

30 October 2015

Horowhenua District Council  
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APP-1995003658.04

Attn: Greg Searle

Dear Greg,

**NOTICE OF REVIEW – DISCHARGE PERMITS 6009, 6010, 6011, 7289 AND 102259 – LEVIN LANDFILL**

In accordance with section 128(1)(a)(iii) of the Resource Management Act 1991 (RMA) and the review conditions specified in Table 1 below, the Manawatu-Wanganui Regional Council (MWRC) hereby serves notice of its intention to review the conditions of Discharge Permits 6009, 6010, 6011, 7289 and 102259, which relate to the Levin Landfill.

**Table 1**

<b>Discharge Permit</b>	<b>Review Condition</b>
6009	31
6010	30
6011	7
7289	19
102259	19

**Conditions of Consent Subject of the Review**

The conditions set out in Table 2 are subject of the review:

**Table 2**

<b>Discharge Permit</b>	<b>Conditions Subject of the Review</b>
6009	2, 8, 14(a) to (m), 28, 29, 32, 33, and 34
6010	3, 4, 11(a) to (e), 12, 13, 14, 27, 28 and 29
6011	3 and 6
7289	5, 9, 12 and 17
102259	All conditions

The applicable review conditions of each discharge permit also allow for the addition of new conditions as necessary to avoid, remedy or mitigate adverse effects on the environment.

**Reasons for the Review**

It is a requirement of the applicable review conditions of each discharge permit that MWRC shall initiate a publicly notified review of the conditions outlined in Table 2 for the purposes specified in each of the review conditions.

In addition to the above requirement, MWRC has received a number of complaints regarding odour from the landfill over recent years, and has observed landfill leachate 'daylighting' into an open drain located on an adjoining property (the Tatana Drain) which flows directly into the Hokio Stream.

The odour issue has been on-going with no apparent solution proposed. Therefore, the review will examine current best practice in terms of capping of the landfill, surface emission testing and standards, and what further investigations can be carried out and mitigation measures implemented to avoid noxious, dangerous, offensive or objectionable odours beyond the boundary of the site.

The review will also focus on the effects of landfill leachate on the environment, particularly in the Tatana Drain and Hokio Stream. It will examine whether existing surface and groundwater standards and parameters are relevant and appropriate, and propose conditions to avoid the contamination of land and groundwater beyond the boundary of the site.

### **Proposed Conditions**

MWRC has proposed new conditions as set out in the 'Schedule of Proposed Conditions' attached to this notice of review.

Horowhenua District Council (HDC) is invited, under section 129(1)(d) of the RMA to propose new consent conditions. It is noted that section 129(1)(d) sets out that such proposed conditions must be provided to MWRC within 20 working days of this notice being served.

### **Charges**

Under section 36(1)(cb) of the RMA, the costs incurred by MWRC in carrying out its functions in relation to this review of conditions will be charged to and will be payable by HDC. The estimated amount of these charges is \$244,000.00 inclusive of GST. A breakdown of this estimate is attached to this notice. Please note that as the review progresses we can revise this estimate if required. We will also invoice costs on a monthly basis which will enable you to track costs against the estimate.

### **Timeframes for Notification**

Section 129 of the RMA sets out that notification of the review must occur within 30 working days after the service of the notice of review where the consent holder has been invited to propose new conditions. This requires the review to be publicly notified by 11 December 2015. Taking into account the Christmas break, a submission period of 20 working days will mean that submissions will close on 29 January 2016.

If HDC considers that a longer submission period is warranted, or that there are likely to be difficulties in meeting the timeframe by which HDCs proposed new

conditions are required to be provided to MWRC (27 November 2015), it is suggested that HDC contact Andrew Bashford, MWRCs Team Leader: Consents, to discuss the merits of a time extension to the above timeframes.

If you wish to discuss any aspects of this review process please do not hesitate to contact Andrew on 06 952 2976 or at [andrew.bashford@horizons.govt.nz](mailto:andrew.bashford@horizons.govt.nz).

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'G Bevin'. The signature is stylized with a large, looping initial 'G'.

Greg Bevin  
**REGULATORY MANAGER**

Encl: Schedule of Proposed Conditions  
Cost Estimate