

MANAWA TU STANDARD 15-12-15

Horizons 'powerless' to engage on Shannon plant site complaints

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Horizons Regional Council says it has no power to take action over complaints on the Shannon wastewater treatment plant. At the council's environment committee meeting last week, public speakers implored the council to take action over the historical significance of the site where the plant is being upgraded. The Horowhenua District Council received resource consent from the Environment Court in 2014 to upgrade the plant and were presently complying with that. However, Peter Paeroa said no archaeological report or cultural

national process to be registered as an archaeological site. The issue went through a "very exhaustive environment court process" and Horizons could only enforce the conditions. "I can't abate somebody for something that people feel they should morally be or morally they shouldn't be doing."

Stability of the site was canvassed by the court. Chief executive Michael McCartney said a better relationship was needed between Horowhenua District Council and its community. "We have asked the district council to engage on numerous occasions, but that is all we can do."

could not enforce the commissioning of an archaeological report. "I hear the pain and the concern in your voice. But we don't have regulatory power within the consent that was issued by the Environment Court." The conditions had a cultural monitoring programme which needed to be set up within two years - "that's the limit of our regulatory power, so our ability to enforce that isn't there". Horizons had encouraged HDC to engage with the community. "I regret I don't have a legal power to do what you're asking me."

Peet said he believed it was impact assessment (CIA) had been done. "Ngati Whakarete ask for an archaeological report be done on Velvaleen Farm. "For goodness sake, get a proper CIA, and consult with Ngati Whakarete. Speak to us, that is what consultation means." Corney Andrews said the site had relevance to European and Maori history. "These guys have gotten in and started digging everywhere without any consideration of the desecration they are doing." He asked for an abatement against HDC. Horizons strategy and regulation group manager Nic Peet said they



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Date received: 22/02/2016 **Time received:** 10:40:00 **Sampled by:** Vinny **Sample date:** 21/02/2016
Sample time: 19:30:00 **Sample type:** Surface water

Sample	Sample ID	Test	Result	Units
16/00690-01	100 Meters Upstream of Steps Stansell Drain Outlet Pipe	Escherichia coli Total coliforms	1800 > 24000	MPN / 100 mL MPN / 100 mL
Sample time: 14:20:00				
16/00690-02	Discharge Pipe by Steps into Stansell Drain Outlet Pipe	Escherichia coli Total coliforms	6900 > 24000	MPN / 100 mL MPN / 100 mL
16/00690-03	100 Meters Upstream of Mangaore Stream Bridge	Escherichia coli Total coliforms	110 4100	MPN / 100 mL MPN / 100 mL
Sample time: 14:20:00				
16/00690-04	Stansell Drain Outlet into Mangaore Stream	Escherichia coli Total coliforms	8200 > 24000	MPN / 100 mL MPN / 100 mL
16/00690-05	Outlet of Mangaore Stream Meeting Manawatu River	Escherichia coli Total coliforms	1900 20000	MPN / 100 mL MPN / 100 mL

Notes:

Test Methodology:

Test	Methodology	Detection Limit
Escherichia coli	APHA 22nd Ed. 9223 B	1 MPN / 100 mL
Total coliforms	APHA 22nd Ed. 9223 B	1 MPN / 100 mL

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