

# August 2025

## Te Kaupapa Tiaki o ngā Roto Tarawera Sewerage Scheme Newsletter

**E te mano, e te rahi, koinei te mihi maioha ki a koutou katoa i roto i ngā kaupapa nunui o te wā. Anei te pānui hou mō te kaupapa nei a te 'Tarawera Sewerage Scheme'. Nō reira tēnā koutou katoa.**

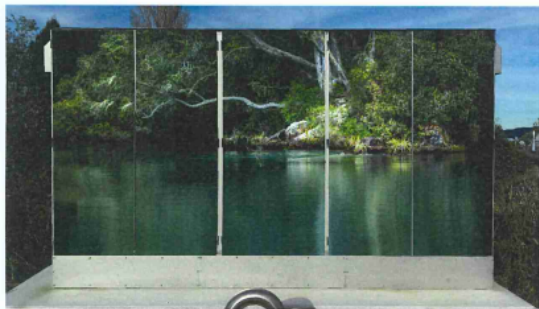
Warm greetings to everyone and acknowledge the many important undertakings that are upon us. Here is the latest update about the Tarawera Sewerage Scheme. Greetings again to you all.

### Stage 1 Complete

Stage 1 of the Tarawera Sewerage Scheme is now complete. All three pumping stations are now operational.



We have also approved the designs of the wrapping for the Cliff Rd and Stoney Point pumping stations:



We thank the Tarawera community for their continued support and shared commitment to protecting public health and preserving our waterways for future generations.

## **Stage 2 Update**

### **Locality Plans – Your Signature is Needed**

Rotorua Lakes Council is working collaboratively to deliver Stage 2 efficiently. To proceed, property owners must sign their Locality Plans. This enables building consent applications and installation work to begin. More than 170 Locality Plans still need to be signed.

By signing, you consent to:

- Installation of sewerage infrastructure on your property
- Recording asset locations for future maintenance
- Any required Heritage NZ checks
- Minor location adjustments if needed

### **Project Steering Group Formed**

A Project Steering Group has been established to guide and facilitate the scheme's progress. It includes:

- Rotorua Lakes Council staff
- Lake Tarawera Ratepayers Association (LTRA)
- Lake Tarawera Working Group

The group held its first meeting on 24 July 2025, and a Terms of Reference is being drafted to formalise its role.

### **Financial Update & Rates Information**

On 23 July, elected members approved the Capital Funding Plan, capping the per-property cost at \$36,600 (incl. GST) for a standard Simplex system.

#### **Breakdown of Capital Cost:**

- Stage 1 Network Contribution: \$17,701 (incl. GST)
- Stage 2 Onsite System Installation: \$18,899 (incl. GST)
- Rates invoices have been sent. Operational charges will begin July 2026.

All properties are charged Stage 1 and Stage 2 rates over the 25-year option by default. Any ratepayer wish to pay either rate by lump sum should contact Council on 07 348 4199.

Concerned about affordability? Contact Council on 07 348 4199 to discuss payment options, including rates postponement.

An FAQs document can be viewed by clicking the following link: <https://rlc.net.nz/tsscalfundingplan>.

The Capital Funding Plan can be viewed by clicking the following link: <https://rlc.net.nz/FAQ>.



Installation work is underway, with DDL providing necessary resources to accelerate property connections.

- 321 site visits completed
- 76 building consents approved
- 84 installations partially completed

Once commissioned, Council will manage the system's operation, maintenance, and future replacement.

### What DDL Will Do:

- Arrange onsite meeting to finalise system location
- Seek signoff of Locality Plan
- Apply for Consent
- Schedule installation
- Reinstate affected property areas
- Apply for Code of Compliance Certificate

Properties opting out of Stage 2 may still work directly with DDL, the sole approved contractor.

DDL is committed to minimising disruption to gardens, paths, driveways, and other amenities. If you have not had a site visit, please contact DDL directly.

Contact Hamish Stewart directly to book your appointment today:

027 235 0967 [TaraweraSP2@ddl.nz](mailto:TaraweraSP2@ddl.nz)



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## Stay Informed

For regular updates, visit: [www.rotorualakescouncil.nz/our-council/projects/tarawera-sewerage-scheme](http://www.rotorualakescouncil.nz/our-council/projects/tarawera-sewerage-scheme)



**E mihi kau ana ki a koutou katoa i tō koutou tautoko tonu ki te whakatutuki ngā mahi ki Tarawera. Kia noho haumarū tātau katoa.**

Acknowledgements to everyone for your continued support in progressing the works at Tarawera. May we all remain safe and well.