

The Council provides two stock water races, the Moroa Race near Greytown and the Longwood Race near Featherston, which intake water from the Waiohine and Tauherenikau rivers respectively.

The water races have been in existence since circa 1930 (Longwood) and 1890 (Moroa). The original purpose of the water races was for stock watering purposes and drainage.

Council has committed to the development of a long-term water race strategy for the Moroa and Longwood Water Race Systems. It is recognised that the changes in owner demographics and farming practices have evolved over time; it's prudent to test the relevance of the water race assets for users and the wider community.

This survey has been prepared by the Water Race Subcommittee.

The Subcommittee, chaired by Colin Olds, is the interface for discussion between Council and water race users.

THE ISSUES

- The question of asset relevance and ongoing maintenance costs.
- Environmental considerations, driven by national policy and regulatory trends around surface waters; the way they function and are used poses long-term sustainability questions.
- Consideration of existing and new resource consents, and their current and future requirements. The application of improved environmental outcomes and other constraints, and the cost that may be imposed by the current Longwood resource consent renewal processes; it may potentially impact on the Moroa consent, which expires in 2025.
- Costs and benefits to the water race paying community, does the billing system need refinement? What about urban water course benefactors and should they contribute?
- Enforcement issues – what are they?
- Appetite of the community to respond to increased environmental protection demands.

Name:

Address:

Email: Phone:

1. Have you made any changes to the length of your water race? YES NO

2. If yes to above, what changes have you made?

3. Is the attached water race map correct? YES NO If not please advise what's changed.

4. Do you use all of your water race? Or just part of it? Or not at all?

5. How important is the water race to your property? a) Essential b) Important c) Not at all

6. Regarding stock access to water races, they are expected not to linger. How does this affect you right now?
Are you comfortable with your current management strategies?

7. It's likely that there may be more regulatory requirements regarding planting and water quality, what are your thoughts about this?
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8. If stock were excluded, how long would you need to make alternative water arrangements?

9. Do you have an alternative water supply for stock? YES NO If yes what are they?
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10. Do neighbouring properties have alternative water supplies? YES NO Don't know

If yes, what are they?

11. Do you consider the rates you pay on water races reasonable? YES NO

12. Do you think urban property owners should contribute to water race maintenance costs if they benefit from the stormwater management they provide?

YES NO

13. Other thoughts
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MOROA WATER RACE SERVICED AREA

