

Memorandum

May 2019

To: Trade Waste Bylaw 2013 review Hearings Panel

Cc: All Waitematā Local Board members
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Subject: Statement of Proposal for changes to the Trade Waste Bylaw 2013

From: Waitematā Local Board

Purpose

1. To provide Waitematā Local Board's feedback on the Statement of Proposal for changes to the Trade Waste Bylaw 2013.

Summary

The Waitematā Local Board supports the following proposed amendments to the Trade Waste Bylaw 2013:

- a) providing clearer rules to determine when trade waste activities are low risk and when they require a trade waste agreement to ensure that all trade waste activities are clearly covered avoids over-regulation of low-risk trade waste discharges.
- b) introduction of the Trade Waste Control 2019, which will include existing limits to flow rates and volumes for low risk discharges, and to characteristics and substances in trade waste discharges.
- c) providing clearer information for the pre-treatment and other conditions required for low risk trade waste discharges, to improve understanding of pre-treatment of low risk trade waste discharges.
- d) clearly defining matters that are taken into account when considering a trade waste agreement to help trade waste dischargers and the public to better understand the factors considered when assessing an application for a trade waste agreement.
- e) removing all matters relating to transitional consents as trade waste dischargers no longer hold these consents.

Context/Background

2. The Local Government Act 2002 requires council to review its bylaws to determine whether they are effective, efficient and still needed.
3. The Trade Waste Bylaw 2013 aims to minimise the risk to people, wastewater assets and the environment from potentially harmful substances discharged from trade premises.
4. Auckland Council review the Bylaw and reported its findings in June 2018.
5. Key findings from the Bylaw review included:

- trade waste discharges continue to pose a risk to the public wastewater system, people and the environment
 - the Bylaw has been efficient and effective in managing risk
 - risks are managed by the classification of trade waste, maximum discharge standards, agreements and management plans
 - stakeholders consider the Bylaw as the most appropriate way to protect the public wastewater system, people and the environment, and identified improvements that could be made.
6. Following the review of the Bylaw, the Governing Body on 28 March 2019 proposed amendments to the Bylaw for public consultation.
 7. The proposed amendments are open for public feedback between the 10 April and 10 June 2019.
 8. Local Boards and Advisory Panels have an opportunity to input into decisions on proposed amendments in writing by 10 June and to the Panel appointed by the Regulatory Committee at a session on Friday 31 May 2019.

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