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Te Kaupapa Tiaki o ngā Roto Tarawera Sewerage Scheme Newsletter

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**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 we 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 2 Update

Residents Helping Propel Stage 2 Forward

A huge thank you to the large number of Tarawera property owners who have signed their Locality Plans for the installation of low-pressure grinder pumps on their properties.

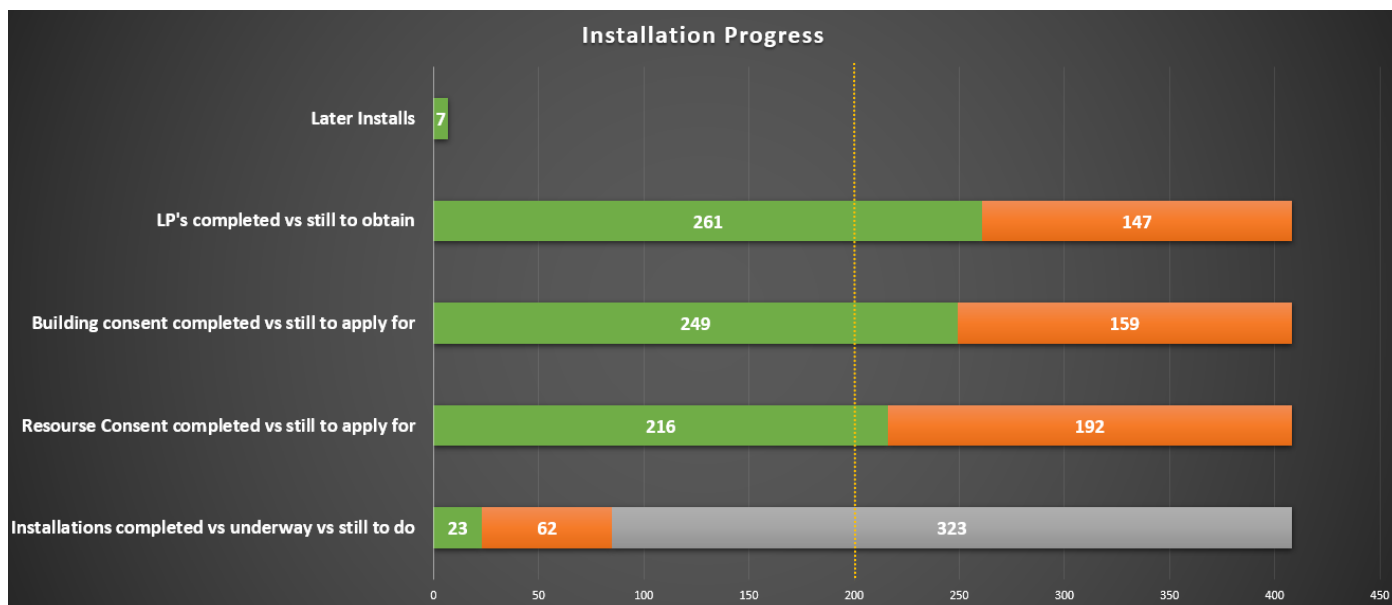
We're pleased to report that 261 plans have already been signed, paving the way for installation work. In total, 62 installations have been partially completed to date with 23 fully completed. These are now gradually getting connected to the mains.

More than 270 site visits have also been carried out and a further 126 properties are now ready for installation. The process of hooking properties over to the new low-pressure grinder pump system and decommissioning old septic tanks is also well underway.



Looking ahead to October, installations will continue, building momentum across the wider programme of works so the scheme can be completed as soon as possible. We encourage all those property owners who have yet to sign their locality plans (147) to do so as soon as possible.

If you have not signed your Locality Plan, please contact Hamish Stewart, of DDL Goodricks, today to book your appointment: 027 235 0967 or TaraweraSP2@ddl.nz



What to Expect During Installation

We thought it would be helpful to provide an overview of what property owners can expect during the installation of a Low Pressure Grinder Pump on their property:

- Typically, DDL will be in touch with homeowners directly to schedule installation dates. These are generally organised by geographical clusters to help streamline an efficient process.
- A standard installation typically takes around two days, followed by reinstatement of the property.
- Crews on site usually include a drill team of three who will work in advance of a tank installation team of four who also decommission the old septic tanks. Each team has a crew lead overseeing the work
- There's no requirement for homeowners to be present during installation. However, we're finalising options for those who wish to nominate a trusted neighbour or use remote CCTV monitoring to oversee the works on their properties remotely— **(See Installation Arrangements)**
- While some areas like driveways, gardens, or fences may be affected, DDL will reinstate all properties to their

original condition. Any interruption to water or wastewater services will be kept to a minimum.

Got a question about the Tarawera Sewerage Scheme? Please email us tarawerass@rotorualc.nz

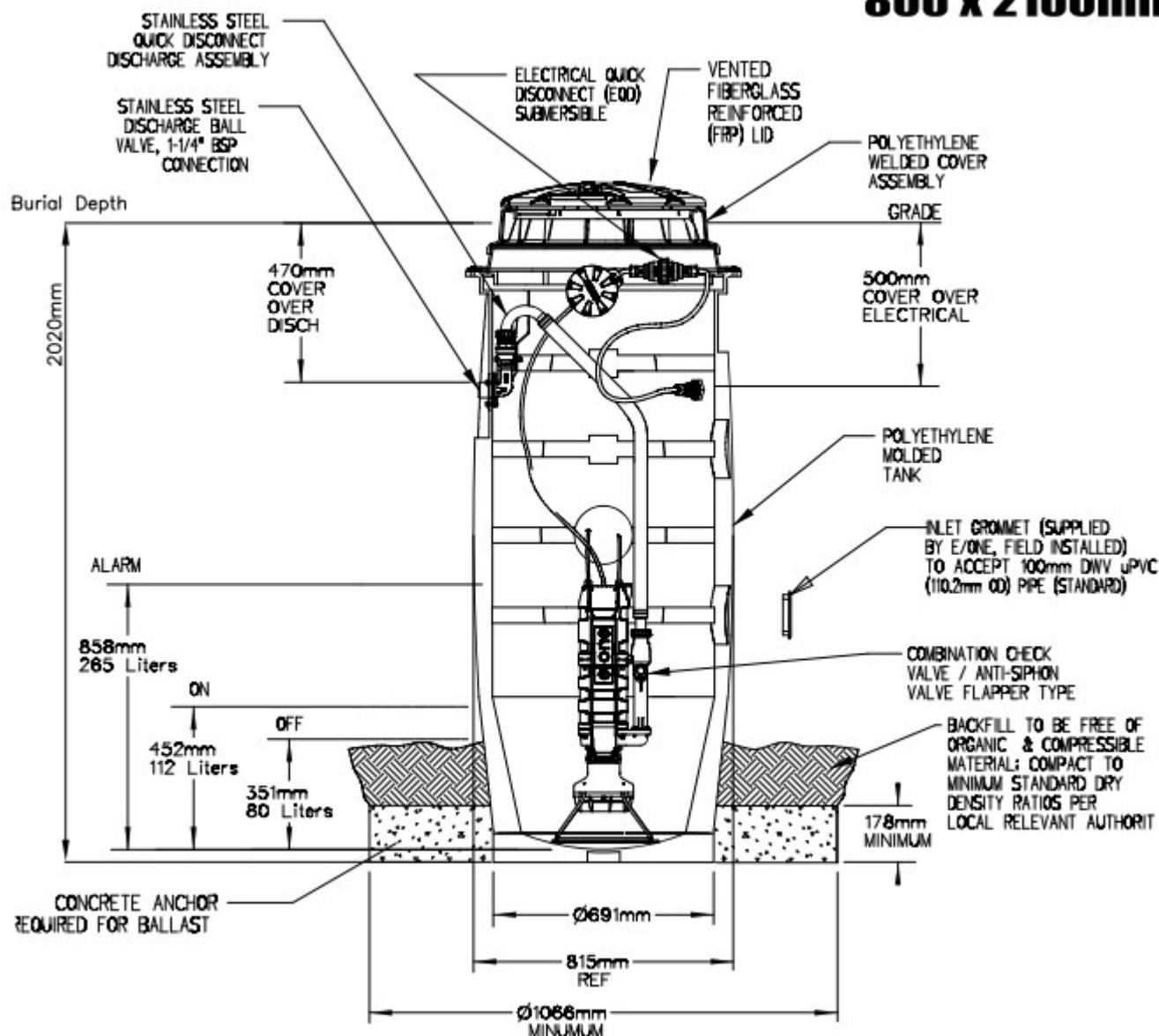
Understanding the installation process

We know that having work done on your property can feel a bit daunting — so here's a simple breakdown of what to expect during the installation of your E-One low-pressure grinder pump (LPGP) system.

- 1. Set-out and Preparation:** The contractor will confirm the location of the pump tank and aligns the routes for both the pressure and gravity pipes.
- 2. Installing the Pressure Pipe:** Crews drill or trench along the approved alignment, install the 40 mm pressure pipe to the pump chamber, join the pipe using specialist fittings, and carry out pressure testing.

3. Excavation and Tank Placement: The ground is excavated to the required depth, bedding is prepared, and the LPGP tank is lowered into position.

MODEL 2010iP 800 x 2100mm



(Above) A diagram showing an Ecoflow Low Pressure Grinder Pump. Image/Ecoflow.

4. Backfilling the Tank: The pressure pipe is connected to the tank, and the area is carefully backfilled and compacted.

5. Power Conduit Installation Underground conduit is laid from the dwelling or power supply to the control panel and pump tank.

6. Electrical and Control Panel Setup The control/alarm panel is installed and connected to mains power. All electrical connections are tested.

7. Connecting the Gravity Pipe A 100mm gravity pipe is installed from the dwelling to the tank inlet. The existing house line or old tank outlet is connected to this new pipe, and leak testing is carried out.

8. Commissioning The pump, float switch, and alarm are tested. The tank is filled, and the pump discharge is checked.

9. Decommissioning the Old Septic Tank Contents are pumped out and disposed of. The tank is broken or removed, and the area is backfilled with clean fill.

10. Property Reinstatement Ground surfaces, paving, and landscaping are restored to their original condition.

A factsheet for the Tarawera Sewerage Scheme can be viewed by clicking the following link:
<https://rlc.net.nz/FAQ>

Installation arrangements

We understand that some property owners prefer to be present during the installation process. While that's absolutely their choice, coordinating access around availability - especially for holiday homes – will slow down the overall schedule.

To help keep things moving smoothly, Council has put in place two easy options so you can stay informed and confident, even if you're not at your Tarawera property when DDL Goodricks carries out the work:

- **Nominate someone you trust** — like a family member, friend or neighbour — to visit your property during installation. Just pass their details on to DDL Goodricks and he'll handle the arrangements.
- **Use remote CCTV monitoring** — a free option that lets you keep an eye on the installation from wherever you are. This can also be arranged through DDL.

We are confident that – with these arrangements in place - the good progress being made will continue so the scheme can be completed as soon as possible and the community can enjoy its benefits .

**Please contact Hamish Stewart directly to discuss these options 027 235 0967
or TaraweraSP2@ddl.nz**

A homeowner's manual can be viewed here: <https://rlc.net.nz/TSShomeownersmanual>

Iwi Site Visits Planned October 9-10

All on property installations require building and resource consents. We expect that consents for the vast majority of properties will be granted seamlessly and noted on the property records. There may be a small number of properties that may require more consenting attention.

To be able to address any possible consenting requirements on those small number of properties, representatives of Tūhourangi and Ngāti Rangitihi will be visiting selected sites this month to see various stages of the installation process for low-pressure grinder pumps and familiarise with the local conditions.

DDL is working directly with property owners hosting the visits. The visits are an important step in recognising and respecting the cultural and historical values of the area.

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



Holiday Pause

Please note that LPGP installations will be paused over the Christmas and New Year period, from Friday 19 December to Friday 9 January.

The project team will resume work from Monday January 12.

We appreciate your patience and understanding as our crews take a well-earned break.

Stay Informed

For regular updates, visit: 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.