



Important decision

Council is well aware that this is one of the most important decisions we will make for our district and future generations. We were due to receive a final recommendation at our Council meeting on 29 July, however, as a number of Councillors are not able to attend that meeting but want to be part of this important decision, we have decided to call a special meeting on 19 August to discuss and vote on the additional water supply solution.

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Kāpiti Coast Water Supply

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Kia ora,

The shortlist of options for additional water supply for the Paraparamu/Raumati/Waikanae catchment has been whittled down to four. Council decided to put four of the eight possible options (six options shortlisted earlier plus two sub-options) on hold, either because they are well outside our \$23 million (2010 dollars) budget, or don't suit possible combination options, or both.

This means that investigations on the proposed Kapakapanui dam (\$43.4 million), Ngātiawa dam (\$31.9 million), Extended borefield, large storage (\$56.1 million) and Extended borefield, small storage (\$42 million) have been put on hold.

Investigations are continuing for the Lower Maungakotukutuku dam (\$25.1 million), Aquifer storage and recovery (\$22.6 million), River recharge with groundwater (\$18.9 million) and an Extended borefield, no storage (\$29.7 million).



Helicopter moves drilling equipment for geotechnical testing

We will also investigate combinations of these options for a possible composite solution. A composite solution might give us increased ability to develop a solution in stages, which in turn gives us flexibility to respond to any changes in circumstances (for example, unforeseen changes in population growth or slow consumption reduction).

It makes sense to discontinue work on the options that fall well outside the budget. Clearly we will save money from not undertaking any further research on those options. Putting them on hold will also give people affected by those options greater certainty about their future.

Project budget

The thorough investigations undertaken to date have meant we have spent more of the overall project budget in the early stages. However, this should not affect overall project costs which are expected to remain within the overall budget set in the 2009 Long Term Council Community Plan (LTCCP).

Ōtaki

We have had comments from members of the community that out-of-catchment solutions should not be discarded completely. Even though Council has decided not to shortlist out-of-catchment solutions such as a pipeline from the Ōtaki River, updated costs associated with taking water from the Ōtaki River will be included in the final report to Council in August in the interests of openness and transparency.

This illustrates the thoroughness with which this project is being carried out. We really are getting all the facts from the Project Team and that is extremely helpful as Council looks to making a final decision on a preferred solution.



Drilling equipment for geotechnical testing

Technical Advisory Group

Lastly a big thank you to the members of the Technical Advisory Group, so ably led by Don Hunn, for all the work they have done to date. These are volunteers from within the community who are sharing their expert knowledge with all of us, free of charge. I have seen the amount of information they have to digest – it really is a big commitment on their part. They are giving their time freely and providing an immense help to Council by offering an independent opinion on the project as it progresses.

Yours sincerely,

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