

MEMO

TO All Councillors

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Decisions on non-notified resource consents applications

1. Purpose

To report on decisions made under delegated authority on non-notified resource consent applications. This report covers the period from 1 January to 11 March 2016.

2. Applications processed

A total of 86 resource consents were received during the period 1 January to 11 March 2016, with 49 being approved in the period. This compares with 53 consents that were approved for the same period last year. One application was returned as incomplete under section 88.

The consents approved are summarised in the table below:

	Coastal permit	Discharge permit	Land use consent	Water permit	Certificate of Compliance
CDC	0	1	0	0	0
HCC	3	3	5	5	0
KCDC	1	1	6	0	0
MDC	0	0	1	1	0
PCC	4	0	3	1	0
SWDC	0	1	3	1	0
UHCC	0	1	2	1	0
WCC	1	1	2	0	0
TDC	0	0	0	0	0
Whole region	0	1	0	0	0
Total	9	9	22	9	0

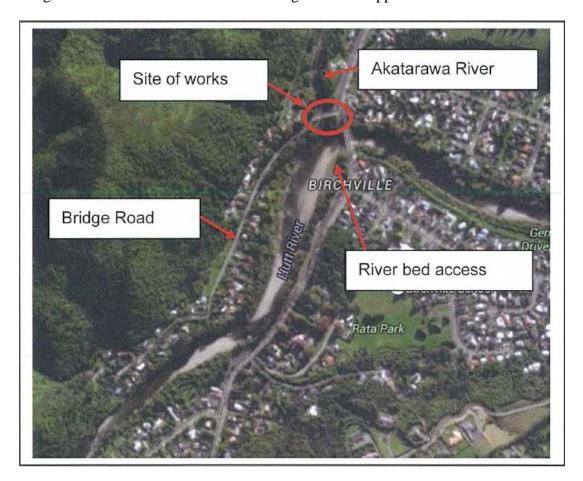
3. Consent trends

The annual trend of an increase in applications to drill bores across the region continued throughout this period.

4. Non-notified consents of interest

Upper Hutt City Council – to construct a bridge over the Akatarawa River

Land use consent has been granted to install (and eventually remove) a temporary services bridge across the Akatarawa River on Bridge Road in Upper Hutt.



On 29 October 2015 the existing Bridge Road bridge partially collapsed as a result of heavy flooding, displacing the central pier. The bridge provided vehicular access and water, sewer, gas and telecommunications services across the river to the residents of Bridge Road (approximately 60 properties). Following this event, the bridge was closed for vehicular access; however, the services provided along the bridge are still operational.

Preparations are underway to design and construct a replacement bridge and to demolish the existing damaged bridge. While these works are being undertaken, the water, sewer, gas and telecommunications services need to be maintained for the residents. To facilitate this during the bridge replacement works, a temporary crossing is now proposed (subject of this consent).

It is hoped that the existing bridge will be demolished prior to 31 May 2016 to avoid trout spawning season. All services are required to be removed from the bridge by this time onto the new proposed temporary bridge. Once the new road bridge has been erected, the services can be transferred back to the road bridge, and the temporary services bridge removed.