

Resource Consent Certificate

Resource Consent Number: 114674

File Number: 60 26 19A

***Pursuant to the Resource Management Act 1991, the Waikato Regional Council
hereby grants consent to:***

Hamilton City Council (Water & Waste Services)
Private Bag 3010
HAMILTON 2020

(hereinafter referred to as the Consent Holder)

Consent Type: Discharge permit

Consent Subtype: Discharge to water

Activity authorised: Discharge treated wastewater from a multi-port diffuser main outfall to the Waikato River to the south-east of the Hamilton Wastewater Treatment Plant; and to discharge the same to the Waikato River via a bypass outfall at times of planned maintenance

Location: (Wastewater Treatment Plant) Pukete Rd - Hamilton

Map Reference: NZMS 260 S14:072-832

Consent Duration: Granted for a period expiring 20 years from the date of commencement of consent as defined in section 116 of the Resource Management Act 1991

Subject to the conditions overleaf:

CONDITIONS**General Conditions**

1. The discharge shall be undertaken in general accordance with the following document:
 - (a) Resource Consents Application: Assessment of Effects on the Environment. Application Edition: May 2006;

unless inconsistent with the conditions below which shall prevail.
2. The consent holder shall ensure contractors are made aware of the conditions of this resource consent and ensure compliance with those conditions.
3. The discharges to water associated with this consent shall be managed and operated by an appropriately trained operator.
4. This resource consent is granted by the Waikato Regional Council subject to its officers or agents being permitted access to the property at all reasonable times for the purpose of carrying out inspections, surveys, investigations, tests, measurements or taking samples.
5. The consent holder shall pay to the Waikato Regional Council any administrative charge fixed in accordance with section 36 of the Resource Management Act 1991, or any charge prescribed in accordance with regulations made under section 360 of the Resource Management Act.

Discharge Volume Limits

6. The maximum volume of treated wastewater discharged shall not exceed 224,000 cubic metres per day.

Discharge Quality Limits

7. The consent holder shall ensure that for up to 36 months after the commencement of this consent, the quality of the discharge entering the outfall pipeline shall comply with the following concentration and mass load limits.

<i>Constituent</i>	<i>Sample type</i>	<i>Sample frequency</i>	<i>Standards</i>
cBOD₅ concentration	24 hour flow weighted composite sample	4 days per week	Over each calendar month, no more than 8 exceedences over 20 g/m³ , and; Over each quarter (January to March, April to June, July to September and October to December, inclusive) no more than 3 exceedences over 50 g/m³ .
cBOD₅ mass load	24 hour flow weighted composite sample	4 days per week	Over each calendar month, no more than 8 exceedences over 750 kg/day , and; Over each quarter (January to March, April to June, July to September and October to December, inclusive) no more than 3 exceedences over 2400 kg/day .
Suspended solids concentration	24 hour flow weighted composite sample	4 days per week	Over each calendar month, no more than 8 exceedences over 30 g/m³ , and; Over each quarter (January to March, April to June, July to September and October to December, inclusive) no more than 3 exceedences over 100 g/m³ .
Suspended solids mass load	24 hour flow weighted composite sample	4 days per week	Over each calendar month, no more than 8 exceedences over 1425 kg/day , and Over each quarter (January to March, April to June, July to September and October to December, inclusive) no more than 3 exceedences over 4750 kg/day .
Total nitrogen summer mass load	24 hour flow weighted composite sample	4 days per week	Over each calendar month from December-to-May inclusive, no more than 8 exceedences over 500 kg/day .
Total nitrogen	24 hour flow	1 day per week	Over each 26 week period from June-to-November inclusive,

<i>Constituent</i>	<i>Sample type</i>	<i>Sample frequency</i>	<i>Standards</i>
winter mass load	weighted composite sample		no more than 13 exceedences over 1700 kg/day.
<i>E. coli</i> routine	grab	4 days per week	Over each calendar month, no more than 8 exceedences over 800 cfu/100ml
<i>E. coli</i> diurnal	grab	Once every three months samples shall be collected at hourly intervals over a full 24 hour period	Over each 24 hour period no more than 12 exceedences over 8000 cfu/100ml

8. The consent holder shall ensure that no later than 36 months after the commencement of this consent, the quality of the discharge entering the outfall pipeline shall comply with the following concentration and mass load limits.

<i>Constituent</i>	<i>Sample type</i>	<i>Sample frequency</i>	<i>Standards</i>
cBOD₅ concentration	24 hour flow weighted composite sample	4 days per week	Over each calendar month, no more than 8 exceedences over 10 g/m ³ , and; Over each quarter (January to March, April to June, July to September and October to December, inclusive) no more than 3 exceedences over 50 g/m ³ .
cBOD₅ mass load	24 hour flow weighted composite sample	4 days per week	Over each calendar month, no more than 8 exceedences over 750 kg/day, and; Over each quarter (January to March, April to June, July to September and October to December, inclusive) no more than 3 exceedences over 2400 kg/day.
Suspended solids concentration	24 hour flow weighted composite sample	4 days per week	Over each calendar month, no more than 8 exceedences over 15 g/m ³ , and; Over each quarter (January to March, April to June, July to September and October to December, inclusive) no more than 3 exceedences over 100 g/m ³ .
Suspended solids mass load	24 hour flow weighted composite sample	4 days per week	Over each calendar month, no more than 8 exceedences over 700 kg/day, and Over each quarter (January to March, April to June, July to September and October to December, inclusive) no more than 3 exceedences over 2400 kg/day.
Total nitrogen summer mass load	24 hour flow weighted composite sample	4 days per week	Over each calendar month from December-to-May inclusive, no more than 8 exceedences over 450 kg/day.
Total nitrogen winter mass load	24 hour flow weighted composite sample	1 day per week	Over each 26 week period from June-to-November inclusive, no more than 13 exceedences over 1500 kg/day.
<i>E. coli</i> routine	grab	4 days per week	Over each calendar month, no more than 8 exceedences over 126 cfu/100ml; and Over each quarter (January to March, April to June, July to September and October to December inclusive) no more than 3 exceedences over 2000 cfu/100ml
<i>E. coli</i> diurnal	grab	Once every three months samples shall be collected at hourly intervals over a full 24 hour period	Over each 24 hour period no more than 12 exceedences over 2000 cfu/100ml

9. The consent holder shall ensure that by no later than 1 January 2011, the quality of the discharge entering the outfall pipeline shall comply with the following mass load limits:

Constituent	Sample type	Sample frequency	Standard(*)
Total Phosphorus Summer mass load	24 hour flow weighted composite sample	4 days per week	Over each calendar month from December to May inclusive, no more than 8 exceedences over 100 kg/day
Total Phosphorus Winter mass load	24 hour flow weighted composite sample	1 day per week	Over each 26 week period from June to November inclusive, no more than 13 exceedences over 700 kg/day.

Monitoring of Discharge Flows

10. The consent holder shall continuously monitor the flow rate of treated wastewater entering the outfall pipe and shall record the daily total volume discharged.

Monitoring Location

11. The consent holder shall define a sampling location, or locations, for monitoring of parameters in conditions 7, 8 and 9. This location, or locations, shall be to the satisfaction of the Waikato Regional Council.

Monitoring Procedures

12. The consent holder shall take grab samples (between the hours of 10am and 4pm) and 24-hour flow weighted composite samples of treated wastewater on at least 4 days each week from the sampling location specified in condition 11 of this consent. The samples shall be analysed for the constituents and at the frequencies and detection limits listed within the conditions of this consent and within Schedule 1 attached to this resource consent.

Note 1: Whole effluent toxicity testing shall be conducted in accordance with Schedule 1 footnote vii unless varied with the written approval of Environment Waikato.

Note 2: All quality analyses of the wastewater discharged shall be undertaken by an IANZ accredited or equivalent laboratory. All methodologies adopted shall be appropriate for wastewater analyses and be to the satisfaction of Environment Waikato.

Risk Notification

13. The consent holder shall, on receipt of any treated wastewater *E. coli* result exceeding 5000 cfu/100ml, ensure that an additional treated wastewater grab sample is taken immediately, and that a further two samples are taken at intervals of not less than two hours. All samples are to be tested for *E. coli* and, in the event any one of the three additional samples also exceeds 5000 cfu/100ml, the consent holder shall:

- i) Notify the Waikato Regional Council and Medical Officer of Health of the Waikato District Health Board as soon as practicable and no later than 48 hours afterwards; and
- ii) Record the reasons why the situation occurred, the actions taken by the consent holder, and an assessment of what measures can be adopted in the future to minimise such occurrences, and, if requested, shall provide a report to the Group Manager, Waikato Regional Council and the Medical Officer of Health.

Additional Investigations: Viral and Organic Chemicals

14. The consent holder shall in 2012 and thereafter on a five yearly basis undertake an investigation into the likelihood of viral pathogens and organic chemicals (including but not limited to endocrine disrupting chemicals and steroidal hormones) entering the river water from the discharge. An analysis of the likely removal of viral pathogens and substances within each stage of the treatment system (including bypasses) shall be made and based on actual results. The results of this investigation shall be compared with any relevant literature on the subject on removal of viral pathogens and organic chemicals within treated wastewater and their environmental fate/public health risk. A copy of the investigation and comparison

114674

shall be supplied to the Waikato Regional Council by 1 December each year the investigation is required to be undertaken.

UV Treatment

15. The consent holder shall, no later than 36 months after the commencement of this consent, ensure that:
- a) Measurements for each of the following parameters are recorded:
 - i) the instantaneous flow rate at each UV channel in the disinfection facility,
 - ii) the instantaneous UV intensity at 254nm within each UV Bank
 - b) Continuous recorders for those items listed above in 15(a) are to be provided and maintained in good working order.
 - c) An alarm system connected to a 24-hour manned station is to be provided and maintained, and shall be activated:
 - i) when the power supply to the disinfection facility has been interrupted; or
 - ii) in the event of any mechanical or electrical failure of the monitoring system specified in 15(a) or any other failure in the control system for the disinfection facility for more than 30 minutes.
 - d) All recorded monitoring data specified in this condition is to be kept on site for a minimum of three years. The monitoring records shall be made available to the Waikato Regional Council and included within the annual monitoring report as detailed within condition 17 below.

Reporting

16. The consent holder shall provide to the Waikato Regional Council, via electronic means and on a monthly basis, a copy of the monthly data as required via conditions 7 or 8 (whichever is applicable) and 9, 10, 12 and 13. In addition monthly data supplied to the Waikato Regional Council shall include details of any discharges from pump stations within the reticulation system stating the reason(s) for the discharge, nature of the discharge, duration of the discharge, estimated volume discharged, weather conditions at the time of the discharge and fate of the wastewater discharged.
17. The consent holder shall provide to the Waikato Regional Council a written report by 30 September each year, which addresses the following:
- i) A summary of the daily volume discharged;
 - ii) A summary of the monitoring results required by conditions 7 or 8 (whichever is applicable), 9, 10, 15 of this consent, and a discussion of any environmentally important trends identified;
 - iii) Comment on compliance with conditions 7 or 8 (which ever is applicable) and 9 of this resource consent;
 - iv) General comment on the functioning of the Tangata Whenua Wastewater Liaison Group;
 - v) Any reasons for non-compliance or difficulties in achieving compliance with the conditions of this resource consent;
 - vi) A record of bypass events, including volume, duration, causes, health risks and steps taken to avoid reoccurrence; and
 - vii) Any other issue considered relevant by the consent holder.

18. The consent holder shall notify the Waikato Regional Council within 24 hours (where practicable) of the consent holder becoming aware of any non compliance with conditions of this resource consent, or of any accidental discharge, plant breakdown or other circumstance that is likely to result in an exceedance of the limits of this resource consent. The consent holder shall, within 10 working days of the incident occurring, provide a written report to the Waikato Regional Council, identifying the breach, possible causes and steps to ensure future compliance.

Management Plan

19. The consent holder shall provide the Waikato Regional Council with a Management Plan which details the procedures that will be implemented to operate in accordance with the conditions of this consent. This Plan shall be lodged with the Waikato Regional Council within one year of the commencement of this consent and shall be reviewed and updated 36 months following the commencement of this consent and thereafter on a three yearly basis. The consent holder shall undertake the treatment and disposal of treated wastewater generally in accordance with the Management Plan.

The Plan shall address, but is not limited to, the following:

- i) a description of the wastewater treatment plant;
- ii) a description of the sequence, timing and methods of construction of upgrades to the treatment plant;
- iii) a description of routine inspection and maintenance procedures to be undertaken with respect to the treatment plant and discharge structures;
- iv) an outline of the methods to be utilised to monitor the treatment plant in an operational sense including:
 - monitoring of influent wastewater;
 - monitoring of treatment performance;
- v) specific management procedures for the efficient functioning of the treatment system;
- vi) procedures for recording routine maintenance and all repairs that are undertaken;
- vii) chain of command and responsibility, and notification protocols;
- viii) description of alarms;
- ix) trouble shooting procedures;
- x) contingency measures in place to deal with unusual events;
- xi) a bypass strategy that includes operating procedures and current planning to minimise the occurrence of bypass events as far as is practicable;
- xii) other actions necessary to comply with the requirements of this resource consent; and
- xiii) procedures for improving and/or reviewing the Management Plan.

The consent holder shall manage the wastewater treatment and discharge in accordance with the management plan outlined in this condition. Any changes to the management plan shall be notified in writing to the Waikato Regional Council.

Contingency Plan

20. The consent holder shall engage appropriately experienced persons to compile a plan that details contingency measures that will be put in place in the event of any bypasses, other extraordinary events or failure of any critical part of the treatment plant. This plan shall identify measures and notification protocols to be undertaken by the consent holder that will take into account any potential adverse effects on river users, including but not limited to downstream abstractors and the Medical Officer of Health. This plan shall be provided to the

Waikato Regional Council within 3 months of the commencement of this consent to a standard acceptable to the Waikato Regional Council. Subsequently this contingency plan shall be updated at three yearly intervals with updated copies supplied to the Waikato Regional Council.

Complaints Register

21. The consent holder shall maintain and keep a complaints register for all complaints made about the treatment plant and discharge site received by the consent holder. The register shall record:

- i) the date, time and duration of the event/incident that has resulted in the complaint,
- ii) the location of the complainant when the event/incident was detected,
- iii) the possible cause of the event/incident,
- iv) any corrective action taken by the consent holder in response to the complaint.

The register shall be available to the Waikato Regional Council at all reasonable times. Details of all complaints received by the consent holder shall be forwarded to the Waikato Regional Council within 5 working days of the complaint being received, unless as otherwise authorised by the Waikato Regional Council.

Monitoring and Technology Review

22. The consent holder shall submit to the Waikato Regional Council a Monitoring and Technology Review Report no later than 30 September 2009 and thereafter at three yearly intervals, for the duration of the consent.

The scope of the assessment should address, but not limited to, the following:

- i) Ongoing compliance with the requirements of this resource consent particularly in relation to any reported non-compliance with consent conditions;
- ii) An assessment of compliance/consistency with any relevant national, or regional water quality policies, standards or guidelines in effect at the time.
- iii) An assessment of the results of the permit holder's monitoring undertaken in accordance with the resource consent, including the adequacy and scope of such monitoring.
- iv) A summary of any major improvements made to the reticulation, treatment or disposal system since the commencement of consent that are likely to have an effect on the exercise of this consent.
- v) A summary of any residual actual or potential effects of the discharge, irrespective of whether those effects are in accordance with the conditions of the consent.
- vi) Outline of significant technological changes and advances in relation to wastewater management, treatment, disposal and beneficial use technologies, which may be available to address any residual adverse effects of the discharge.
- vii) An assessment of whether any such options or combination of options represent the Best Practicable Option to minimise the effects of the discharge and whether the permit holder intends to incorporate such changes.
- viii) Information relating to the use, development and success of alternative wastewater disposal techniques in New Zealand, in particular land based disposal, and their relevance and possible application to Hamilton City's situation.

Tangata Whenua Wastewater Liaison Group

23. The consent holder shall establish and retain for the duration of this consent a Hamilton City Council – Tangata Whenua Wastewater Liaison Group. The consent holder shall provide reasonable organisation and administrative support to facilitate the development and ongoing role of this Liaison Group. Membership of the Liaison Group shall be determined as a minimum in consultation with the Waikato Raupatu Trustee Company, Ngati Te Ata, Ngati Tamaoho Trust and the Turangawaewae Board of Trustees.

- i) The Liaison Group shall meet at least annually to exercise the functions set out below.
- ii) The Liaison Group shall establish its own meeting protocols having regard to the customary practices of tangata whenua and those established between the consent holder, Tainui, Nga Mana Toopu O Kirikiriroa or any other mana whenua group and shall operate in accordance with the principles of the Treaty of Waitangi, especially the principles of consultation, active participation and partnership.
- iii) The functions of the Liaison Group shall include, but not be limited to, the following:
 - a) Review the general performance of Hamilton's Wastewater Treatment Plant and the discharge including any changes to its operation;
 - b) Review of the results of monitoring and the associated assessment of monitoring information carried out in accordance with the conditions of this consent.
 - c) Receipt of and comments on the Annual Report;
 - d) Receipt of and comments on the Management Plan;
 - e) Receipt of and comments on the Monitoring and Technology Review Report;
 - f) To make suggestions to the consent holder and/or Waikato Regional Council as to any physical measures and initiatives further needed to address actual or potential effects of the Hamilton City Council Wastewater Scheme;
 - g) To make suggestions as to any additional investigations, including those relating to land based disposal, the consent holder might undertake in respect of actual or potential effects;
 - h) To make recommendations to the Waikato Regional Council not later than one month prior to the dates specified in condition 24 on issues raised by tangata whenua relating to, amongst other matters, the Annual Plan, the Management Plan and the Monitoring and Technology Review, and how such issues were addressed by the applicant; and
 - i) Consideration of other issues raised by tangata whenua.

Review

24. The Waikato Regional Council may in January, February or March of 2013, 2018 and 2023 serve notice on the Consent Holder under Section 128 (1) of the Resource Management Act 1991, of its intention to review the conditions of this resource consent for the following purposes:

- i) to review the effectiveness of the conditions of this resource consent in avoiding or mitigating any adverse effects on the environment from the exercise of this resource consent and if necessary to avoid, remedy or mitigate such effects by way of further or amended conditions; or
- ii) if necessary and appropriate, to require the holder of this resource consent to adopt the best practicable option to remove or reduce adverse effects on the surrounding environment; or
- iii) to require the consent holder to assess the need for further treatment to improve pathogen removal within the treated wastewater discharge and if necessary reduce the *E.coli* limit as specified within condition 8 of this consent; or

- iv) to require the consent holder to assess the need for further nutrient removal within the treated wastewater discharge over summer and winter and if necessary reduce the limits as specified within condition 8; or
- v) to require the consent holder, in conjunction with Waikato Regional Council staff, to assess the winter/summer definitions as defined within conditions 8 and 9 and if necessary change the definition of winter/summer as detailed within the conditions of this consent; or
- vi) to review the adequacy of and the necessity for monitoring undertaken by the consent holder; or
- vii) to respond to concerns raised by the Tangata Whenua Wastewater Liaison Group.

Claim under the Treaty of Waitangi Act

25. Within 12 months of the Crown settling any claim made under the provisions of the Treaty of Waitangi Act 1975 Waikato Regional Council may, following service of notice on the Consent Holder, commence a review of the conditions of this consent pursuant to s128(1)(a) of the RMA, for the purpose of ensuring that this consent is in alignment with the provisions of any such settled claim.

Outfall Structure

26. The discharge of treated wastewater to the Waikato River shall be via a multi-port in-river diffuser unless use of the by-pass outfall is authorised via condition 28 of this consent.

27. The consent holder shall demonstrate, on an annual basis, uniformity of mixing by sampling surface water at five points across the main flow of the river at a distance of 300 metres downstream of the outfall. Using appropriate methods to demonstrate wastewater mixing, the concentration in the five river samples shall be uniform within plus or minus 20 percent. The consent holder shall also demonstrate that the concentrations in the left bank littoral margin are within or less than the range of concentrations determined for the main flow.

By-pass Outfall for Inspection/Maintenance Events

28. In the event of planned inspections and/or maintenance of the main Waikato River outfall and/or the diffusers the consent holder may utilise the by-pass outfall for treated wastewater discharge direct to the Waikato River. The consent holder shall notify the Waikato Regional Council a minimum of ten working days in advance of the intention to utilise the by-pass outfall. This notification shall include information on the reason(s) for the proposed use of the outfall, the anticipated date(s) and duration of usage, and the proposed monitoring and mitigation measures, and notification and reporting procedures, that the consent holder will undertake. Written approval for the use shall be obtained from the Waikato Regional Council prior to any discharge from the by-pass outfall occurring.

Schedule 1

Analysis	Monitoring Frequency				Sample type	Units	Detection Limit
	4 days per week	Monthly	Quarterly	Annually			
BOD ₅	√				composite	mg/L	1
Total suspended solids	√				composite	mg/L	1
E. coli (routine)	√				grab	cfu/100ml	10
E. coli (diurnal)			√		grab	cfu/100ml	10
Total Nitrogen	√				composite	mg/L	0.1
Ammonia-Nitrogen		√			composite	mg/L	0.1
Nitrate-Nitrogen		√			composite	mg/L	0.1
Nitrite-Nitrogen		√			composite	mg/L	0.1
Total Phosphorus	√				composite	mg/L	0.1
Dissolved Reactive Phosphorus		√			composite	mg/L	0.1
pH		√			composite	pH	0.1
Alkalinity		√			composite	mg CaCO ₃ /L	0.1
Arsenic (Total)				√	composite	mg/L	0.005
Cadmium (Total)				√	composite	mg/L	0.0001
Chromium (Total)				√	composite	mg/L	0.0005
Copper (Total)				√	composite	mg/L	0.0002
Lead (Total)				√	composite	mg/L	0.0001
Mercury (Total)				√	composite	mg/L	0.00008
Nickel (Total)				√	composite	mg/L	0.0005
Zinc (Total)				√	composite	mg/L	0.001
VOC				√	composite	mg/L	trace
SVOC				√	composite	mg/L	trace
Whole effluent toxicity testing				√	composite		

Schedule Notes:

- (i) A "composite sample" is defined as a 24-hour flow weighted sample of the discharge.
- (ii) A "grab sample" is defined as a random sample taken from the discharge flow.
- (iii) The routine E. coli grab sample is to be taken on 4 days per week between the hours of 9am and 4pm.
- (iv) The diurnal E. coli grab samples are to be collected at hourly intervals over a full 24-hour period, at least once every 3 months.
- (v) The Total Nitrogen and Total Phosphorus monitoring is to be undertaken on 4 days each week during the months of January to April inclusive and on only 1 day each week for the remainder of the year.
- (vi) The timing of metals, VOC and SVOC sample collection shall be the same as for Whole Effluent Toxicity Testing.
- (vii) Whole Effluent toxicity Testing – a 24-hour flow weighted composite sample of the discharge shall be taken annually and tested for acute toxicity, using no less than 3 different trophic levels. The tests shall follow internationally accepted protocols, including a reputable method for Projecting chronic toxicity. Test procedures and choice of test organisms shall be approved by Waikato Regional Council. The EC50 value for the most sensitive of three test organisms shall represent an in-river dilution of no more than 15 upon commencement of consent and shall thereafter be varied proportionally to the discharge volume, by a methodology approved in writing by Environment Waikato.

114674

In accordance with S116 of the Resource Management Act 1991, this consent commences on 18th September 2007

*Dated at Hamilton this **18** day of **September 2007***

*For and on behalf of the
Waikato Regional Council*



.....

Advice notes

1. In accordance with section 125 RMA, this consent shall lapse five (5) years after the date on which it was granted unless it has been given effect to before the end of that period.
2. Where a resource consent has been issued in relation to any type of construction (e.g. dam, bridge, jetty) this consent does not constitute authority to build and it may be necessary to apply for a Building Consent from the relevant territorial authority.
3. This resource consent does not give any right of access over private or public property. Arrangements for access must be made between the consent holder and the property owner.
4. This resource consent is transferable to another owner or occupier of the land concerned, upon application, on the same conditions and for the same use as originally granted (s.134-137 RMA).
5. The consent holder may apply to change the conditions of the resource consent under s.127 RMA.
6. The reasonable costs incurred by Waikato Regional Council arising from supervision and monitoring of this/these consents will be charged to the consent holder. This may include but not be limited to routine inspection of the site by Waikato Regional Council officers or agents, liaison with the consent holder, responding to complaints or enquiries relating to the site, and review and assessment of compliance with the conditions of consents.

In reply please quote: 60 26 19A
Doc # 1226471
Enquiries to: Ruth Hutchinson

18 September 2007

Hamilton City Council (Water & Waste Services)
Private Bag 3010
HAMILTON 2020

Dear Sir/Madam

RESOURCE CONSENT NUMBER 114674, 114675, 114676

Please find enclosed the certificates detailing the terms and conditions of your resource consents recently granted by the Waikato Regional Council. Please keep these important documents in a safe place for easy reference during the term of the consents.

Please note the following:

- (i) Only the holder of the consents or their agent may exercise these consents, and then only for the purpose specifically authorised by the consents.
- (ii) Those exercising the consents must comply with the conditions of the consents at all times.
- (iii) The majority of consent holders will incur annual charges for holding consents, and may also incur costs associated with monitoring, inspecting and reporting on the exercise of these consents.
- (iv) If the consent have not been exercised within five years from the commencement date of the consents, the consents will lapse unless approval has been obtained from the Regional Council to extend the period.
- (v) Should you no longer wish to perform the activities authorised by the consents, you may wish to apply to surrender the consents, giving reasons for the surrender. In addition should you sell the property or the operation to which these consents apply, you may wish to transfer the consents to the new owner. If you wish to undertake either of these actions, please forward the resource consent certificates to this office with advice of the action you require to be taken.

Should you have any further queries on these matters, or any other issues relating to the exercise of these resource consents, please do not hesitate to contact the Hamilton office toll-free on 0800 800 402 quoting the above reference.

Yours faithfully

Ruth Hutchinson
Business Support – Resource Use