

- Maintain investigations in conjunction with GWRC to determine appropriate water quality standards related to stormwater across the region. Monitor the effects and investigate ways to reduce the effects. This will assist in determining what level of treatment may be required on future stormwater discharges
- Consult with the community on stormwater quality and the potential environmental impacts.

Proposed Actions relating to cemeteries include:

- Consider plans for opening new areas within Makara Cemetery for burial the cemetery,
- Take into account planting, road access and services.

Proposed Actions relating to public conveniences include:

- Address ways to improve the service it provides to users of these facilities.
- Seek to gather information number of users for each facility.

10.2 Data to be obtained for the next Assessment

The LGA 2002 requires territorial authorities to complete their assessments “from time to time”. Officers propose that the next assessment be completed in four years time to coincide with the LTCCP, but notes that not all services will necessarily be assessed at the same time.

Given the lack of available information on several of the services, it is recommended additional information be collected for the next assessment. This should include:

- Non-reticulated potable water source, treatment and quality.
- The number and type of non-reticulated wastewater treatment facilities and their efficiency.
- The usage level of public conveniences.

Due to this lack of information it is not possible to clearly define the level of public health risk some of these services pose, based on the lack of any significant outbreaks of disease and reported sickness they have been assessed as presenting minimal public health risks. In future when these data gaps have been filled, especially the data on water quality, there may need to be a review of the public health risk.

The LGA 2002 requires consultation with communities on the Assessment to allow the communities presentation of their view of the issues.

The consultation process for this Assessment did not receive substantial feedback from the ‘wider community’. For future Assessments Council needs an improved communication style which stimulates interest and involvement from the wider community as part of an effective consultation process. The next Assessment needs to be more “creative and innovative” in style and layout to appeal to the wider community.

The Assessment produced in 2008 should be more holistic applying issues to the four dimensions required by the LGA 2002 (social, economic, environmental, and cultural) this could be achieved by addressing issues in relation to community and environment health, personal significance and the costings of different approaches to management of the issues.

To increase community participation in decision-making future Assessments should present descriptions of different future environments in terms of resolution or otherwise of each of the identified issues. In a tabulated form offering options of preferred personal actions, personal significance and costings this would provide opportunity for public to consider their preferences and so participate more effectively in consultation processes.

For example demonstrating local land use and land cover changes and the ecological changes that have occurred in the harbour as a result of urban expansion, and highlighting potential future changes, in terms of flooding risk, sedimentation, contamination, and ecological change within streams and the harbour, as a result of urban development and giving the individual, based on personal preferences, the management options and related costs, the quality of the future environment that could be expected as result of these choices in terms of health and quality of the environments.

The Makara and Ohariu Valley Community Boards wish to be actively involved in any discussions and processes involving compliance of Wellington’s non reticulated water supplies and wastewater systems.