan

Phase 1 - Investment Objectives, Current state & long list
 Phase 2 - Refine to short list & develop Regional Collaboration Road Map
 Phase 3 - Implement the Regional Collaboration Roadmap



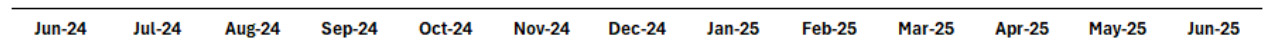
Regional Collaboration Wins - Indicative Plan

Define Short list of Collaboration Wins
 Form teams to size / scope & define implementation approach
 Delivery



Councils

Councils Prepare WSDP in isolation / collaboration



Forming an ICC View & Way Forward

- Participating in Otago Southland Delivery model and Collaboration Win investigations provides the basis for comparing relative merits and drawbacks of an overall / subgroup approach to LWDW vs. ICC alone.
- Define what is the most advantageous 'ICC alone model' is it via a WSCCO / status quo / other option?

Appendix 1 – Bill 2 Requirements Summary

Alternative Consultation for Water Services Council Controlled Organisation's (for Council's that elect this option). Features of the process are:

- Councils do not have to consider “all reasonably practicable options”. They may identify two options only - being the status quo and the proposed new arrangement;
- Councils are only required to consult once, and do not have to consult on any amendments to the LTP that are required because of a decision relating to a WSCCO;
- Councils may conditionally approve an LTP plan amendment subject to the agreement by other parties to a joint arrangement;
- Councils may (but are not required to) consider the impact of a joint WSCCO on communities in the areas covered by the joint arrangement (not just their own districts);
- Councils will be temporarily exempt from having to consider the cost-effectiveness of current arrangements for meeting the community's needs, under section 17A of the Local Government Act 2002;

Adoption and Consultation

- Council resolution required to adopt WSDPs, per LGA, likely involving community consultation.
- Decisions on whether to deliver services alone or enter joint arrangements services council-controlled organisations (WSCCOs) or another vehicle).



ELDERLY PERSONS HOUSING POLICY - PETS

To:	Infrastructure and Projects Committee
Meeting Date:	Tuesday 2 July 2024
From:	Heather Guise – Property Portfolio Manager
Approved:	Erin Moogan - Group Manager - Infrastructure Services
Approved Date:	Wednesday 26 June 2024
Open Agenda:	Yes
Public Excluded Agenda:	No

Purpose and Summary

The Government is proposing changes to the Residential Tenancies Act 1986 through the Residential Tenancies Amendment Bill which includes proposed changes to pet rules, triggering a review of how this might affect Council's Elderly Persons Housing Policy.

Recommendations

That the Infrastructure and Projects Committee:

1. Receives the report "Elderly Persons Housing Policy - Pets".

Recommends to Council

2. The Elderly Persons Housing Policy remain in its current form with no changes to the policy regarding pets.

Background

Council adopted the Elderly Persons Housing Policy at its meeting held on 31 October 2023. A copy of the Policy is attached as Appendix 1 (A5414209).

The Council Policy allows for tenants to keep a cat, bird or fish (within conditions) but does not exclude tenants from having a dog, with the exception of a certified Disability Assist Dog. The policy regarding pets in Council units followed existing practice prior to adoption of the policy with the exception of allowing for Disability Assist Dogs which were not previously accepted. Companion dogs are not considered to be Disability Assist Dogs in terms of the Dog Control Act 1996.

Tenants on the waiting list with dogs are aware of the no dogs policy and have, in the past, remained on the list until such time as the dog has either passed away or they have successfully rehomed the dog, at which time a suitable unit was made available to the tenant.

Proposed changes through the Residential Tenancies Amendment Bill relating to pets have prompted whether a review of the Policy is required allowing tenants to have pets (in particular dogs) in Council-owned units.

The Residential Tenancies Amendment Bill proposes to amend the Residential Tenancies Act 1986 so that a 'pet bond' may be required by landlords up to a maximum value of two weeks' rent (in addition to the regular rental bond).

In order to keep a pet in a rental property, the Bill requires the tenant to obtain written consent from their landlord, who may only refuse on reasonable grounds.

Reasonable grounds may include (but are not limited to) the following:

- The premises are not suitable for the pet or pets (for example, because of the size or fencing of the premises, or other unique features of the premises);
- The pet or pets are not suitable for the property;
- Due to size, type, breed, or propensity for causing damage to premises or disruption to other persons residing in the neighbourhood; or
- Because it is, or they include, a dog that has been classified as dangerous or menacing under the Dog Control Act 1996; or
- Because there is good reason to believe it has, or they have, previously attacked persons or other animals.

The Bill intends to make tenants fully liable for careless and accidental pet-related damage that is beyond fair wear and tear.

The Bill also includes pet consent and bond-related infringement offences, unlawful acts, and associated penalties to support compliance with the new rules.

The closing date for submissions on the Residential Tenancies Amendment Bill is Wednesday, 3 July 2024 and would then go to the Select Committee for hearing of submissions, deliberation and presentation for the second reading of the Bill. At this stage Council is not planning to make a submission.

Issues and Options

Analysis

It is acknowledged that pets can be great companions to elderly persons who live alone and Council's Policy already allows for tenants to have some types of pets. It does not allow for tenants to keep dogs (with the exception of certified Disability Assist Dogs).

Prior to developing the Policy, extensive research was completed to determine whether Council's housing units were appropriate for keeping a dog.

There are no internal fences within the housing complexes and limited available outdoor space does not allow for a kennel and/or tethering of a dog which contains the dog within unit grounds without directly impacting public spaces, i.e. walk ways.

Complexes were designed to maximise capacity with limited indoor and outdoor space, which would not support tenants exercising their dogs off a leash. In terms of being a responsible owner, tenants would not be able to achieve this due to the containment requirements. Other Territorial Authorities within New Zealand consider a responsible dog owner to be one where the property on which the dog resides is suitably fence and gated to contain the dog while allowing dog-free access to a door to the dwelling.

Consideration was also given to potential nuisance factors including noise and odour in higher density living environments.

Research conducted regarding what other Councils within the lower South Island allowed noted that most Councils had a no dog policy and some did not allow pets of any kind. It is acknowledged that the Southland District Council does allow tenants to keep a dog but this is generally in relation to a dog which is already a family pet and there are conditions relating to the breed of the dog and how long the dog has been with the family. The location of the housing complex and available green space is also a factor taken into consideration.

Should Council determine to change the Policy allowing tenants to keep a dog (other than certified Disability Assist Dogs), specific parameters would be required including (but not limited to) the following:

- There is a limit of one dog per unit;
- The dog is an existing family pet and has been with the family for a specified length of time, (eg over seven years);
- The dog is considered to be of small/medium size;
- The dog has been de-sexed and microchipped;
- The dog is on leash at all times when not contained within the "unit boundary" inside the complex;
- There is suitable outdoor space available allowing for toileting area, a kennel and/or tether which does not impact public spaces, to be constructed at the cost of the tenant;
- Following the death of the existing dog, no replacement dog is allowed.

Dogs classified as dangerous or menacing, or probationary owners are not allowed.

If allowing dogs, consideration should also be given to the following:

- Implementation of a pet bond should the Bill be passed, noting Council rents are below market rates and there is a maximum bond proposed of two weeks.
- Recovery of costs associated with careless or accidental pet related damage to Council property should the Bill be passed.
- Limiting the numbers of dogs on any one housing complex which would take into consideration the land size, maximum occupants and surrounding areas.
- Requiring a tenant to rehome the dog in the event of justified nuisance complaints.
- Requiring a tenant to rehome the dog should the tenant be no longer able to adequately care for and look after the dog.

Significance

Any changes which might be made to the Elderly Persons Housing Policy are minor and would not trigger Council's Significance Policy.

Options

	Option	Advantages	Disadvantages
1.	No change to the Policy Recommended Option	No extra cost to Council in regard to increased compliance for nuisance complaints or recovery for damages to property. Does not contravene any amendment proposed through the Bill as Council already allows for pets but excludes dogs on the basis that they are not suitable for the property.	Applicants with dogs remain on the waiting list until such time as the dog either is rehomed or passes away making their wait potentially longer than necessary.
2.	Allow for changes to the Elderly Persons Housing Policy as it relates to keeping dogs as pets by tenants.	Tenants will be able to move into a Council unit with an existing family dog without suffering from loss.	Increased cost to Tenant by way of installation of suitable facilities and, in the event of passing of the Bill, a pet bond. Significant restriction required on numbers, ages and types of dogs. Potential increases in nuisance complaints. Potential increases in costs regarding compliance and recovery for damages to property. Complexes are unfenced and dogs must be contained or on leash at all times meaning the tenant would not be considered a responsible owner in that respect.

Community Views

If the Policy remains unchanged, there is nothing to consult on. Should Council determine to make a change to the policy as relating to keeping dogs, then this will affect new applicants only and it is not recommended that the proposed change to the policy be consulted on.

Implications and Risks

Strategic Consistency

The current Policy aligns with and supports Council's delivery of the housing activity as part of the current Long-term plan.

Financial Implications

There are no financial implications should the Policy remain as it is.

Legal Implications

Should the Bill come into effect and amend the Residential Tenancies Act, then Council still has reasonable grounds to refuse to allow Tenants to have a dog as, on balance, the complexes are not considered suitable for dogs.

Risk

There are no risks associated with retaining the Policy in its current form.

Next Steps

Staff will carry out the actions as directed by Council.

Attachments

1. Elderly Persons Housing Policy (A5414209).



Elderly Persons Housing Policy

Effective 31 October 2023





Elderly persons Housing Policy

Background:

Invercargill City Council owns and maintains a number of Elderly Persons Housing Rental Units (“Rental Units”) within Invercargill and Bluff. These Rental Units are made available to rent for older citizens who meet various eligibility criteria.

Purpose:

This policy provides guidelines on the following:

- Eligibility criteria for prospective tenants
- The expectations and rules for tenants living in Council owned Rental Units.

Scope:

This policy applies to everyone who wishes to apply for housing at a Rental Unit, and all current tenants of Rental Units.

Rental Units are not provided as social housing, but are intended to help meet the housing needs of elderly persons.





Related documents:

Further information for tenants is found in the Tenant Information Booklet – tenants are required to comply with their Tenancy Agreement, this policy and the provisions of the Tenant Information Booklet.

Definitions:

Assets	Assets include investments (including KiwiSaver and other private Superannuation funds), prepaid funeral accounts, money in trusts, savings, real estate and any items of significant value. They do not include furniture, personal effects or (usually) vehicle.
Council	Invercargill City Council
Council Officer	Any officer of Council or any other authorised person carrying out work on behalf of Council.
Disability Assist Dog	As defined in section 2 of the Dog Control Act 1996. Generally this means any dog certified to assist a person with a visual, hearing, mobility or other disability.
GRI	Gross New Zealand Superannuation rate.
Rental Units	Housing owned and managed by Council for the purposes of meeting elderly housing needs in the Invercargill City district. As per national standards, Rental Units are not considered social housing.
Smoking	Refers to the use of any smoking device, including vapes, cigarettes, cigars, pipes, and e-cigarettes.
Tenancies Act	Residential Tenancies Act 1986





Eligibility

Age

Applicants will only be considered for a Rental Unit if they are at least 65 years old at the date of application.

Asset Limits

The value of an applicant's assets will affect the priority your application receives. The asset limit is set by Council and may be adjusted from time to time. Currently the asset limit is \$50,000 per application.

If an applicant's assets are more than \$50,000 then they will not be eligible for a Rental Unit.

Income Limits

The income limit for single people and couples is currently GRI (the gross New Zealand Superannuation rate) plus 30%.

Independence

Council is not an aged care provider. The Rental Units are stand-alone and applicants need to be able to live and care for themselves independently.

The use of home support services will not mean applications are automatically excluded but will be a factor considered when determining the ability of the Rental Unit and this service to meet the needs of the applicant. Applicants may be required to complete a medical assessment at their own cost as part of their application, in order to help us ensure the appropriate unit is allocated for their needs.

Citizenship / Residency

Applicants must be a New Zealand Citizen or have Residency / Permanent Residency. If an applicant was born overseas they will need to provide proof of Residency or Citizenship.

Good Character

Council must be satisfied that the applicant will be a good tenant and able to live co-operatively with others on the site. When applying for housing the applicant will be asked to supply two character references, and will also have an informal interview with a member of the Council housing team.





Waiting List

If the application is successful, the applicant's name will be placed on Council's waiting list. They will be offered the next available Rental Unit when their name reaches the top of the waiting list.

Council will regularly review the waiting list and applicants may be required to submit updated proof of continued eligibility. Council has the discretion to move people up or down the list as needed, based on factors such as urgency, changes in circumstances, and connection to the Invercargill district.

Change in Circumstances

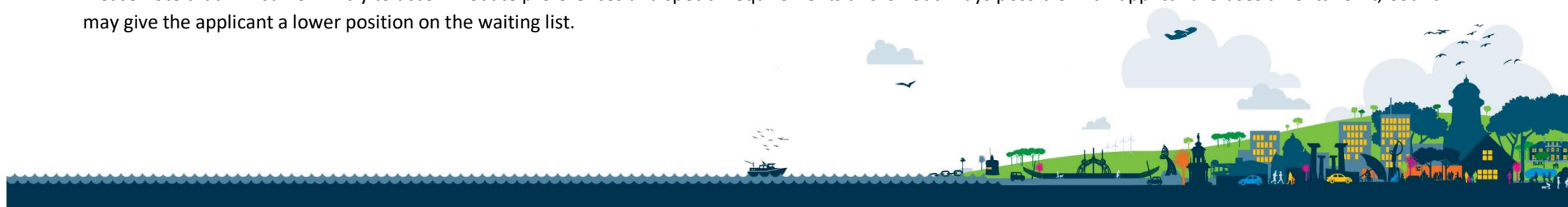
An applicant must inform Council if at any point during the application process their circumstances change significantly so that they may no longer meet the eligibility criteria. This includes if their assets go over the asset limit or if they develop complex medical needs. Applicants may be required to undergo further medical assessment to determine independence, at their own cost.

Existing tenants who have a change in circumstances relating to asset criteria may have this reflected in a market rental being implemented. If an existing tenant develops complex medical needs they are encouraged to inform Council so that these needs can be accommodated as much as possible. Where an existing tenant is no longer able to live independently, Council will work with the tenant and their whānau or next of kin (as appropriate) to help them find more suitable accommodation.

Allocation of Rental Units

When a Rental Unit is vacated it will be offered to the next applicant on the list for whom it would be suitable. The applicant usually has five days to decide whether to accept. However, an extension may be given in certain circumstances.

Please note that whilst we will try to accommodate preferences and special requirements this is not always possible. If an applicant refuses a Rental Unit, Council may give the applicant a lower position on the waiting list.





Council will not allow shifts between Rental Units unless this will significantly improve the wellbeing of the tenant applying for the shift. For example, a tenant in Bluff requires ongoing medical assistance and moves to an Invercargill Rental Unit to accommodate this. Any change of tenancy in these circumstances would require the tenant to complete a new tenancy agreement and adhere to the current Policy.

Making an Application

Applicants need to fill out the Elderly Persons Housing application form (available from Te Hīnaki Civic Building on Esk Street or Council's website – www.icc.govt.nz). Council will require two independent character references, and confirmation of assets and income values. Council may also undertake credit reference checks or request further information to determine the applicant's assets and income eligibility, or require medical assessment to determine independence.

If the applicant meets the eligibility criteria they will be invited to have an informal interview with the Housing Officer to discuss their needs and any further requirements for the applicants.

Once the interview process is successfully completed they may be added to the wait list and Council will advise the applicant in writing about the outcome.

Tenancies Act

Council will at all times comply with its legal duties as a landlord under the Residential Tenancies Act 1986.

When starting a new tenancy, Council will sign a tenancy agreement with the new tenant. Refer to the Tenancy Services website for a sample (www.tenancy.govt.nz/forms-and-resources). New tenants are encouraged to seek legal advice before signing the agreement.

Per the Tenancies Act, Council charges a bond of up to four weeks' rent payable before the tenant moves in.





Council Supplied Facilities

Council provides various amenities. Further details can be found in the Tenant Information Booklet and individual Tenancy Agreements.

Tenant Supplied Facilities

As a general rule tenants are to supply their own furniture. Further guidance can be found in the Tenant Information Booklet.

Parking

Limited car parking is available for tenant use only. Car parks are generally not allocated to particular tenants or Rental Units (except in specific circumstances), so courtesy and co-operation over use of car parking is necessary. Tenants must inform Council of their vehicle's registration plate so it can be noted as a permitted vehicle.

Visitors to tenants (including service agents) may use the car parks briefly, for instance when collecting and dropping off tenants for shopping or appointments, but are asked not to use them for extended periods of time.

Alterations

Tenants may not make any alterations to units without written permission, not to be unreasonably withheld, in accordance with the Tenancies Act.

Repairs and maintenance

Council will carry out regular tenancy inspections to determine if any repairs or maintenance are required. Tenants should notify Council of any repairs or maintenance issues as soon as possible.





Pets

No dogs are allowed, with the exception of a certified Disability Assist Dog.

Tenants may keep a cat (one only), a bird, or fish. When moving into a Rental Unit or if acquiring a cat, the tenant must provide Council with proof of desexing, microchipping, and vaccinations.

Tenants must not leave pet food out for long periods of time as this can attract mice, rats and other pests. Tenants are responsible for cleaning up after their pet in all circumstances.

If a pet is found to be causing a nuisance, Council may require the tenant to rehome it.

Smoking

Council encourages a healthy community and clean air environment with a view to improving the health and wellbeing of its tenants. Smoking and vaping is not allowed inside any housing unit by any person.

All new tenancy agreements from the effective date of this policy will include a clause stating that smoking and vaping is banned.

No changes will be made to existing tenancy agreements regarding smoking as a result of this policy, but tenants are kindly reminded that they are requested not to smoke indoors.

Welfare

Council acknowledges its role as landlord, and as such, will be diligent and accessible towards the general welfare of tenants.

It is not the responsibility of Council to provide social services to the tenants, as these services are better provided by other professional service providers.





Where Council staff are concerned about the health or welfare of any tenants, the next of kin / emergency contact will be contacted in the first instance.

Privacy

Council will not enter a Housing Unit without the tenant's permission. The only exception to this is where proper notice has been given, or in an emergency.

Rent

Rent is paid fortnightly, in advance. Tenants will be asked to pay rent up to the next billing cycle at the beginning of the tenancy, and then every fortnight from that time (preferably by automatic payment).

Rents are set by Council during the Annual Plan and Long Term Plan process and current rental amounts can be found under the Housing applications area on www.icc.govt.nz. Rents may differ between units based on the amenities provided.

Rent Reviews:

Rent will not be increased in the first twelve months of a tenancy, but it will be reviewed annually thereafter.



Revision History:	N/A
Effective Date:	31 October 2023
Review Period:	This policy will be reviewed every six (6) years unless earlier review is required due to legislative change, or is warranted by another reason requested by Council.
New Review Date:	October 2029
Associated Documents / References:	Tenant Information Booklet (A4785624)
Supersedes:	N/A
Reference Number:	A4691619
Policy Owner:	Property Portfolio Manager



CRASH REPORTING 2019-2023

To:	Infrastructure and Projects Committee
Meeting Date:	Tuesday 2 July 2024
From:	Doug Rodgers – Manager -Strategic Asset Planning
Approved:	Erin Moogan - Group Manager - Infrastructure
Approved Date:	Wednesday 26 June 2024
Open Agenda:	Yes
Public Excluded Agenda:	No

Purpose and Summary

The purpose of this report is to update the Committee on crash data and trends over the previous 5 years and utilise the information for sites that require intervention through the design of safety improvements.

Recommendations

That the Infrastructure and Projects Committee:

1. Receives the “Crash Reporting 2019-2023”.

Background

Typically, Territorial Authorities report on a regular basis, a summary of crash records in terms of trends and severity over selected periods of time. This is generally the previous full five year period.

This data is used to identify sites and corridors that either have a history currently or have the potential to increase in severity over time. This is a more proactive approach to road safety and mitigation strategies.

Trends

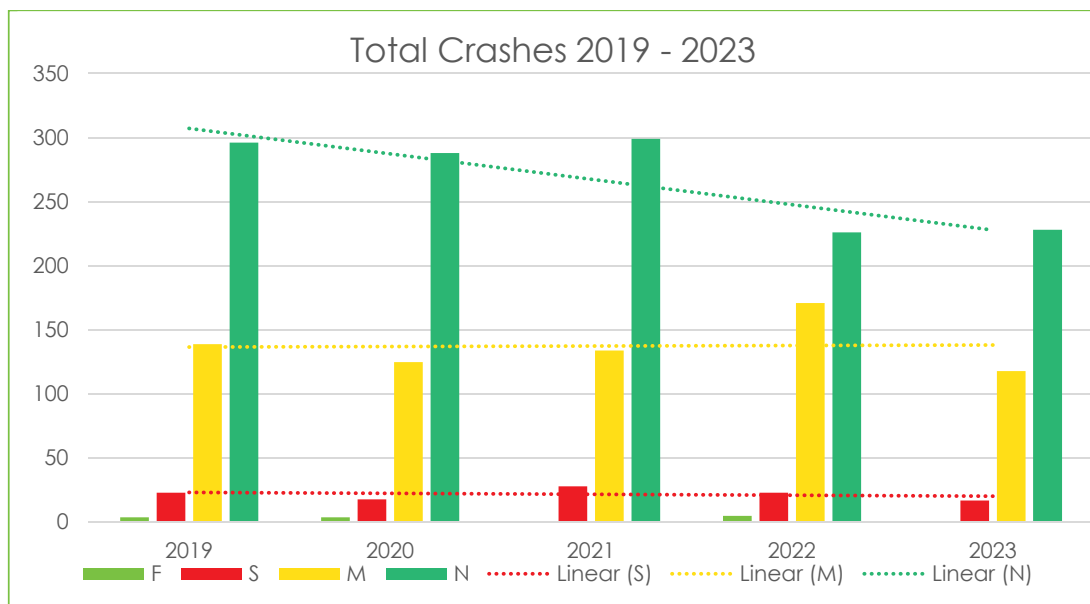
An examination of the period 2019-2023 shows that the crash trends in terms of overall numbers is heading downward. For intersections crashes the severity of crashes is upward.

General

Total crashes for the period 2019-2023 for Invercargill City is shown below and broken down by severity and year.

	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	Total by Severity
Fatal	4	4	1	5	0	14
Serious	23	18	28	23	17	109
Minor	139	125	134	171	118	687
Non-Injury	296	288	299	226	228	1337
Annual Total	462	435	462	425	336	2147

Total crashes (including non-injury) for the period 2019 to the end of 2023 was 2,147.

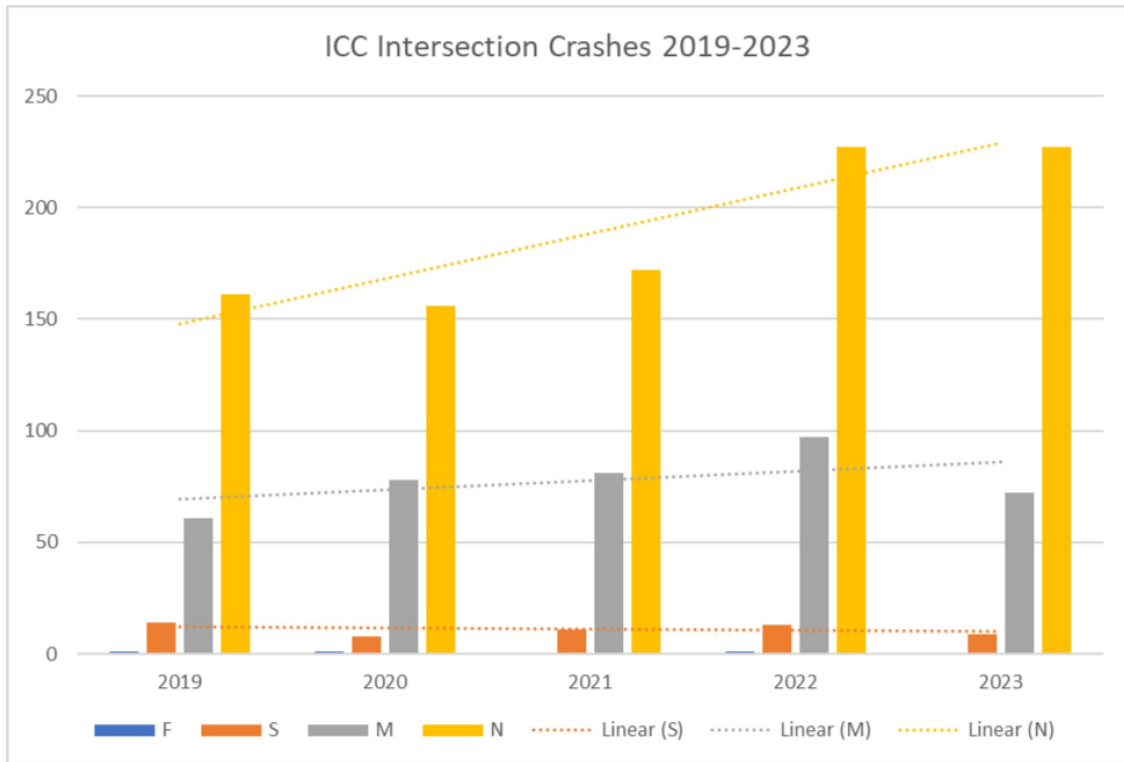


Overall crash

Intersection crashes

Invercargill City has been recently reported as having the highest intersection crash rate in the country. Note: a crash rate is the number of crashes that occur at a given location during a specified time (usually 3-5 years) divided by a measure of exposure for the same period. Exposure in the context of road crash risk is a function of current injury crashes per year and the annual average daily traffic (AADT) and some measure of a modifying factor for side friction, lane width, shoulder widths and others).

These models are different for each type of traffic environment (e.g. rural versus urban, control types, speed environment and others).



Total intersection crashes for the period 2019-2023 for Invercargill City is shown below and broken down by severity and year.

	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	Total by Severity
Fatal	1	1	0	1	0	3
Serious	14	8	11	13	9	55
Minor	61	78	81	97	72	389
Non-Injury	161	156	172	227	227	943
Annual Total	237	243	264	338	308	1390

Further analysis of this shows:

- Intersection crashes make up 65% of all crashes in Invercargill.
- Alcohol and drug were identified as a contributing factor in 13% of intersection crashes
- The most common cause is failing to give way or stop at an intersection (557 crashes or 40%).
- Other categories that have commonality are merging on approach to an intersection, rear end collisions and same direction turning collisions.

Common Trends

Overall crashes are trending downward for the 5-year period. However, it is clear that crashes at intersections remain of concern.

A deeper analysis of the types of crashes at intersections shows that whilst driver behaviours are a feature, there are engineering solutions to reduce ability of drivers to make poor decisions, such as traffic calming, intersection controls upgrades (e.g. increasing visibility).

Economic Costs

Crash costs are calculated as a social and economic cost. For example, the economic cost of a fatality was increasing linearly until 2022 to a value for preventing fatalities (VPF) of approximately \$5 million. NZTA examined this from 2017 through to 2023, through analysing the indexing that has occurred over time and it was found that a figure of \$8.3 million was the minimum value that could be applied. The range of values was found to be from \$8.3 million to \$16.9 million. A figure of \$12.5 million was found to reflect all factors.

Equally serious and minor injury crashes hold values that reflect the actual and social impacts of these injury levels. These are for serious injuries \$660,100 and for minor crashes \$68,000. Reducing crashes that reduce the exposure to levels of injury have direct societal and fiscal benefits.

Issues

Separating driver behaviour from road environment impacts is complex when considered as causal factors. The most effective approach to improving the safety of road users is to improve decision making time available. This includes, but isn't limited to, increasing visibility and safe sight distance, reducing speed of travel to reduce the severity of impacts should crashes occur (traffic calming, speed limit reductions, and education).

Costs of safety improvements are offset by NZTA's Financial Assistance Rate (FAR). Government policies have an impact on the application of this subsidy.

Council has made provision in the Long-term Plan budgets for provision of safety improvements to address the challenges of crash rates.

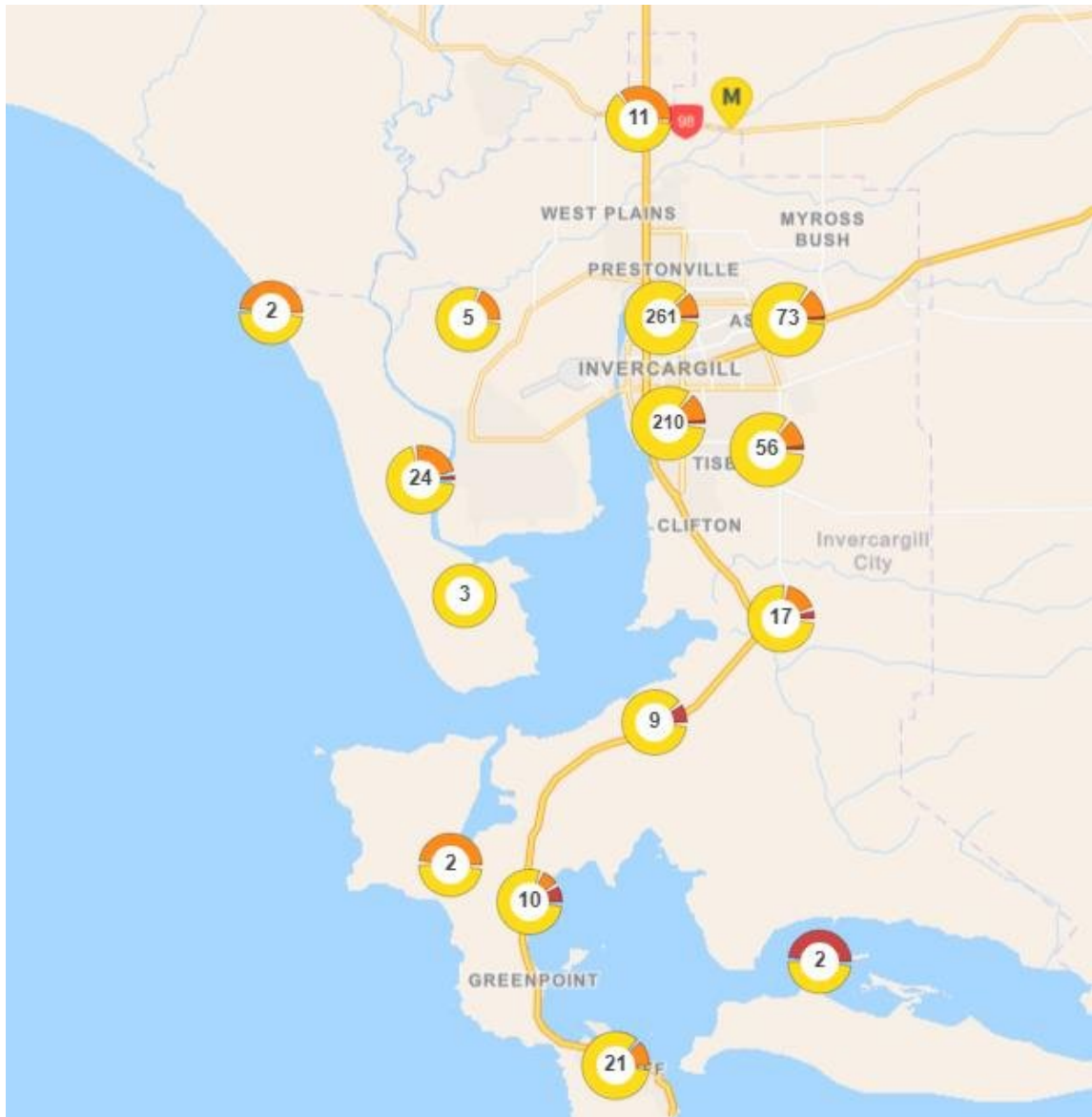


Figure 1. Locations of Fatal, Serious and Minor injury Crashes

Next Steps

Staff will continue to monitor crash rates and sites for intervention and report annually. Staff will development interventions for safety improvements based on identified 'blackspots' and crash trends.

Attachments

Not applicable.

REGIONAL PUBLIC TRANSPORT PLAN REVIEW SCOPE

To:	Infrastructure and Projects Committee
Meeting Date:	Tuesday 2 July 2024
From:	Doug Rodgers – Manager Strategic Asset Planning
Approved:	Erin Moogan - Group Manager - Infrastructure
Approved Date:	Wednesday 26 June 2024
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Purpose and Summary

The purpose of this report is to brief the committee on the planned review of the Regional Public Transport Plan to be completed in 2024.

In terms of service levels there isn't a need to increase based on capacity and demand, although patronage is now growing.

Recommendations

That the Infrastructure and Projects Committee:

1. Receives the report "Regional Public Transport Plan Review Scope"

Background

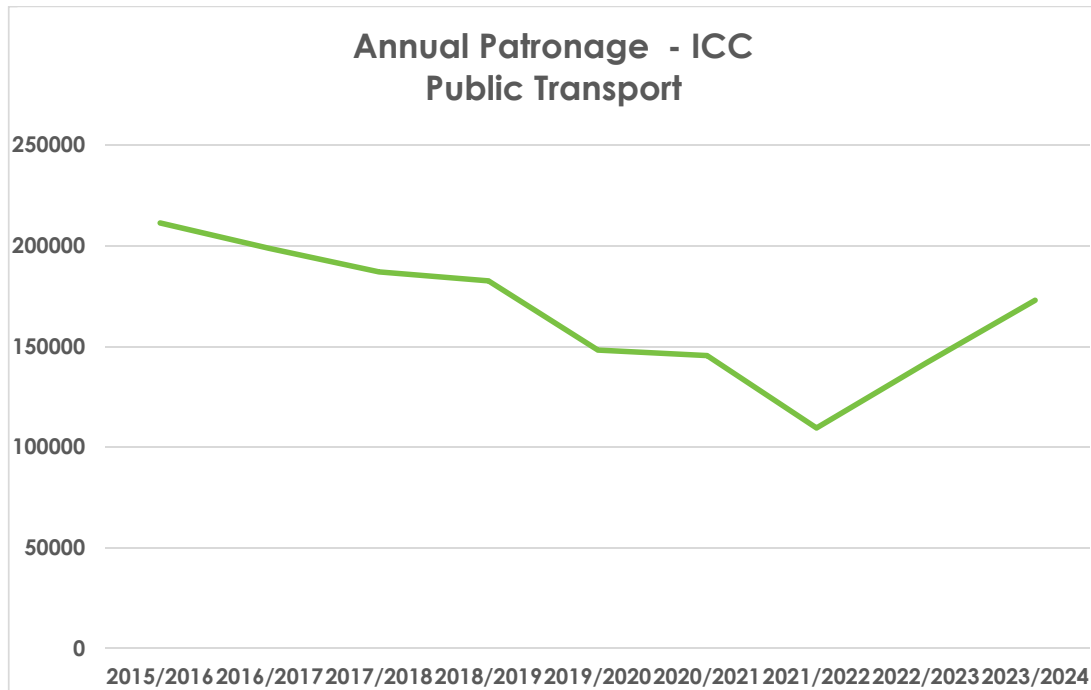
The ICC Regional Public Transport Plan was adopted in 2021 and provides a ten-year plan for the provision of public transport in Invercargill.

A review of the plan in the first three-year period can be undertaken in accordance with the Land Transport Management Act 2003.

Issues

Patronage

The impacts of COVID on patronage were felt for a considerable time in Invercargill. Yearly patronage is shown in Figure 1 below. With an extrapolated final figure for the year ending June 2024.



Patronage is recovering towards pre-COVID levels. The impact of half price fares over much of the past three years has improved patronage and seeded the recovery of the public transport network.

Price is a lever that has been used to increase the public's engagement with public transport during this time.

Current Regional Public Transport Plan Priorities

Priority 1: Ensuring access to essential goods and services

Priority 2: Achieving value for money

Priority 3: Responding to environmental priorities

Each of these priorities is based on managing a cost-effective service that meets the need of the public.

In Invercargill the demographic using public transport are generally those without transport options. These would be young people, students and to some extent the elderly, amongst others.

Priority 1 - Addresses this need, providing for access to school, work and recreation.

Priority 2 - Focuses on the value proposition for the service. The question we need to ask is are we providing value for money currently? It is reasonable to state that for users the cost is reasonable and affordable. Residents surveys confirm that most are satisfied with the cost of the service.

Priority 3 - The environmental priority focuses on the national 'net zero' goal by 2050. Although the GPS Transport has been amended and is less focused in this area, this priority can be enacted for public transport through the procurement of the upcoming contract to renew the service.

Current Outcomes Being Sought

The priorities are seen as appropriate and through a review are able to be refined to future proof the service. This is particularly so with modes, vehicle type, and the use of digital technology and to improve the experience of the disabled community.

A review will examine these matters for currency.

Actions in the Current Plan

Short Term

The Regional Public Transport Plan Action Plan has short and medium term priorities that will need to be reviewed for appropriateness and currency.

Short term goals identified in the plan are (noting a brief current status included):

1. Confirm bus smart terminus location and implement any change (completed - now on Tay Street).
2. Implement new Invercargill bus network (routes and timetables) and review prior to the next Regional Public Transport Plan (completed and now have pulse routes. Timetables have not been extended to date).
3. Have wider conversations with Southland residents and organisations (including Environment Southland, Gore District Council and Southland District Council where appropriate) about community transport needs, as reported to ICC, to understand the case for investment in services to advantage communities not currently served (more formalised stakeholder engagement is desirable).
4. Promote/market new Invercargill network and Bee Card, with a focus on attracting new users (need to revisit given the NTS and brand change. Bee Card uptake and use has been successful).
5. Work with all operators to consider stronger linkages which would support opportunities to Bluff and Rakiura/Stewart Island, and the national parks (further stakeholder both Councils and Operators needed to consider if business case is worthy of considering).
6. Monitor national development and technology changes to on-demand services (need to evaluate and consider with new contract considerations).

7. Re-tender the Invercargill bus contract prior to end of current contract (link with 6 above).
8. Develop policy and understand the impacts of a stronger transition to low or zero emissions vehicles (Need consideration of government GPS priorities and ICC direction, and incorporate if appropriate with 7 above).

A full review of achievements versus these short-term goals is part of the review.

Medium Term

As the plan is now nearing its fourth year a review of progress towards medium term (year 4-10) actions should be undertaken.

Regional Public Transport Plan Objectives and Policies

There are 10 Objectives in the Regional Public Transport Plan each with policies that inform those objectives.

1. A Southland transport system that is easily accessible for all ages and abilities and appeals to a broad customer base.
2. Improved access and travel choice for people whose needs are not met by, or who are unable to use, the public transport system.
3. Public transport services are delivered with quality infrastructure and coordinated with active modes.
4. Public transport provides a high-quality experience that meets the expectations of existing and potential customers.
5. Existing and potential customers have the information they need to use public transport.
6. A fare system that attracts and retains existing and potential customers, while balancing user contributions with public funding.
7. Effective and efficient allocation of public transport funding.
8. The vehicles used for public transport provide customers with safe, accessible and comfortable journeys, and have minimal environmental impact.
9. A procurement system that enables the efficient and effective delivery of the desired public transport system.
10. Timely information that assists a continuous process of review and improvement.

An essential part of this review is to ascertain whether these objectives remain valid and whether Council is progressing towards them and how they are introduced into future activity plans.

Next Steps

Staff will scope the review and engage consultants to complete.

Attachments

None.



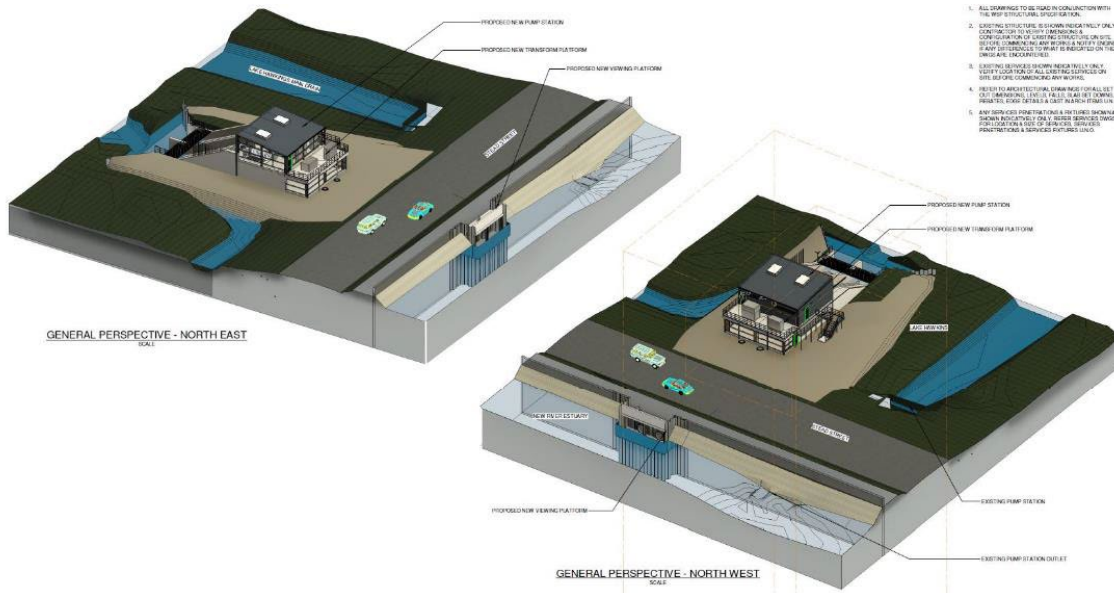
Prepared for now and our future

Stead Street Pump Station Replacement

- The original pump station shown in the inset photo was built in the 1950s.
- The old technology has resulted in difficulties in sourcing parts and electrical components, with some pump parts having to be substituted or custom manufactured.
- The 1984 flood at the peak was 1/3 of the way up the building, rendering the pump station redundant as the transformer became submerged.
- The Invercargill City Council sheet pile wall is shown on the right of the photo.



Overview



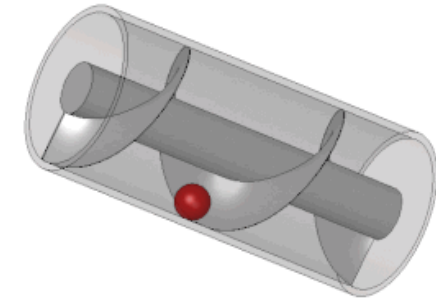
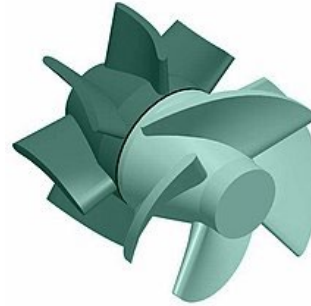
Why?

- Lake Hawkins drainage area 1,556ha, Invercargill Airport only 5ft above sea level and all requires protection from inundation sea storm surge and future flooding events.
- Flood protection a statutory obligation under the RMA.
- New pump station performance and design meets climate change modelling based on NIWA 2050 predictions for sea-level rise and rainfall data.
- Part of wider climate resilience programme ES have implemented and compliments the Stead Street Stop Bank.
- Existing axial flow pumps are not fish friendly (NES-F) and do not permit fish return for migration/spawning etc. New Archimedes screw pumps (Waikato Regional Council) have demonstrated 100% Tuna survival rate.

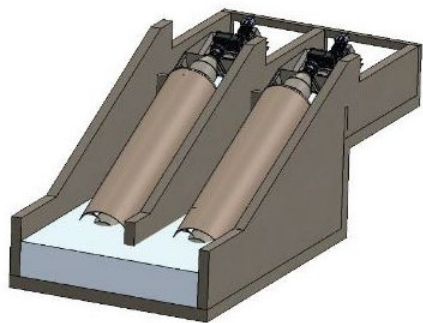


Pump Design – Axial vs Archimedes

- Existing axial flow pump impeller blades have an airfoil section over which fluid flows and pressure is developed. Fish don't survive.
- New Archimedes screw pumps lift water using an inclined plane, wrapped around a central shaft. Fish are lifted up the pump and survive passage.



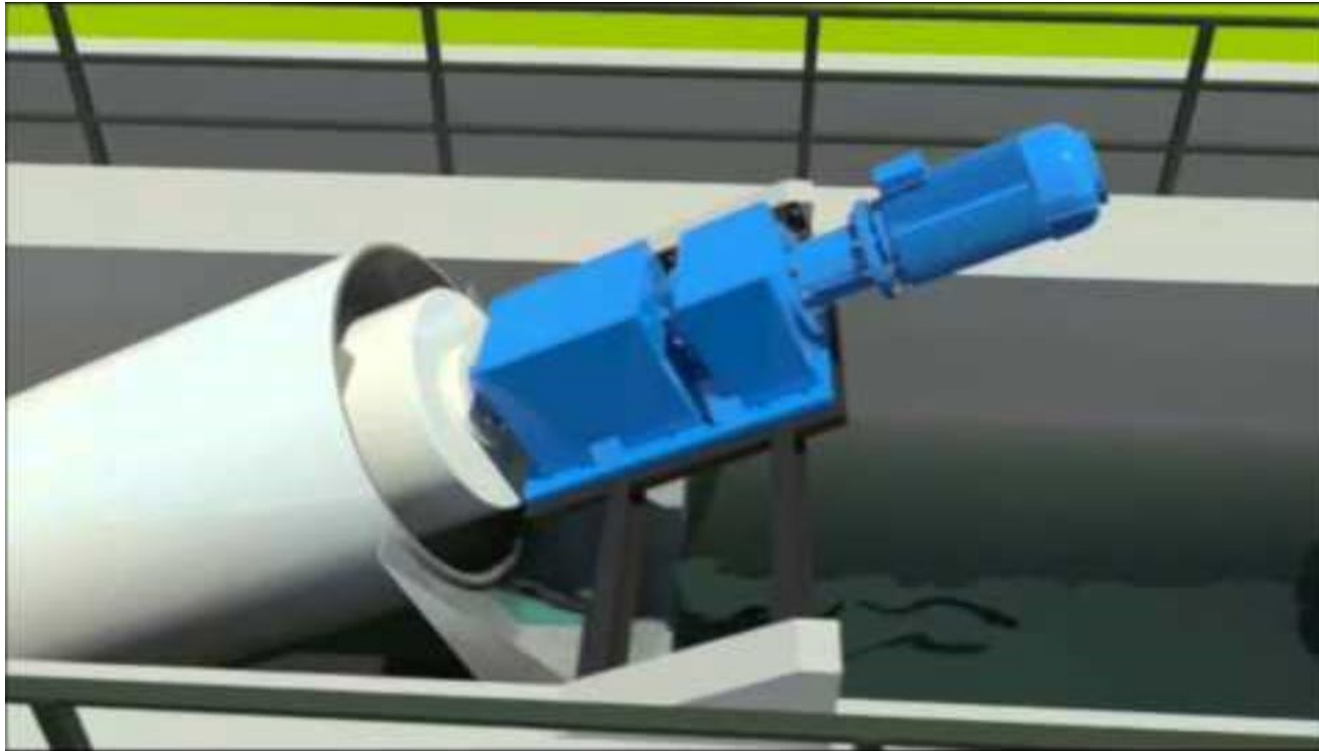
Technical Details



- Manufactured in the Netherlands by Fish Flow Innovations
- Cost approx. \$350,000 per pump.
- 2.5m in diameter (x2).
- Max discharge 1.6 cumecs at 26 RPM (max speed).
- Lifting water approx. 3.8m.
- 90 kw motors (x2) delivering 31.6kNm of torque
- Constructed of a steel sleeve and fibreglass screw fin.
- Design life 50 years+
- 1400mm diameter outlet pipes discharged to estuary.



How does it work?

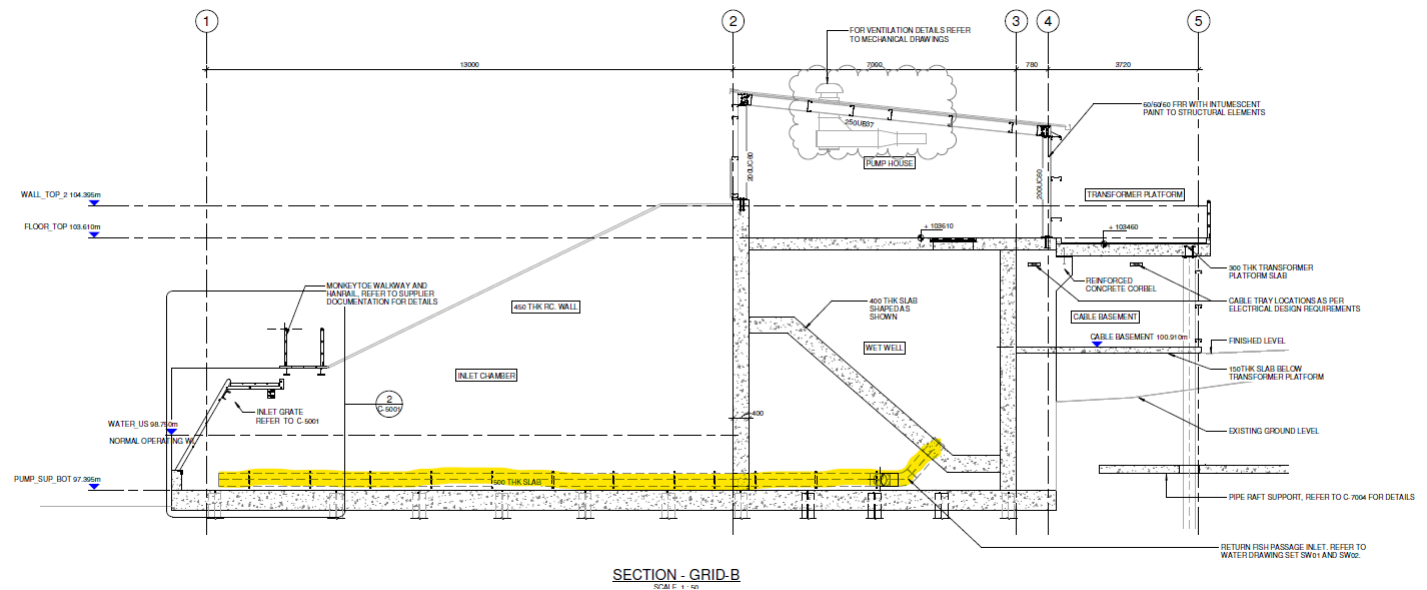


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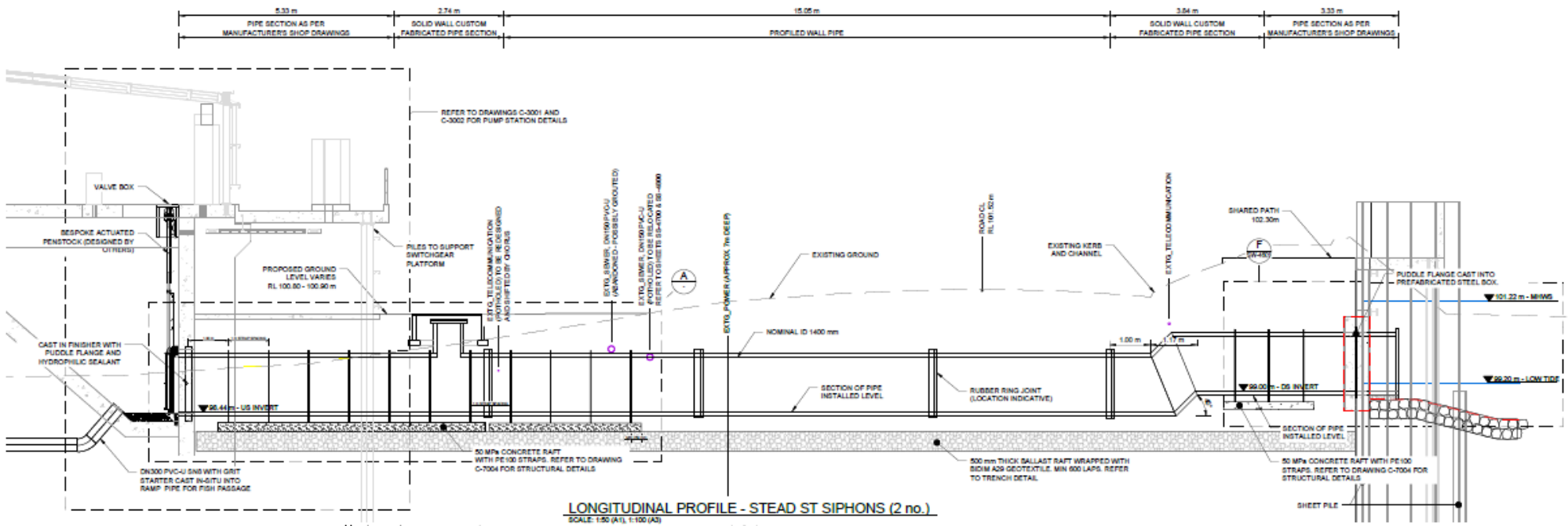
Innovation

- The second pump station in New Zealand to utilise the Archimedes screw pumps design from FFI.
- The first pump station in the country to design and incorporate a fish passage return bypass to allow migratory species to re-enter the Lake Hawkins drain network.





Outlet Design & Stead Street



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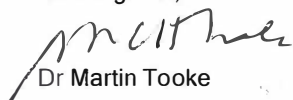
16 Jun 2024

Shirley Birt
79B Racecourse Road
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INVERCARGILL 9810

Kia Ora Shirley,

I attach a letter which I hope will help you and your dog to stay together when you move.

Kind regards,


Dr Martin Tooke

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To Whom It May Concern

Re: **Mrs Shirley Birt**

Address: **79B Racecourse Road Glengarry INVERCARGILL**

DOB: **29 Aug 1942** Age: **81 y**

The above enrolled in this practice in 2015 and I have had regular consultations with her since then. She lives alone, having lost her husband in 2020. I am aware of stressful circumstances in her family.

She apparently has a pet dog. From what she has told me, I believe that this dog is an important emotional support for her and I am writing in the hope that she will not need to be separated from the dog when she moves from her current address.

Yours sincerely



Dr Martin Tooke

General Practitioner

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To whom it may concern,

I am writing this letter in support of Shirley Birt and her emotional support dog, Daisy.

We are concerned about the stress Shirley is under as she faces the possibility of living without Daisy.

In my experience running Furever Homes and rehoming animals for the past 12 years, the prospect of separating Shirley from her beloved companion after nine years together deeply concerns me, considering the potential impact on their health and emotional well-being.

Throughout their shared journey, Shirley and Daisy have forged an inseparable bond, providing each other with unwavering companionship and support. Daisy has been a steadfast source of security for Shirley, particularly during the challenging period following the loss of her husband. As a cherished family member, Daisy holds an irreplaceable role in Shirley's life.

Separating from Daisy fills Shirley with immense distress, worry and a feeling of loneliness. Dogs, like Daisy, are highly attuned to their environment and can experience separation anxiety when taken from their primary caregiver, leading to behavioural issues and declining physical health. Therefore, preserving their bond and allowing them to remain together is vital for the health and well-being of both Shirley and Daisy.

Shirley is experiencing escalating anxiety and she is extremely emotional and is now on medication for depression and anxiety. She is a responsible pet owner who ensures that Daisy is well-behaved and poses no threat to the property or other tenants.

Thank you for your time.

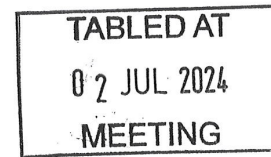
Sincerely,

Donna Keil
Chairperson
Furever Homes New Zealand

TABLED AT
02 JUL 2024
MEETING



This is our presentation to Councillors for tomorrow's meeting regarding allowing small dogs in council flats. The case I'm referring to is a very sad one and worthy of your consideration. If you have time (and I know that you're all busy) I would greatly appreciate it if you could read this prior to the meeting.



Presentation to Council (2 July, 2024)

Kia Ora my name is Penny Ivey.

This is also on behalf of Donna Hawkins Keil and Brenda Shanks who is taking care of Daisy at present but is not able to do so long term. Donna is the chairperson of Furever Homes NZ . but unfortunately can't attend this meeting as she has had to go to Australia.

We have been animal lovers all our lives and for many years have worked voluntarily with animal welfare agencies to advocate for practical actions and solutions, and to provide a voice for lost and abused animals. We are also dedicated to helping owners of pets who sometimes feel disenfranchised in coming forward to share issues in relation to their pets. This may be because they are elderly, unwell and suffering from multiple illnesses, or perhaps lacking in confidence in expressing their concerns in forums such as this. This case we are presenting to you today is one of the saddest Furever Homes has encountered and has the support of almost 300 members, waiting to hear the outcome.

Such is the case of Mrs Shirley Birt, an elderly Invercargill resident in her 80s, a life long, hard working member of the church who, despite limited resources, raised a family of 5 children with her husband before later, at the age of 55 years fostering the first of five children and young adults. These young people had severe medical and behavioural disabilities including foetal alcohol syndrome and ADHD, as well as other debilitating conditions. This was a challenging role but Shirley and her husband provided a safe and secure haven for these young people over several years. After her husband sadly passed away two years ago, Shirley was left on her own with her beloved dog, (9 year- old) Daisy, in a very small flat that was not adapted for elderly residents requiring the use of a walker and other specialised adaptations.

After being on the waiting list for a Council Flat for fourteen years, Shirley was recently notified that she had been successful in her application for a new Council flat in Stirrat Street. However, she was upset and devastated when she learned that she would be unable to take her little dog Daisy with her to her new accommodation. They have formed an inseparable bond, providing each other with unwavering companionship and support and over the ensuing weeks since receiving the notification, Shirley has become anxious, tearful and stressed at the thought of being separated from Daisy. Her GP has further attested to the fact that the thought of separation from her dearly loved companion, is having a detrimental effect on Shirley's mental health, so much so that she has been prescribed Nortriptyline anti-anxiety medication, something that she has never had to take before. He has written a letter supporting our case. We believe that Shirley's health will be at risk of declining mentally, emotionally and physically if they are separated. Shirley has a very

strong bond with her little dog and, after losing her husband and currently coping with her daughter's serious and terminal illness, this has only become stronger. Daisy is everything to Shirley, is her life companion and has been her constant source of security. Mayor Nobby Clark has publicly commented on the case, expressed his hope for a positive outcome, and further advised that she not turn down the flat.

Shirley is a very responsible pet owner, who apart from walks, never lets Daisy outside. As soon as she toilets it is cleaned up and disposed of. The dog spends her life either on Shirley's knee or on her bed, is crate trained, non shedding and fully up to date with vaccinations, microchipping, registration etc. She is a very sensitive, nervous little dog who poses absolutely no threat to property or other tenants but experiences separation anxiety when apart from Shirley. Her present landlord (Regan Thwaites ph 0273556409) told us he has had more trouble with tenants than he ever has with Daisy and is very willing to give an excellent reference for Shirley. Furthermore, there are three of us prepared to keep an eye on them both and a plan is put in place if Shirley happens to need to be hospitalised or passes away.

We are here today to advocate for Shirley and Daisy and ask you to reconsider and amend the blanket rule that residents are not allowed to take their dogs with them when moving into Council Flats. I understand that it has been recommended to councillors that the Elderly Person's Housing policy remain in its current form with no changes to the policy regarding pets but we ask that this special case be considered as an exception. We believe this rule needs amendment by stating that cases of dogs accompanying residents should be considered on a case-by-case basis with a pet bond put in place. One size does not fit all in these situations. Other Councils throughout New Zealand have recognised the strong unshakeable bond owners share with their dogs. The Southland District Council allows tenants to keep pets, depending on the breed and for how long the tenant has owned it. There is also legislation about to be introduced by Central Government (the bill is currently before a parliamentary select committee) allowing tenants to keep pets in their rentals.

All responsible and loving pet owners recognise the quality animals add to their lives. It is uncaring and inhumane to deny elderly residents the small but important comfort of sharing their last years with their beloved dogs.

After her years of selfless giving and helping others in the community, we ask Councillors to urgently address Shirley's case, and go further to amend the regulations to allow her to live out her life with her beloved companion, in her Council Flat.

Penny Ivey

Donna Hawkins Keil

Brenda Shanks