

SOUTH WAIRARAPA DISTRICT COUNCIL

15 MAY 2019
AGENDA ITEM A10

NOTICE OF MOTION - WASTEWATER

Motion

I, Cr Mike Gray, move:

1. *That SWDC resolve to advocate for publicly funded research aimed at improving the quality of wastewater treatment and disposal nationally.*

CONTEXT:

WASTE-WATER TREATMENT AND DISPOSAL IS MORE THAN AN ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUE – IT IS A PUBLIC HEALTH ISSUE.

DISPOSAL OF EFFLUENT FROM PRIMARY TREATMENT PLANTS (PONDS) HAS TRADITIONALLY BEEN BY WAY OF DISCHARGE TO WATER WAYS OR LAND.

DISCHARGE TO WATER WAYS IS NO LONGER ACCEPTABLE FOR MANY OF THE REASONS IDENTIFIED – AESTHETIC, CULTURAL, RECREATIONAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL.

RURAL AUTHORITIES FACE SIGNIFICANT OPPOSITION TO BOTH FORMS OF DISCHARGE. POLLUTION OF WATER WAYS FROM WHICH WATER SUPPLIES ARE SOURCED RISKS CONTAMINATION. LIKEWISE LAND DISCHARGE MAY CONTRIBUTE TO POLLUTION OF AQUIFERS AND BORES.

ADVOCACY OPPORTUNITIES

SUGGESTED AVENUES OF ADVOCACY FOR SWDC INCLUDE –

- VIA LOCAL GOVERNMENT NEW ZEALAND
- BY SEEKING SUPPORT FROM RURAL LOCAL AUTHORITIES
- DIRECTLY TO –
 - (a) THE (MINISTER OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT)
 - (b) THE MINISTER OF HEALTH

- (c) THE MINISTER FOR THE ENVIRONMENT
- (d) THE PRIME MINISTERS CHIEF SCIENCE ADVISER.

RESEARCH CAPABILITY AND CAPACITY

GOVERNMENT HAS AVAILABLE A RANGE OF INSTITUTIONS CAPABLE OF BEING ENGAGED IN THE RESEARCH ENVISAGED SUCH AS - UNIVERSITIES, CROWN RESEARCH ORGANISATIONS, AND OTHER RECOGNISED RESEARCH ENTITIES.

MIKE GRAY 7/5/2019

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