

Annual compliance report

Municipal water supplies and water races



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Te Pane Matua Taiao

Activities this report covers

This report covers compliance monitoring for all the activities associated with municipal water supplies and water races managed by territorial local authorities (TLA's). As the timing of annual reporting submitted by TLA's varies, the compliance assessment is based on the most recent annual report supplied as at 31 December 2015.

What we've done – municipal water supplies

This year we monitored the following municipal water supplies:

Whaitua	Water supply	Consent details	Rating	Comments
Kapiti	Kapiti water supply	WGN050024 (1) WGN050025 (1) WGN130103 (3) WGN140126 (7)	Complying	
	Paekakariki supply	WGN130331 (1)	Complying	
	Otaki supply	WGN080379 (2)	Complying	
Wellington Harbour & Hutt Valley	Hutt River take	WGN000199 (3) WGN970041 (2)	Complying	
	Waiwhetu aquifer	WGN970036 (2)	Complying	
	Orongorongo takes	WGN000200 (7) WGN020151 (1) WGN040102 (1)	Complying	
	Wainuiomata takes	WGN000071 (1) WGN000201 (4) WGN100214 (1) WGN130097 (1) WGN980153 (2)	Complying	
	HCC emergency supply	WGN120153 (1)	Complying	
	WW maintenance consents	WGN110118 (2) WGN130285 (1)	Complying	
Ruamahanga	Masterton supply	WAR940080 (3) WAR120241 (2)	Complying / Minor non-compliance	Water take consents were complying. Discharge consents were not complying as did not supply annual report or data on discharge volumes.
	Masterton emergency supply	WAR140041 (1)	Not assessed	Consent not exercised
	Henley Lake	WAR930028 (4)	Major non-compliance	Low flow conditions breached and nitrogen exceeded discharge limits
	QE Park Lake	WAR010306 (4)	Complying	
	Carterton supply	WAR020050 (2) WAR140259 (1)	Major non-compliance	Non-compliance as records were not supplied. Abatement notice issued.
	Greytown – Featherston supply	WAR120244 (1)	Minor non-compliance	Abstraction limits breached.
	Martinborough supply	WAR120245 (1)	Major non-compliance	Abstraction limits breached.
	SWDC emergency supplies	WAR120050 (2) WAR120051 (1)	Complying	

What we've noticed – municipal water supplies

The suite of consents that makes up this strategic compliance programme is quite diverse, covering a range of local authorities, scales of sites, and various consent types - surface and groundwater take, discharge consents. Given this, the compliance for these sites is also quite diverse. Most non-compliance relates to over abstraction against consent limits, or non-supply of adequate records for GWRC to assess compliance. This is particularly so for the Wairarapa TLA's. Where this has been an ongoing issue we have stepped up our regulatory response and issued abatement notices.

What we've done – Municipal water races

This year we monitored the following municipal water races in the Ruamahanga Whaitua:

Water race	Consent details	Rating	Comments
Opaki (MDC)	WAR010204 (4)	Major non-compliance	Abstraction rates and e coli limits exceeded.
Taratahi (CDC)	WAR010227 (11)	Minor non-compliance	A number of issues including exceeded abstraction limits for 55 days, data missing, and samples not taken. Abatement Notice issued.
Carrington (CDC)	WAR010202 (6)	Major non-compliance	Records not supplied. Abatement Notice issued.
Moroa (SWDC)	WAR010200 (4)	Major non-compliance	Various non-compliance across a suite of conditions saw an Abatement Notice issued.
Longwood (SWDC)	WAR010201 (4)	Major non-compliance	Various non-compliance across a suite of conditions saw an Abatement Notice issued.

What we've noticed – Municipal water races

There continues to be non-compliance with water races in Wairarapa – though scale of the non-compliance varies from late/not supplying records to taking water over consented amounts. We have stepped up our compliance focus and scrutiny on these sites, and issued abatement notices to get the behaviour change needed. As a response to abatement notices, some TLA's have applied to change conditions.

What we'd like to fix or change

We will continue to actively work with the TLA's in the Ruamahanga Whaitua zone. We are doing this through regular meeting and information sharing on compliance performance. Also next year we will report an overall assessment of each water supply or water race based on our compliance grading system for sites – very good, good, fair, or poor. Over time we will align reporting dates to have any reporting information to be submitted by 30 September each year.

