

Greater Wellington – The Regional Council and Hutt City Council

Guiding principles for agreement on Opahu Stream and pumping

- **Proposed pumping improvements cost sharing**
 - **Asset ownership**
 - **Stream management**
1. Proposed Greater Wellington–The Regional Council (GWRC) contribution to Opahu pumping capital costs:
 - Culvert extension, current estimate \$185,000. Design, construction and full actual cost met by GWRC Flood Protection
 - Outlet channel, current estimate \$42,000. Design, construction and full actual cost met by GWRC Flood Protection
 - A cash contribution of up to \$495,000 for the construction of the pumping station (based on 50% of pumping improvement costs). Hutt City Council (HCC) responsible for design and construction of the pumping station, including any outlet arrangements noted in 4 below. This does not preclude joint professional advisor/contractor initiatives.
 2. GWRC Flood Protection will own and maintain the new outlet channel from the floodgates and pumping station outlets to the Hutt River. Responsibility includes flood damage repairs.
 3. GWRC Flood Protection will own the existing and extended culvert and outlet gates, and will maintain, depreciate and replace them when required (the last replacement was 50/50 shared with HCC). Because of the size of this culvert and gate system, it is an integral component of the Hutt River flood protection system. Hutt River security is essential so it is important GWRC take responsibility for the asset.
 4. HCC will own the pumping station and will be responsible for operating, maintaining, depreciating and replacing it. The pumping station will include any spillway, outlet arrangements, or energy dissipater associated with it (these are a pumping station cost) up to the entry into the outlet channel.
 5. Pumping station design or operation shall not unacceptably impair the security of the Hutt River flood protection system. It is essential that the pumping station is constructed in the 2005/2006 financial year to allow stopbank strengthening to follow to programme.
 6. HCC administer and maintain the Opahu Stream. The current Watercourses Agreement arrangement and annual GWRC contribution to Opahu Stream maintenance would be terminated.