

Annual compliance report

Water takes



greater WELLINGTON
REGIONAL COUNCIL
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Activities this report covers

This report covers compliance monitoring for the all water takes, excluding municipal water supplies and water races, for the period from 1 July 2016 to 30 June 2017.

What we've done

This year we monitored 511 consents to take water, mostly for irrigation purposes:

>20 litres/sec	Complying		Minor non-compliance		Non-compliance		Total
2016-17	190	83% ↑	31	14% ↓	8	3% ↓	229
2015-16	160	69%	50	22%	21	9%	231
10-20 litres/sec	Complying		Minor non-compliance		Non-compliance		Total
2016-17	99	76% ↑	27	21% ↓	5	4% ↓	131
2015-16	76	58%	48	37%	6	5%	130
<10-litres/sec	Complying		Minor non-compliance		Non-compliance		Total
2016-17	118	78% ↑	29	19% ↓	4	3% ↑	151
2015-16	115	74%	37	24%	3	2%	155
All takes	Complying		Minor non-compliance		Non-compliance		Total
2016-17	407	80% ↑	87	17% ↓	17	3% ↓	511
2015-16	351	68%	135	26%	30	6%	516

What we've noticed

Overall there has been a reasonable lift in the level of compliance from 68% to 80%. There are a couple of reasons for increase in compliance:

- There were minimal water restrictions placed on consent holders this year due to experiencing a wetter than normal summer and subsequent higher summer flows in our rivers and streams
- There has been better performance with submission of water use records and water meter verification

What we'd like to fix or change

We are continuing to look into if we can reduce the amount of monitoring we undertake on water consents by targeting consents of interest and reducing the monitoring frequency on low risk and complying water take consents. We are also looking into ways we can improve communication and education around water restrictions.

A large number of water takes greater than 20 litres/sec will need to be verified in the next year as their first verification (for 5 years) will be expiring in 2017-2018.

