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Kia ora

I am writing to provide an update on Rotorua Lakes Council's Recovered Water Management Project.

The project is focused on finding sustainable options for managing recovered water, that is water that has been treated to the limits of current technology to remove waste pollutants, by the upgraded Rotorua Wastewater Treatment Plant.

Currently, treated waste water is discharged via Whakarewarewa Forest but due to landowner views, a new location needs to be found, possibly outside the forest, for after the upgrade of the waste water treatment plant is complete.

To support this process, Council has launched an online submission page on its Participate platform to receive potential solutions suggestions from the community, Te Arawa entities, environmental groups and other interested parties.

The platform also provides easy access to project information and updates, making it simple to contribute.

The Recovered Water Management Solution Working Group will review ideas and suggestions submitted through the platform and will make initial assessments to recommend to Council which options it considers could be further investigated.

We encourage you to visit the Recovered Water Project management page, and to use this to submit your proposed solution and contribute to the process if you wish.

- **Recovered Water Participate page:** <https://rlc.net.nz/rwp-solution>

Rotorua Lakes Council is committed to working collaboratively with partners, iwi/hapu/mana whenua and the wider community to ensure community views are considered as part of the process.

For background and context, including details about the Working Group and programme objectives, please visit Council's website [HERE](#).

Ngā mihi

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Chief Executive