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Dear Councillor Long,

Stock Effluent Sites - Wairarapa

The lack of any stock effluent sites in the Wairarapa is a serious issue to some of our members and on their behalf we have taken the matter up with a number of bodies, including Transit, Masterton District Council and the GWRC's Regional Land Transport Committee. Having been advised of your new committee, we resolved at a recent meeting of our **M**Wairarapa Council to request your assistance in achieving some progress on the issue.

For your information, Transit's North Island Stock Truck Effluent Desk Study in 2003 identified a number of potential in-transit sites including one at Woodville, Eketahuna and Masterton. A subsequent plan deleted the Eketahuna and Masterton sites meaning there are now none planned throughout the length of Wairarapa. -- we are mainly referring to **SH2**.

We have established, after consultation with local road transport operators, that approx. 40 stock truck movements head north from Masterton every day going via Woodville and that approx 20 per day head over the Rimutaka Hill to Wellington. Taking into account the Wednesday stock sale at the Masterton sale yards at Waignawa it is fairly accurate to state that on average 30 pass through Masterton each day and that on Wednesdays, this figure rises to 50. In the absence of any suitable general disposal facilities, this means trucks could have to travel the length of the Wairarapa with full tanks – and we frequently see the result of this when spillages occur

We believe there is a prime need for a disposal site at the south end of Masterton (in the vicinity of the sale yards) – we understand there are sewerage facilities there that could be used or modified to handle the effluent.

In addition, a site in South Wairarapa, just prior to the Hill, would be welcomed by those operators heading over the Rimutakas with a full stock load.

I am sure that the issue of providing suitable facilities for stock effluent would be a very appropriate one for your new committee to tackle, as the quality of the Wairarapa environment is very much at stake, the longer this lack of facilities is allowed to continue.

We look forward to hearing what you might be able to do to improve this situation.

Yours sincerely,

Handley Thomson
Chairman - AA Wairarapa District Council