Annual compliance report



On site wastewater, wineries, and 1080/agrichemical discharge

Activities this report covers

This report covers compliance monitoring for onsite wastewater, wineries, and 1080/agrichemical discharges for the previous year up to 30 September 2016.

What we've done

This year we monitored 51 consents relating to onsite wastewater, 17 for wineries, and 6 for 1080/agrichemical discharges:

Onsite wastewater			
Complying	Minor non-compliance	Major non-compliance	Total
26	18	7	51
Wineries			
Complying	Minor non-compliance	Major non-compliance	Total
11	5	1	17
1080 agrichemical			
Complying	Minor non-compliance	Major non-compliance	Total
5	1	0	6

What we've noticed

There continues to be a lot of non-compliance with on-site wastewater discharge consents. In the main this is due to inadequate systems, or systems which are not being properly managed/maintained. A few consents were also 'upgraded' to major non-compliance this year due to historical minor non-compliances not being fixed. We are working with the consent holders in order to bring them into compliance.

There were a number of wineries experiencing minor non-compliance issues. Consent holders noted that there were some practical issues with the workability of some of the conditions. This resulted in variations to a few consents. We will continue to work with the winery sector in an attempt to satisfactorily resolve some of these issues.

What we'd like to fix or change

Specific ongoing targeted inspections will be completed for on-site wastewater systems which have historically had non-compliance issues. Smaller on-site wastewater discharges, with good systems, will be put on a 2-3 yearly inspection programme.

GWRC will continue to work with the winery industry to ensure conditions imposed on consents are workable and 'fit for purpose'.

