

Māngere-Ōtāhuhu Local Board's comments on Stormwater Network Discharge Consent, Auckland

Reference: Application for resource consent – Section 95 A (2) (b) of the Resource Management Act 1991

The board notes that the scope of the consent for Auckland Region wide stormwater network discharge includes:

- Diversion of stormwater from existing and future urban land uses within the Rural Urban Boundary (RUB), urban areas outside the RUB where the discharges go to the public stormwater network
- Discharge of stormwater from the public stormwater network to the receiving environment

The board supports the outcomes from the consent that help contribute to high water quality. One of the six outcomes of the Māngere-Ōtāhuhu Local Board Plan (2017) is protecting the natural environment and heritage. To achieve this outcome a key objective is that Manukau Harbour and its coastline is clean, improved and protected.

With that in view the board provides the following comments and feedback:

- Supports all outcomes of the consent that result in improvement in the quality of stormwater discharge. That is, overall reduction of contaminants as we want water quality in our harbour and streams to be good.
- Outcomes that promote environmentally sensitive designs that promote ecosystem health.
- Financially viable stormwater solutions that both facilitate development and provide for high quality stormwater discharges.
- Scope in the consent to allow for improved stormwater practices, should technology or practices improve over the 35 year timespan.
- Sufficient and timely monitoring to ensure that the consent conditions are being complied with. Board is of the view that this should be every 3 years rather than 6.
- That a 35-year period for consent of the public stormwater network is far too long. That there must be provision made for review at least every 10 years. Otherwise this sets a dangerous precedent at the time when the consents for commercial discharges come up for renewal.

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