

MEMO

TO All Councillors
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Decisions on non-notified resource consent applications

1. Purpose

To report on decisions made under delegated authority on non-notified resource consent applications. This report covers the period 3 August 2013 to 13 September 2013.

2. Applications processed

A total of 77 resource consents were received during the period, with 63 being approved in the period. This compares with 48 consents that were approved for the same period last year. 1 application was returned as incomplete under Section 88.

The consents approved are summarised in the table below:

	Coastal permit	Discharge permit	Land use consent	Water permit
CDC				4
HCC		1	19	7
KCDC		1	4	
MDC			3	3
PCC			2	
SWDC			2	4
UHCC				
WCC	3	4	5	
Whole region		1		
Total	3	7	35	18

3. Consent trends

The only clear trend common for this time of year was an influx of land use consents. This was due to a large number of consents being received for stream works in the Wainuiomata River – see below for details.

4. Non-notified consents of interest

NZTA was granted consent for the use of a prevention/de-icing agent on some of the SH network which could be prone to frosts in winter. Historically grit and signs were used to reduce the risk associated with ice and frost and in extreme cases roads were closed – so this option allows more flexibility for NZTA as a network operator. A suite of conditions were imposed; including controls on the rate of application and mitigation measures to treat any run off. Monitoring is also proposed to ensure that significant adverse effects on aquatic life do not occur. The consent was granted for 20 years.

Wainuiomata River - eight property owners along the Wainuiomata River were granted consent to undertake erosion protection and stream diversion works. The applicants applied for resource consent to place rock rip-rap and concrete blocks, and consent to permanently divert sections of the Wainuiomata River from the placement of the structures. Two applicants also sought retrospective consent for the placement of approximately 18 snub groynes formed by large concrete blocks, and four timber pole and willow groynes, anchored with driven steel poles and cables within the sections of the Wainuiomata River. Given the scale of the works, conditions were included in relation to the maximum number of structures to be placed and length of rock lining, spacing of adjacent groynes, size of the structures, and limitations on placing groynes on both riverbanks at any one location. In addition, no structures are to be located on or adjacent to gravel beaches, in order to protect the habitats of threatened bird species and roosting/foraging sites.