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Dear Suzanne

Horizons is writing to inform the Commerce Commission of its status as a minor aspect supplier.

The water services Horizons provide to users such as campers at our one regional park, tenants of Horizons owned properties, visitors to facilities we own, and staff are well within what we have determined constitutes minor aspects of water services.

Horizons function as a water services provider is on a very small scale. The largest suite of water services we provide is at Totara Reserve; where we provide treated bore water, as well as two effluent treatment systems; both of these functions serve only the Reserve and are not connected to another water service provider. Other 'water services' are provided at a small number of rental or leased properties which are a mix of houses and commercial, around the region which though receiving city/town water and waste services may also contain rainwater collection and septic disposal systems.

Horizons also have depot facilities which receive water supply from other service providers and may provide disconnected wastewater treatment or collect **rainwater** and have septic effluent systems and or washdown area treatment fields.

The detail of all of Horizons water services are included in Appendix 1.



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Appendix 1 – List of Horizons operated drinking and wastewater services

1. Minor aspect services not connected to a water supply network, wastewater network or stormwater network
 - Tōtara Reserve drinking water supply (TOT007); Churchill Rd, Pohangina.
 - Serves less than 500 people at a given time. Free and available for day users, campers; fluctuates through the year from summer camping and day visitors to low numbers in the off season.
 - Reporting including costs of services in Long-term plan, annual plan, Taumata Arowai reporting
 - Kereru Campground effluent treatment plant; Totara Reserve, Churchill Rd, Pohangina.
 - Sized to deal with up to 400 people; tank system pumped to effluent field in forest environment.
 - Kahikatea Campground septic tank system: Churchill Rd, Pohangina.
 - Services six toilets and two showers pumped clear regularly with functional effluent field in forest environment.
 - Churchill Rd house (Tōtara Reserve caretaker house); Churchill Rd, Pohangina.
 - Septic tank effluent system and drinking water (rain and supplementary provided by TOT007) to property.
 - Fern walk long drop, Pohangina Valley East Rd.
 - One long drop at track entrance; serviced as needed.
 - Moutoa floodgate facility: 781 Foxton Shannon Road Moutoa Foxton
 - Septic tank and roof water drinking water supply
2. Minor aspect services connected to another provider's water supply network, wastewater network or stormwater network

Tenanted properties with disconnected water and waste services

- Te Ao Nui building, 17 Victoria Ave, Palmerston North. (Building owned by CCO)
 - Has an emergency freshwater tank system and an emergency sewerage storage system, otherwise connects to the PNCC mains (Horizons staff and building lessees)
- Arawhata wetland farm; Makomako and Arawhata Rd, Levin
 - Two rental properties – Makomako and Arawhata Rd properties. Septic and drinking water provided to properties.
- Reid Line spillway properties; purchased with land that is to be developed for flood protection. Possibly rental accommodation.
 - 28 and 41 Pharazyn Rd. Septic and drinking water provided to properties.
- Taihape rental property (next to Taihape depot); 243 Wairanui Rd Ohutu, Taihape.
 - Septic and drinking water provided to property.

Horizons facilities with disconnected **wastewater treatment**

- Woodville service centre; Corner Vogel St and Tay St, Woodville.
 - Has a washdown facility, ground and chemical sumps
- Woodville plant nurse facility; 109 Pinfold Rd, Woodville.
 - Wastewater septic tank.
- Kairanga service Centre; 1128 Kairanga Bunnythorpe Rd.
 - Has a washdown facility
 - Septic system for building waste (Horizons staff)

