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Dear Property Owner,

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Tarawera Sewerage Scheme Stage 2

Rotorua Lakes Council has moved forward with a contract with the preferred Stage 2 tenderer, DDL. Physical works are set to begin in November 2024.

To ensure an efficient start to this project stage, a DDL representative will contact you soon to confirm the location of your on-property system. As previously stated, this is necessary to finalise the Locality Plan for the statutory Building Consent application process. These final plans will be recorded in your property file for future reference and to note the Council's ongoing asset maintenance responsibilities.

You can contact DDL directly to start this Stage 2 process:

- Hamish Stewart: 027 235 0967
- Kim Hawke: 027 606 9966 or TaraweraSP2@ddl.nz

DDL will:

- 1. Contact you to arrange an on-site meeting to finalise the location of your on-property system and discuss re-instatement requirements.
- 2. Seek your sign-off for the final Locality Plan.
- 3. Apply for the statutory Building Consent to install the on-property system.
- 4. Arrange a suitable time with you to install the on-property system, once the Building Consent is granted and issued.
- 5. Install the on-property system and re-instate property affected by installation.
- 6. Apply for the system's Code of Compliance Certificate so it can be connected to the mains network.

This stage of the project differs from Stage 1 (the mains) because most of the work is located on private properties as well as the necessary connecting to the mains sub-lines. DDL is required and committed to minimising the impact on your gardens, paths, driveway, and other amenities and will work with you to achieve the least amount of disruption.

The on-property installation specifications are designed to ensure the whole system compliance, network standardisation, and overall cost minimisation. While every property is different and every effort will be made to re-instate affected parts to a high quality, it's important to note that property reinstatement requirements that far exceed agreed specifications could potentially generate additional claims from the contractor and therefore additional costs to the Tarawera community.

If you have any queries or need assistance, please reach out to Gerhard Mostert, Engineer's Representative, via email at TaraweraSs@rotorualc.nz or phone 07 348 4199.

Lake Rotokākahi update

Work at the site was paused at the end of August to address concerns from iwi and hapū regarding information available to them about the overall scheme and specifically about the section of pipe running past Lake Rotokākahi. All information requested has been provided by the Council.

Elected members directed Council staff to complete the project as adopted in its 2024-2034 Long-Term Plan.

Discussions with iwi and hapū are ongoing and the Tarawera Sewerage Scheme remains vital to protect the health of the lake, community, and natural environment.

The sewerage scheme mains pipeline work site at Lake Rotokākahi has been temporarily scaled back while Rotorua Lakes Council awaits a decision on its application for an injunction to enable work to restart in a safe manner.

This means the road at the site, which was down to one lane and under traffic management, has been fully re-opened until Council receives the Court's direction and makes the necessary arrangements so the work can re-start, within any conditions set by the injunction.

There are about four weeks of work remaining to complete the mains pipeline.

Yours faithfully,

Gerhard Mostert

Senior Project Manager, Infrastructure Engineer's Representative, Tarawera Sewerage Scheme