

# SOUTH WAIRARAPA DISTRICT COUNCIL

5 FEBRUARY 2020

## AGENDA ITEM D1

### REPORT FROM HIS WORSHIP THE MAYOR

#### **Purpose of Report**

To update Council on activities and issues which have arisen since my last report to Council.

#### **Recommendations**

His Worship the Mayor recommends that Council:

1. *Receives the Report from His Worship the Mayor.*
2. *Provide feedback on whether Council should support the Upper Hutt City Council initiative 'seeking a moratorium on current and future consents for the extraction of water from groundwater systems for the purposes of retail and wholesale where the end product is bottled water', and write to the government.*
3. *Provide feedback on whether Council should make LGOIMA requester names public along with the area of concern.*
4. *Approves in principle the draft submission prepared by the Wellington Water Committee on the Taumata Arowai Bill and delegates to the Mayor and CEO to approve the final document for submission to the Health Committee.*

#### **1. Bottled Water Consent Moratorium**

As per inward correspondence from His Worship Mayor Guppy, it has been requested we write to Minister Parker to declare a moratorium on consents as per the letter in Appendix 1.

There is currently one consent in existence for the South Wairarapa to bottle water, as yet unused.

Whilst I agree in principal, and feel the specific Council should have input into any consents issued, I would pass this onto Council to discuss any letter content and final decision.

## 2. Transparency Implementation

I feel the following measures have given the public cause to be confident decisions are being made openly:

- Removal of non-public Official Working Groups from the committee structure
- Reduction in the number of committees
- Appointment of an Independent member of the Finance, Audit and Risk Cttee
- Streaming of meetings (awaiting equipment install)

Implementation of public drop in meetings in three main centres (31 performed to date) In the further interests of openness, it has been suggested a table be prepared for every public information request to Council and their area of concern, grouped by applicant. I would appreciate Council opinion on this additional measure.

## 3. Taumata Arowai Bill

Council are asked to review the draft submission (to be tabled) to the Taumata Arowai Bill prepared by the Wellington Water Committee and approve the draft in principle.

The Bill will implement the Government's decision to create a new regulatory authority to oversee, administer and enforce the drinking water regulatory system. The Bill is part of a broader package of reforms to New Zealand's three waters regulatory system, following the Government's cross-agency Three Waters Review.

The Bill is expected to be enacted around August 2020, making Taumata Arowai (the new Crown Entity regulator) a legal entity at that time.

The submission has been prepared on behalf of the governance body of the six member councils of the Council Controlled Organisation Wellington Water.

The Bill can be viewed here: [Taumata Arowai Bill](#).

## 4. Meeting Minister of Transport

<b>Meeting – Date &amp; Venue</b>	Hon Phil Twyford, Minister of Transport Beehive, Wellington 13/12/2019
<b>Speakers</b>	Mayor Patterson Mayor Lang Mayor Beijen
<b>Key issues from meeting</b>	Road safety Norfolk Rd and Ngawatamu Bypass require urgent attention from NZTA for Wairarapa resident safety. NZTA pushing speed restrictions, but roundabouts required placed on secondary list for consideration.
<b>Specific item/s for Council consideration</b>	Compile list of issues within the Highway network for SWDC for discussion with NZTA in future meetings.

## 5. Wairarapa Water Resilience Meeting

<b>Meeting – Date &amp; Venue</b>	Wairarapa Water Resilience Meeting Masterton 28/11/2019
<b>Key issues from meeting</b>	Aerial Hydrogeology Survey funding confirmed, to occur approx April 2020 PGF Funding of Wairarapa Water Limited reservoir and Resilience Strategy discussed
<b>Specific item/s for Council consideration</b>	Overall, what is Councils position on support or funding of water reservoir proposed for north of Masterton?

## 6. Minister Chris Faafoi

<b>Meeting – Date &amp; Venue</b>	Minister Chris Faafoi Martinborough 23/01/2020
<b>Speakers</b>	Mayors Patterson, Lang, Collis, Walker and Beijen
<b>Key issues from meeting</b>	Shortage of Public housing, and lack of MoHUD office in Wairarapa means supply of public housing left in hands of a small number of Community Housing Providers. Minister to investigate allowing Wai Councils to receive subsidies for Community Housing
<b>Specific item/s for Council consideration</b>	If subsidies available to Councils, is SWDC interested in exploring the provision of more Community Housing to residents.

## 7. Correspondence

### 7.1 Inwards

DATE	INWARDS	SUBJECT
02/12/2019	Mayor Guppy, UHCC	Moratorium on water bottling consents
06/12/2019	Principal Fuller – Kuranui College	Thanks for donation to prize-giving

### 7.2 Outwards

DATE	OUTWARDS	SUBJECT
14 November 2019	Ambassador Scott Brown	Thanks for letter of congratulations
14 November 2019	John Broeren	Thanks for offer of books for library
28 November 2019	Jim Clarke	Support letter for Madcaps Martinborough Christmas Parade
5 December 2019	Anne Atkinson	Support for Greytown Christmas Parade
9 December 2019	Niamh Peren	Support of Thumbs up campaign

17 December 2019	Heritage New Zealand	Support of proposal to list Featherston War Memorial as a Category 1 Historic Place.
22 January 2020	South Wairarapa Rotary Club	Support for the Martinborough Fairs in February and March.
22 January 2020	Candidate for TUIA project	Advising that unsuccessful for TUIA but offer of alternative sponsorship.
24 January 2020	Ratepayer	Thanks for letter of complaint and seeking additional detail

## 8. Other Meetings and Engagements

DATE	ENGAGEMENT	DATE	ENGAGEMENT
<b>October 2019</b>			
24/10/19	Wairarapa Water Resilience Committee Meeting	28/10/19	Cape Palliser Ratepayers Meeting
24/10/19	Sport Wellington - Wairarapa Secondary School Sports Awards	29-30/10/19	LGNZ Mayor Induction
25/10/19	Martinborough Museum Meeting	31/10/19	Kurunui Sports Awards 01/11/19
25/10/19	Destination Wairarapa meeting with Chair	10/11/19	Armistice Day Featherston
25/10/19	Mayoral and CEO combined meeting		
<b>November 2019</b>			
01/11/19	WREDA meeting in Wellington	15/11	Mary Tipoki Zero Waste
04/11/19	UCOL powhiri – Berni Pothan	15/11	Business Central meeting
04/11/19	The Olive Press meeting	18/11/19	Aged Concern Awards
05/11/19	NZ Road Safety Council	19/11/19	Mayoral Meeting
06/11/19	Wai Sustainable Communities	19/11/19	Greytown Sports meeting
07/11/19	Premier Factory Opening – PM Ardern	19/11/19	Raihana Tipoki MSC meeting
08/11/19	Papawai Marae Celebration	20/11/19	Kiwibank Local Heroes Meeting Palmerston Nth
08/11/19	Dark Sky meeting	21-22/11	Rural Mayor Conference Wellington
08/11/19	Kuranui Prizegiving	24/11/19	Lionesses Over 70 Xmas Lunch
11/11	Tui Rangitane meeting	25/11/19	NZTA introduction
12/11	Featherston Medical meeting	25/11/19	Wairarapa Cycling Meeting
12/11	Featherston Commemorates Meeting	26/11/19	Environmental and Economic Meeting with 3 councils, Masterton
13/11	GWRC Chair meeting	28/11/19	Wairarapa Water Resilience Meeting
13/11	MTFJ Training Graduation	28/11/19	Wai Eco Dev Governance Meeting
14/11	Tourism Action Group Meeting	28/11/19	Wai Eco Dev Governance Meeting
14/11	Wai Community Patrols meeting	30/11/19	Tuturumuri School Closure Lunch
		30/11/19	Greytown Art Display
<b>December 2019</b>			
02/12	Aratoi Meeting	10/12	UCOL Tertiary Advisory Group meeting
02/12/19	Wellington NZ Chair Meeting	10/12	Wellington Water meeting with Chair
03/12	Regional Transport Committee Meeting	12/12	Meeting with Greytown Tourism

DATE	ENGAGEMENT	DATE	ENGAGEMENT
03/12	Minister Twyford RE Wairarapa Roads	12/12	Wai Cancer Society Meeting
05/12	Tonganui meeting RE Lake Wairarapa	12/12	Sth Wai Citizenship Ceremony
07/12	Featherston Christmas Parade	13/12/19	Booktown Overview
08/12	Wai Fillipino Society Christmas	13/12/19	Police Pay Parade
09/12	Ministerial Announcement RE Rail, Trentham	14/12/19	Greytown Christmas Parade
09/12	Well Waste Minimisation Plan	16/12/19	Wgtn Water Committee Meeting
09/12	Greytown Water Race visit	17/12/19	Civil Defense and Mayoral Forum
17/12/19	Civil Defense and Mayoral Forum Wellington	23/12/19	Tuia Project interviews for Mayoral Mentorship
18/12/19	YETI graduation Masterton	31/12	Moana inspection – BMX track
20/12/19	Justice of the Peace Training		
<b>January 2020</b>			
14/1/2020	Mayoral meeting – 3 councils	21/01	Arrow FM meeting
14/01	Cycle Classic Opening	22/01	Fab Feathy Meeting
15/01	Ministerial announcement - Reservoir	23/01	Summer Reading finale presentation
15/01	Min of Education meeting RE Tuterumuri	24/01	Open Country Music Festival
16/01	Neighborhood Support meeting	25/01	Cruise Martinborough judging
16/01	Well Water waste update		

## 9. Appendices

Appendix 1 - Water bottling permits – Mayor Wayne Guppy  
 - Principal Simon Fuller, Kuranui College

Appendix 2 - Draft Wellington Water Committee Submission to Health Committee  
 (to be tabled)

Prepared By: His Worship the Mayor, Alex Beijen

# Appendix 1

- Water bottling permits – Mayor Wayne Guppy
- Principal Simon Fuller, Kuranui College



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5 November 2019

**REQUEST TO GOVERNMENT TO PLACE MORATORIUM ON BOTTLED WATER CONSENTS**

Dear Mayor Beijen,

Commercial water bottling continues to be a contentious topic in communities throughout New Zealand, as frequently reported in the media. Given this activity is not specifically regulated under the Resource Management Act, the Upper Hutt City Council, on behalf of its community, has written to the Government to request an immediate moratorium on any current and future consents for the extraction of water from groundwater systems for the purposes of retail and wholesale where the end product is bottled water.

A copy of the letter is attached. Upper Hutt City Council urges South Wairarapa District Council to write to the Government in support of it.

Regards,

**Wayne Guppy**  
Mayor of Upper Hutt City

*For Council Agenda*



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5 November 2019

**BOTTLING OF WATER FOR RETAIL AND WHOLESALE PURPOSES**

Dear Minister,

The Upper Hutt community is greatly concerned that the Greater Wellington Regional Council granted a consent to Heretaunga Water Ltd on a non-notified basis to take and use groundwater at a rate of 179,712 m<sup>3</sup> per second, at a maximum of 576 m<sup>3</sup> per day and at a maximum pump rate of 10 litres per second, for bottling and retail purposes. The key concern of our community is the potential impacts of such a take on the aquifer and possibly downstream.

It is our view that the consent contravenes sec 10(1) (b) of the Local Government Act 2002 - the purpose of Local Government is to promote the social, economic, environmental, and cultural well-beings of communities and in the present and for the future; in that the potential impacts of such volume of water for bottling purposes will be detrimental to the four well beings of our community.

The Upper Hutt City Council, on behalf of our community requests an immediate moratorium on any current and future consents for the extraction of water from groundwater systems for the purposes of retail and wholesale where the end product is bottled water.

Regards,

**Wayne Guppy**

Mayor of Upper Hutt City



6 December 2019

South Wairarapa District Council  
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Dear Sir / Madam

I am writing to express my appreciation for your donation of \$350 towards the 2019 Kuranui College Academic Prizegivings.

We are grateful for the support you have provided which has enabled the college to give students some reward for their outstanding achievements.

Our Senior College Academic Prizegiving and Graduation was held on 8 November and provided the opportunity to acknowledge academic achievement and farewell our Year 13 graduates. Our major prize winners were:

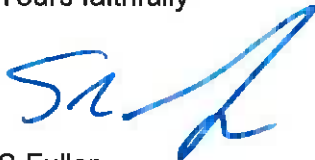
Top Level 1 Student:	Emma Rose
Top Level 2 Student:	Abby Saywell
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Dux:	Caelum Greaves

Our Junior College Academic Prizegiving was held on 6 December and our major prize winners were:

Top KC Kawa Year 9 students:	Lola Holbrook and Freya Lewington
Top KC Kawa Year 10 students:	Joshua Wiegman
1 <sup>st</sup> in Year 9:	Madison Delamere
1 <sup>st</sup> in Year 10:	Joshua Wiegman

Thank you again for your ongoing support of Kuranui College.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be "S Fuller".

S Fuller  
Principal

# **Appendix 2 - Draft Wellington Water Committee Submission to Health Committee**