

STAFF REPORT

TO: Mayor and Councillors
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DATE: 10 June 2009
SUBJECT: **TEN YEAR PLAN SUBMISSIONS
TAKAKA FIRE FIGHTING WATER SUPPLY**

1 PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to summarise the issues raised by the Ten Year Plan consultation process regarding the Takaka Fire Fighting Water Supply proposal.

2 BACKGROUND

Council carried out a special consultation process with ratepayers in the Golden Bay Ward in relation to the installation of a fire fighting water supply in Takaka.

The special consultation process generated 54 submissions with 14 submitters being heard at a hearing held on 10 March 2009.

A summary of the submissions and recommendations from the Hearings Panel was reported to the Engineering Services Committee on 2 April 2009. At that meeting, the committee resolved:

THAT the Engineering Services Committee recommends the inclusion of the following changes to the final LTCCP 2009 – 2019:

- a) **That the targeted rate for the Golden Bay Ward be increased from \$10 to \$15 per property per annum for 20 years, with a corresponding decrease in the targeted rate in the Takaka CBD;**
- b) **That the Takaka CBD targeted rating area be amended by:**
 - 1) **Removing the farm lot from Motupipi Street;**
 - 2) **Including Waitapu Engineering and the camping ground;**
 - 3) **Including land adjacent to Reilly Street (western side);**
 - 4) **Extending the map to include properties on Commercial Street to Rose Road.**
- c) **That the Takaka residential targeted rating area be amended by:**
 - 1) **Removing 31 Willow Street as the land cannot be built on;**
 - 2) **Including residential land on the north-eastern side of Meihana Street.**

The proposed Takaka fire fighting water supply was also included in the Ten Year Plan consultation process. A total of 10 submissions were received.

3 SUMMARY OF SUBMISSIONS

The table below summarises the submissions received from both the special consultation process and the Ten Year Plan consultation process.

| Details | Special consultation process | Ten Year Plan process |
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| Submitters supporting the proposed reticulation scheme | 20 | 2 |
| Submitters wanting more firewells installed | 3 | 1 |
| Submitters wanting the funding split for the Golden Bay Ward to increase. Note - some suggested an increase to \$20 per property | 7 | 2 |
| Submitters who felt the cost was too much / unaffordable / or didn't want at all | 15 | 4 |
| Submitters suggesting more water tankers should be made available | 8 | 0 |
| Submitters wanting a cheaper option | 2 | 0 |
| Submitter wanting a full water supply (to include drinking water) | 1 | 1 |
| Submitters wanting the boundary of the Takaka CBD and residential zones redrawn | 4 | 0 |

Note – some submitters indicated one or more requests in their submission

3.1 Submission from Golden Bay Community Board

In their submission to the Ten Year Plan, the Golden Bay Community Board asked that Council review the whole reticulation of the Takaka township. In summary, the Board has suggested that Council consult with the Takaka community again with a proposal to install a water supply around the Takaka township. The basis of their submission is that if Council could achieve a Government subsidy, the overall cost to the community would be similar to the costs associated with the fire fighting reticulation proposal.

If Council was to consider another round of community consultation with the Golden Bay Ward, the process will take time. If the community did not support a fully reticulated water supply then the previous work for fire fighting purposes could progress. However if the community did agree to progress with a township water supply, the following work would be required:

- Undertake a Public Health Risk Management Plan
- Gain support from the local representative of the Ministry of Health
- Detailed costings of the proposed system
- An application to the Ministry of Health for a subsidy.

As with all applications for a Government subsidy, there are no guarantees that an application will be successful and/or a certain level of funding will be achieved.

4 OPTIONS/TIMING

4.1 Install fire fighting water supply in Takaka CBD - as proposed in the Ten Year Plan

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| Application for resource consent | August 2009 |
| Complete design specification/tender process | November 2009 |
| Public tender | January 2010 |
| Commence work | March 2010 |

4.2 Install reticulated water supply in Takaka township – as proposed by the Golden Bay Community Board

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| Application for resource consent | August 2009 |
| Complete Public Health Risk Management Plan | October 2009 |
| Complete desktop design and costing | October 2009 |
| Include project in 2010/2011 Annual Plan | |
| Submission to Ministry of Health for subsidy | December 2009 |
| Submission panel review | April/May 2010 |
| Complete full design/specification | November 2010 |
| Public tender | January 2011 |
| Commence work | March 2011 |

5 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The costs associated with the Takaka fire fighting water supply have been widely advertised through the Ten Year Plan and the media. This process also indicated that the previous “Takaka Fire Protection” targeted rate of \$88 per property would be eliminated.

Council has not publicly advertised the targeted rates that would be required to meet the costs of full reticulation of the Takaka township.

6 RECOMMENDATION

- 6.1 **THAT Council consults with the ratepayers of the Golden Bay Ward to seek their views on the option of constructing a fully reticulated water supply in Takaka township.**
- 6.2 **THAT if 6.1 above is supported Council applies for a Government subsidy and includes any new targeted rates required in the 2010/2011 Annual Plan.**
- 6.3 **That wording is incorporated into the Ten Year Plan explaining that the Takaka township full reticulated water supply project will only proceed if it gains a satisfactory Government subsidy and community support.**
- 6.4 **THAT if 6.1 above is not supported by the community or does not gain a Government subsidy Council proceeds with the construction of the Takaka Fire Fighting Water Supply around the central business district as proposed in the draft 2009 Ten Year Plan.**

6.5 THAT Council includes in its 2009/2010 rates and Funding Impact Statement the construction costs for the Takaka Fire Fighting Water Supply as determined in accordance with the recommendations of the special consultative process undertaken earlier in 2009.

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