

## **Appendix II**

### **Guidelines for Applications for Resource Consents to Extract Gravel from Ruamahanga River System**

The purpose of these guidelines is to encourage the integrated management of gravel extraction in the Ruamahanga River system.

In June 2001, the Operations Department were granted a resource consent (referred to as Ruamahanga Gravel Consent) to extract gravel from the Ruamahanga River system. This consent is subject to maximum annual extraction limits which were derived as a result of assessing the sustainable yield of certain rivers and reaches or the potential future demand of gravel resources in certain rivers and reaches.

The aim of this consent was to ensure efficient administrative management of gravel resources and enhance the benefits of gravel extraction for river management purposes. To ensure this aim is met in the future, the Planning & Resources Department have developed the following guidelines.

#### **General Principles**

1. Applications will only be accepted once maximum annual extraction limits have been reached under various rivers, and reaches identified in the Ruamahanga Gravel Consent (WAR 990026).
2. Applications will be recommended to be received from the Operations Department only, unless special circumstances apply.
3. Applications will be for river management purposes only, unless special circumstances apply.
4. Any applications granted shall be only until the consent's next review period i.e. 2004, 2007, 2010, and 2013.
5. Resource management charges for any applications granted will be applied as per the Resource Management Charging Policy.
6. Applications granted will be recommended to be included under the licensing system operated as part of the Ruamahanga Gravel Consent, unless special circumstances apply.

#### **What is Expected in a Resource Consent Application?**

An 'Assessment of Environmental Effects' (AEE) report will be required. The minimum level of information required is as follows:

- Justification that proposed extraction will be sustainable and beneficial for river management purposes.
- Analysis of relevant riverbed monitoring data and justification for volumes requested.
- Aerial photograph showing location of extraction (i.e. proposed targeted beach/beaches for extraction).
- A brief summary of potential environmental effects (i.e. bird nesting, river crossings) for the site/sites as covered in the Ruamahanga Gravel Consent.
- Further analysis of any other additional potential environmental effect not covered in the Ruamahanga Gravel Consent.

### **Consultation**

The following persons and/or groups are to be consulted prior to receiving a resource consent application.

- Gravel Guardians, or if timing of Gravel Guardians meetings do not suit, consultation with Rangitaane o Wairarapa and Ngati Kahungunu ki Wairarapa as appropriate.
- Wellington Fish & Game Council and Department of Conservation where appropriate.
- Chairperson of river scheme where appropriate.
- Other persons and/or groups who may potentially affected by the proposed extraction.

Formal written approval of any of these persons and/or groups will be assessed by the consent authority on a case by case basis.