
Minutes of a meeting of the Works and Infrastructure Committee to deliberate on submissions to the draft Water Supply and Wastewater Bylaws

Held in the Council Chamber, Civic House, Trafalgar Street, Nelson

On Tuesday 16 September 2014, commencing at 9.04am

Present: Councillor E Davy (Chairperson), Her Worship the Mayor 9R Reese), Councillors I Barker, R Copeland, M Lawrey (Deputy Chairperson), and T Skinner, M Ward

In Attendance: Group Manager Infrastructure (A Louverdis), and Administration Adviser (L Laird)

Apologies: Councillors L Acland and G Noonan

1. Apologies

Resolved

THAT apologies be received and accepted from Councillors Acland and Noonan.

Lawrey/Copeland

Carried

2. Confirmation of Order of Business

There was no change to the order of business.

3. Interests

No updates to the Interests Register were made and no conflicts with items on the agenda were declared.

4. Analysis of Submissions on the Draft Wastewater Bylaw

Document number A1241824, agenda pages 5-56 refer.

Senior Asset Engineer – Utilities, Phil Ruffell joined the meeting and spoke to the report.

Mr Ruffell said in relation to the comments from the Hon Jo Goodhew, the draft Wastewater Bylaw intended to specify appropriate discharges

and that he would not recommend changing this in line with the comments. He said this was different to regular resource management policies as one could not discharge a substance unless it complies with the regulations in the Bylaw.

Mr Ruffell said, in relation to cytotoxic ingredients, that officers would ensure the Bylaw reflected that these were prohibited. In response to questions, Mr Ruffell said officers only know when prohibited substances had been added to the wastewater system further down the line. He said they had a long term implication in that they may create a reduction in efficiency.

In relation to the submission from Tasman District Council (TDC), Mr Ruffell explained officers from Tasman and Nelson were endeavouring to ensure all policies were as aligned and consistent as possible. To this effect, he said, changes from TDC would be incorporated.

Attendance: Her Worship the Mayor joined the meeting at 9.11am.

In response to questions about the scope of the Bylaw, Mr Ruffell said the Bylaw would impact on only a small number of home occupations, where for example the property owners were operating a mechanical wash-down bay or hairdressing salon. He said such operations required the operators to ensure appropriate steps were taken to avoid prohibited discharges.

In response to further questions, Mr Ruffell said the process in the Bylaw identified two categories of trade waste discharges. He said category A established a trade waste rate based on the level of solids discharged by significant contributors, like King Salmon. He said category B imposed a flat trade waste rate, which would capture the few home occupations that produced discharges requiring regulation by the Bylaw.

Mr Ruffell confirmed that the draft Bylaw did not seek a change to this trade waste system.

In relation to questions about heat pumps, Mr Ruffell said the Bylaw did regulate condensing and cooling water, however he did not foresee any issues associated with systems unless these appliances were to dump into the wastewater system.

Resolved

THAT the report Analysis of Submissions on the Draft Wastewater Bylaw (A1241824) and its attachments (A1241830 and A1241833) be received;

AND THAT the draft Wastewater Bylaw be amended to reflect the Committee's decisions on submissions (and comments).

Davy/Lawrey

Carried

Recommendation to Council

THAT the Wastewater Bylaw, as amended to reflect the Works and Infrastructure Committee's decision on submissions, be adopted.

Davy/Lawrey

Carried

5. Approval of Draft Water Supply Bylaw (No. 223)

Document number A1246105, agenda pages 57-58 refer.

Resolved

THAT the report Approval of draft Water Supply Bylaw (A1246105) and be received.

Davy/Lawrey

Carried

Recommendation to Council

THAT the Water Supply Bylaw (A1181471) be adopted.

Davy/Lawrey

Carried

There being no further business the meeting ended at 9.41am.

Confirmed as a correct record of proceedings:

_____ Chairperson _____ Date

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