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Dear Property Owner,

## **Tarawera Sewerage Scheme Update: Final Costs & Options**

Good news!

Further to the letter you received from us on 5 June 2025, the per-property contribution to the Tarawera Sewerage Scheme has been finalised at a capped amount of \$36,600 (GST inclusive).

This was approved at a meeting of Council last week when elected members revoked a previous decision following confirmation of extra funding for the scheme from the Ministry for the Environment (\$1m) and Bay of Plenty Regional Council (\$1m).

Rotorua Lakes Council's contribution will increase to \$2.685m (previously \$1.1m) via the Lakes Enhancement Rate, which is paid by all ratepayers within Bay of Plenty boundaries.

The \$36,600 payable by Tarawera ratepayers applies to each single Household Unit Equivalent (HUE) with installation of a standard Simplex system.

Properties with multiple dwellings may incur higher costs depending on the number of units and the size of the system required.

Comprehensive terms and conditions outlining all stakeholders' commitments along with funding and payment options have been captured in the Capital Funding Plan, a comprehensive document we want to share with all stakeholders, which will be available on the [www.rotorualakescouncil.nz/tarawerassupdates](http://www.rotorualakescouncil.nz/tarawerassupdates) section of the Rotorua Lakes Council website shortly.

### **Payment terms**

As a result of last week's Council decision, the property owner contribution has been reduced from \$46,705 to \$36,600, payable under three different payment options.

1. Lump sum of \$36,600 - pay the full amount by end August 2025.
2. 25-year targeted rate @ \$2,836 per year – spread over 25 years.
3. Quarterly Payments @ \$709 per quarter – transitioning to lump sum.

The new targeted rate for the Tarawera Sewerage Scheme will apply from 1 July 2025, with the first instalment due 20 August 2025.

### **Opting out of Stage 2 installation by council**

Council considers all property owners to be within the scheme unless they choose to opt out of Stage 2 (installation of on-site systems and connection to the scheme).

These property owners will:

1. Need to notify the council in writing by 31 July 2025 if they want to opt out – via email to [info@rotorualc.nz](mailto:info@rotorualc.nz) or post to Rotorua Lakes Council, Civic Centre, 1061 Haupapa Street, DX Box JX10503, Rotorua 3046.

2. Be required to connect at their own cost (using a council-approved contractor, installing pre-approved equipment) at a later date with timing depending on what system they currently have on their property.
3. Pay the Stage 1 rate of \$17,701 including GST under any of the offered terms.

### Conclusion

Council has worked hard to reduce the cost burden as much as possible but acknowledges this is still a significant cost.

If you're concerned about affordability, please contact us on 07 348 4199 to discuss payment options, including rates postponement. We're here to help.

Joining the scheme is a vital step in protecting the health of Lake Tarawera and the wellbeing of our community. By connecting, you're helping to preserve this taonga for future generations.

We will be communicating further in the near future about some specifics, but we first wanted to update you on some significant developments regarding the Tarawera sewerage scheme.

Yours faithfully



Andrew Moraes  
Chief Executive



David Jensen  
Chief Financial Officer