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Official information Request: Martinborough and Greytown Wastewater Treatment Plants

I am writing to you in response to your request received 28 October for information, to confirm the current status of the pause on new applications to connect to the Martinborough and Greytown wastewater treatment plants, specifically:

- When is the pause on new applications due to end, and what timeframe is Council currently working towards?
- What are the key milestones or dependencies (for example, desludging work, capacity upgrades, or funding decisions) that will determine when new connections can resume?

We have assessed your request under the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (LGOIMA). I have received information to provide the following response:

There is still a pause on for new connections as per <https://swdc.govt.nz/greytown-wwtp/> (and similar for Martinborough as per <https://swdc.govt.nz/martinborough-wwtp/>)

Together with the operators, Wellington Water, SWDC responded to a letter from Greater Wellington Regional Council (GWRC) that asked for an explanation about ongoing compliance problems at both Martinborough and Greytown Treatment plants. SWDC confirmed that there is funding allocated for desludging and as well as capital funding for treatment plant upgrades to increase the capacity and return to compliance.

Desludging has been completed in Martinborough and is planned to be complete in Greytown by June 2026. Meanwhile a concept design for inlet screens and a moving bed bioreactor upgrade is underway and will be complete by end of November. This will then need to be packaged into a form suitable for procurement from the contractor market, and depending on responses and availability of materials, labour and equipment, we would hope this can be started after the desludging has finished and completed by June 2027.

The outcome that the work sets out to achieve is increased capacity at both plants and a return to compliance, and provide confidence to GWRC that connections can recommence.

Please note that it is our policy to proactively release our responses to official information requests where possible. If this request is selected it will be published at <https://swdc.govt.nz/lgoima-proactive-release/>, with your personal information removed.

You have a right to request a review by the Ombudsman on this response. Further information about this process can be found on <https://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz/what-ombudsman-can-help/complaints-about-government-agencies/how-make-complaint> or email info@ombudsman.parliament.nz

Nāku noa, nā,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Matt Vins', with a stylized, cursive script.

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