

12 January 2018



Name
Address

Dear Consent holder

Potential changes to minimum flows and Category A groundwater restrictions

The Ruamāhanga Whaitua Committee has been reviewing the current water allocation policies in the Ruamāhanga catchment (as currently set out in Greater Wellington Regional Council's proposed Natural Resources Plan), including minimum flows and allocation limits. This letter is to let you know that the Committee is considering recommending minimum flow and allocation limit changes that could affect you as a water user. These are:

- Raising the minimum flows in the Upper Ruamāhanga River (upstream of the confluence with the Waiohine River).
- Raising the minimum flows in the Waipoua River.
- Greater restrictions for Category A groundwater users at minimum flow across the whole catchment.

Over time these changes are likely to affect your reliability of supply. We want to work with you to:

- Hear your feedback on the potential changes.
- Hear your feedback on the timeframe over which any changes could be phased in.
- Hear your ideas to develop a package of innovative solutions to assist any transition.

We will send you further information about the potential changes and how they could affect you in a letter in the next couple of weeks. We will also confirm the dates and times for evening meetings (tentative dates are 8, 12 and 14 February), drop in sessions and other opportunities for you to discuss and provide feedback.

Attached are some general frequently asked questions about the work of the Ruamāhanga Whaitua Committee and the interaction with the proposed Natural Resources Plan hearing process.

If you have any questions you can email us at ruamahangawhaitua@gw.govt.nz or see our website www.gw.govt.nz/ruamahanga-whaitua.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Peter Gawith".

Peter Gawith
Chair - Ruamāhanga Whaitua Committee