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File No: WAR230290 [38964, 38965, 38966, 38967, 38968, 40481]

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Dear Stefan,

WAR230290 Featherston Wastewater Treatment Plant Notified resource consent application: Application granted

On **8 October 2025** the GWRC Hearing Committee granted your resource consent application. No appeals have been received on the decision of your resource consent application, and so your consents as follows have now commenced.

[38964] Discharge to water permit: To discharge treated and UV disinfected wastewater into Donalds Creek from the operation of the FWWTP.

[38965] Discharge to land permit: To discharge treated and UV disinfected wastewater onto or into land where a contaminant may enter water (groundwater)

[38966] Discharge to air permit: To discharge contaminants, namely odour, to air arising from the operation of the FWWTP

[38967] Water permit: For the diversion of water outside, but within 100m of a natural inland wetland

[38968] and [40481] Land use permit: Land use consent for earthworks associated with the construction of wetlands and a land application area and discharge permit for the associated discharge of sediment laden water from earthworks.

Your consents expire on 8 October 2035.

Please note that under section 125 of the Resource Management Act 1991 consents [38965], [38967], [38968] and [40481] will lapse in five years unless you begin to use them before then.

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If you have any questions about any aspect of your consents, I would be happy to discuss them with you.

Charges to expect

1. Consent processing charges

An invoice detailing the costs incurred in processing your application will be issued shortly. This amount will be offset by the initial fixed application fee and any interim payments already received.

2. Consent monitoring

Consents are monitored in accordance with GW's [Compliance Monitoring and Enforcement Policy 2024](#), and any subsequent updates to this policy.

3. Monitoring programme

The following compliance monitoring programme will be undertaken during the consent term:

Compliance group		TA wastewater	
Risk categorisation		High	
Monitoring assessment:	☒ Annual	☐ Three-yearly	☐ Other:
Monitoring input:	☒ Audit	☒ Site inspection	☐ Other:
Other notes: Both site inspections and desktop audits will be completed as part of this monitoring regime.			

4. Monitoring charges

Consent monitoring charges apply to the approved consent(s). Charges are normally invoiced on an annual basis. Your consent monitoring charge is made up of three components:

- Customer service charge** – every consent incurs an annual charge of \$75.00. This covers costs associated with the administration of your consent.
- Compliance monitoring charge** – the cost associated with our staff monitoring the compliance of your consent.
- State of the environment (SOE) charge** – a proportion of our science monitoring is paid by consent holders.

An estimate of your annual consent monitoring charge is provided below:

		Amount	Charge code(s)
Customer service charge	6 consents	\$350	
Monitoring charge	Variable*		
SOE charge	38964 and 38965	\$15,000	4.3.1.1
	38966	\$425	6.2.2
	38967	\$165	1.1
	38968 and 40481	\$1,200	4.3.3.1
Further notes	The annual customer service charge for administering your consent is \$75 (excl. GST). Where there are multiple consent IDs for the same activity a discount of \$20 per consent has been applied for any additional consents.		

* Variable charges will alter from year to year and are based on the actual and reasonable amount of time required to monitor your consent.

The GW Resource Management Charging Policy is reviewed on an annual basis and may alter these charges.

Consent transfers

If you sell or transfer management of the property, it is important that you complete a [Transfer of Permit](#) form so that future owners can take responsibility for the consent. If you do not complete a transfer, you will continue to be liable for the annual consent monitoring charges associated with the consent.

Consent surrenders

If you no longer need your resource consent, you can request to surrender your consent. You can provide written notice requesting the surrender of your consent using our [Surrender of Permit](#) application form. Any application to surrender a consent will be reviewed and either accepted or refused³. Any monitoring costs incurred prior to surrender need to be paid prior to any surrender being accepted.

Please feel free to contact me on 021 223 9346, or Christina Schierlitz, Team Leader, Environmental Regulation, if you have any questions or concerns.

Yours sincerely,



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