

From: "Lake Rotoiti Community Association, Inc"

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Subject: Lake Rotoiti Community Association - re communications around Rotoiti Sewerage Scheme

We write to Council following Phill Thomass attending the last Lake Rotoiti Community Association (LRCA) committee meeting and listening to our concerns regarding the East Rotoiti on-site installations. We note this was referred to at the most recent Lakes Community Board meeting on 15 July.

LRCA's first concern, and that of its members, is the lack of communication from Council regarding the progress with completing reticulation, timing of sending out tender documents, and the subsequent decision of Council on selection of on-site system, main contractor and the start date/completion date for the east Rotoiti on-site installation part of the sewerage project. Whilst some residents and holiday home owners were able to attend the January open day at the treatment plant, information was limited, and the planned Easter follow up was of course stymied by Covid 19 lockdown.

LRCA seeks a written update by mail and email to the East Rotoiti community. We understand such an undertaking was reported at the Lakes Board meeting on 15 July in response to Phill kindly earlier arranging a meeting with the Infrastructure management and communications team to explain our concerns. We understand Marissa Balle will undertake this and on-going communications, and hope to receive the first very soon. Updates and response from Council will be posted to the LRCA website and Facebook to enhance the effectiveness of communications.

This communication would also be an ideal medium for enclosing permission forms for completion and return to Council to avoid these holding up installation.

Our second request was to meet with Phill plus Infrastructure and communications team in a similar manner to the planned meeting between Council and Iwi representatives at the appropriate time to discuss the selection of on-site system etc. Peter, you had confirmed in recent discussion that this was agreed to at Phill's meeting with the team. We would like to know the likely timeframe for this meeting please.

An important topic for this discussion is to establish timelines for commencement of installations, and target completion date. We envisage that this information will by then have been provided by tenderers.

Finally, LRCA seeks confirmation that the cost per property will, at most, not exceed \$14,100, as provisioned in the 10 year plan, including confirmation that the process of achieving permission from some multiple ownership properties will not be a cost to all property owners/lessors. LRCA has been asked a number of times whether Council is taking advantage of the current low interest rates so that this will benefit the instalment cost option. Please advise.

It is envisaged that LRCA committee representatives at the meeting with Council would include as a minimum Reina Engelen (Chair) and Roy Duffy (who has a trial Biolytix unit on his property).

We look forward to Council response and answers to the questions and proposals.

Kind regards

Reina Engelen
Chairperson LRCA