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Papakura local board views on Central Governments 'Clean Water' Consultation 2017

Background

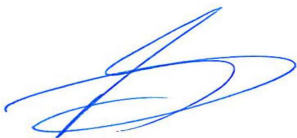
The Papakura local board promotes the social, economic, environmental and cultural wellbeing of current and future communities in the Papakura area. The Local Board has considered Central Government's 'Clean Water' consultation 2017 material and would like to provide the views as outlined below:

- The Papakura local board is generally supportive of the targets and dates set by Central Government for swimmability in large rivers and lakes.
- However, the Papakura local board has concerns about the usage of modelled data to create swimmability maps and the publishing of those maps on a website. The public would use the maps to determine whether or not a location is safe to swim. The only way to properly determine actual water quality is by monitoring and testing particular swimming sites. Publishing maps based on modelled data might create public health risks if the 'actual' water quality is different from the 'modelled' water quality.
- The Papakura local board is supportive of the Freshwater Improvement Fund being made available by Central Government. The board would like to see council staff exploring the possibility of projects addressing the water quality of streams going into the Manukau Harbour to be put forward for funding.
- With regards to the debate around the definition of 'economic well-being', the board would like to state that the views of the local community should be taken into account while assessing economic well-being.

Conclusion

The Papakura local board is overall supportive of Central Government's 'Clean Water' package but questions the usage of modelled data to create swimmability maps for large rivers and lakes to inform the public.

Yours sincerely



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