

MEMO

TO All Councillors
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Decisions on non-notified resource consents applications

1. Purpose

To report on decisions made under delegated authority on non-notified resource consent applications. This report covers the period from 31 August 2016 to 20 January 2017.

2. Applications processed

A total of 193 resource consents were received during the period 31 August 2016 to 20 January 2017, with 169 being approved in the period. This compares with 179 consents that were approved for the same period last year. Three applications were returned as incomplete under section 88.

The consents approved are summarised in the table below:

	Coastal permit	Discharge permit	Land use consent	Water permit	Certificate of Compliance
CDC		7	10	4	
HCC		1	7	3	
KCDC	2	8	11	8	
MDC		1	10	1	
PCC	8	9	14	5	
SWDC		5	11	4	
UHCC		3	4	1	
WCC	12	7	8	5	
TDC					
Whole region					
Total	22	41	75	31	

3. Consent trends

No specific trends to report as the activity types were reasonably well spread for this period, with the usual elevation in land use consents.

4. Non-notified consents of interest

There were no specific consents of interest this period to report on.

CentrePort Limited (CPL) Aotea Quay wharf (AQ) pocket dredge (WGN170152).

As part of their earthquake recovery works CPL was granted consent to dredge berths AQ2, 3 and 4 to 11.1m below chart datum to allow container and log ships to berth at this location. The amount of material to be dredged was 14,000m³ and consent was sought to deposit this in an area to the south east of Thorndon Container Wharf.

The seabed sediments in this location are known to be contaminated with DDT amongst other substances. Expert input from CPL and GWRC was utilised to design mitigation measures to ensure contaminants weren't dispersed inappropriately in a sediment plume or result in unacceptable contamination levels at the disposal site. The dredge was completed successfully between Saturday 14 January and 21 January 2017. All consent conditions and mitigation measures were complied with. No issues were experienced with sediment plumes or uncontrolled discharges of contaminated materials.

Wairarapa Gun Club – (WGN160342)

This was a consent to discharge contaminants to land and air from a clay target shooting range. It was granted subject to 20 conditions. There were a number of residents who were against the proposal and did not want to see it proceed, however GWRC did not deem them to be affected parties to the application. The application and relevant information sent in by the residents was reviewed by Dr Dave Bull (an independent land specialist) and he considered the effects on soils to be no more than minor. After consent was granted, the Wairarapa Gun Club objected to 12 of the consent conditions under Section 357 of the RMA. A resolution to this objection was negotiated with the Wairarapa Gun Club and signed off (without a hearing) by Cr Donaldson.