

# STAFF REPORT

**TO:** Chairman and Members, Engineering Services Committee

**FROM:** Utilities Asset Manager

**REFERENCE:** W209

**DATE:** 2 May 2007

**SUBJECT:** **MOTUEKA COASTAL COMMUNITY WATER SUPPLY**

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## 1 PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to provide an update to the Engineering Services Committee on the issues relating to the 20,000m<sup>3</sup> water take application at Motueka.

## 2 BACKGROUND

The Engineering Services Department of Tasman District Council made application on 8 March 2007 to take 20,000m<sup>3</sup> of groundwater from the Central Plains Zone in Motueka.

The site for which the water application is sought is from the land owned by the Council at the end of Parker Street in Motueka.

Submissions to the water permit close on 2 May 2007.

## 3 CONSULTATION

Council has undertaken consultation with the community since the submission of the application as follows:

<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Briefing of the Motueka Councillors and the Motueka Community Board</li></ul>	17 April 2007
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Open day at the St John Hall, Motueka. The open day was to enable the public to ask questions on a one-to-one basis. The attendance register was completed by 33 people however a number of people indicated that they would not complete the register. Overall, I believe the afternoon was a success and provided detailed information for those that attended.</li></ul>	20 April 2007 1.00 – 6.30 pm
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Parkerfield Place meeting. This was a meeting solely for Council neighbours who reside generally in the Parkerfield/Parker Street area adjacent to our site. The purpose of the meeting was to indicate to the adjacent property owners Council's intended use for the site if and when we obtained the water take permit. Issues raised as important to these residents included noise and height of structures and</li></ul>	21 April 2007

<p>trees/shrubs. Eighteen letters were delivered to the area and thirteen people attended the meeting.</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Public meeting at Masonic Lodge Centre. The commenced at 7.00 pm and was chaired by Cr Norriss. Jeff Cuthbertson and Julian Weir (Aqualinc) made presentations. Questions were at times challenging but also informative. Overall, Council provided a lot of information to the public from which they now have the opportunity to make an informed decision. However there is a concern in the community regarding: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Reticulation of Motueka as to timing;</li> <li>- Water going to Mapua</li> <li>- Issues not related to the application but to the resource management process, eg, water on land.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• The attendance register at the meeting was completed by 119 people however it is estimated that more than 200 people attended.</li> </ul>	23 April 2007
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Meeting with iwi – TDC Chambers. Invitations were sent out to all six iwi and Tiakina te Taiao. Mayor Hurley was to chair the meeting, however no iwi attended or tendered apologies.</li> </ul>	26 April 2007
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Invitations were sent out to 172 permitted bore holders in the Motueka plains informing them of Councils water permit application and inviting them to attend the public meeting on 23 April 2007.</li> </ul>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Council produced a fact sheet that was delivered to all households in the Motueka area prior to the public meeting and available at the open day. The fact sheet also provided information on the date and time of the public meeting. Fact sheets were also sent to all permitted bore holders and iwi representatives.</li> </ul>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Since the submission period closed staff and Councillors have also met with the Motueka Rotary Club.</li> </ul>	

#### **4 SUBMISSIONS RECEIVED**

At the close of the submission period Council received a total of 328 submissions. An analysis of these submissions has not yet been undertaken.

#### **6 RECOMMENDATION**

**THAT this report be received.**

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