HAVE YOUR SAY ON OUR PROPOSED STORMWATER BYLAW

STATEMENT OF PROPOSAL

PROPOSED STORMWATER BYLAW 2021

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Waikato
DISTRICT COUNCIL
Te Kaunihera aa Takiwaa o Waikato

This Statement of Proposal is made for the purposes of Sections 83, 86 and 156 of the Local Government Act 2002.

IT INCLUDES:

- Background to the proposal

- Reasons for the proposal

- Summary of the proposed changes

- Consultation and submissions

- 'have your say' details

BACKGROUND

This is a proposal to create a new Stormwater Bylaw and to seek your feedback. Waikato District Council does not currently have a Stormwater Bylaw and is proposing to create one to help protect streams, the Waikato River and its tributaries. It proposes to set out responsibilities regarding the management of stormwater in the district.

The proposed bylaw provides guidance on what can and cannot enter our stormwater system and will enable Council to:

- Manage land, structures and infrastructure associated with stormwater drainage

- Protect and regulate against damage, misuse, or loss of land, structures and infrastructure related to stormwater drainage;

- Prevent unauthorised use of land, structures and infrastructure related to stormwater drainage;

- Ensure waterways, that form part of our stormwater systems, remain clear and unobstructed;

- Manage the entry of contaminants into the stormwater system.

Council has the power to make bylaws for regulating and protecting land drainage. In addition, Council has a duty under s17 of the Waikato River Settlement Act 2010, to have regard to Te Ture Whaimana o Te Awa o Waikato (the Vision and Strategy for the Waikato River).

REASONS FOR THE PROPOSAL

A Bylaw will help Council to comply with stormwater discharge consents it holds with the Waikato Regional Council and it will address any non-compliances associated with those consents.

The management of stormwater assists in achieving the Vision and Strategy for the Waikato River by helping to protect aquatic habitats, minimising scour, erosion and flooding and improving water quality.

SUMMARY OF THE PROPOSED STORMWATER BYLAW

The proposed Stormwater Bylaw sets out responsibilities regarding the management of stormwater within the district. It provides guidance on what can and cannot enter the stormwater system. The following table highlights the key proposed bylaw clauses.

TABLE OF PROPOSED STORMWATER BYLAW CLAUSES

Clause	Key proposed clauses	Explanation
6.1	Connection to the Stormwater system	Specifies that connection to the stormwater system without Council consent is not allowed
6.2	Protecting the stormwater system	Requires actions to protect our stormwater systems
6.3	Damage to the public stormwater system	To prevent damage or modification to the stormwater system
6.4	Building works near stormwater systems	Requires building works to comply with regulations to protect our stormwater system
6.5	Obstructions and capacity	Prevents actions that could obstruct or change the capacity of the stormwater system
6.6	Private Stormwater Systems Requirements	Requires private stormwater systems to be fixed to meet specifications and regulations
7.0	Access	Allows Authorised Officers to enter stormwater system areas for routine inspection

CONSULTATION AND SUBMISSIONS

Anyone can make a submission about the Proposed Stormwater Bylaw 2021 and we encourage you to let us know your views.

What is a submission?

Submissions are a record of your views/preferences on a particular issue. By making a submission you can ensure that your voice is heard by councillors to assist them in their decision making. Submissions may be sent or given to the Council from any organisation or any member of the public during a time period specified by Council. In most cases submission forms are available at Council offices and libraries and on the 'Shape Waikato,' Council's online engagement website.

The submission period for the proposed Stormwater Bylaw 2021 opens on 16 June 2021 and closes at 5pm on 16 July 2021.

SUBMISSIONS
CAN BE:

ONLINE:

www.waikatodistrict.govt.nz/sayit

POSTED:

Waikato District Council
Private Bag 544
Ngaruawahia 3742

DELIVERED:

Waikato District Council
Attn: Corporate Planner
15 Galileo Street, Ngaruawahia 3742

Huntly Office
142 Main Street, Huntly 3700

Raglan Office
7 Bow Street, Raglan 3225

Tuakau Office
2 Dominion Rd, Tuakau 2121

Te Kauwhata Office
1 Main Road, Te Kauwhata 3710

EMAILED:

consult@waidc.govt.nz

Subject heading should read:
"Stormwater Bylaw – Submission"

WHAT HAPPENS NEXT?

Council will acknowledge each submission received in writing, either by letter or email.

Following the closing of submissions on 16 July 2021 all submissions will be reviewed. Verbal submissions will be heard and all submissions formally considered at a Council meeting on 11 August 2021 (or as soon after as possible).
This meeting is open to both submitters and the public to attend.

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER:

SUBMISSIONS OPEN – 16 June 2021

SUBMISSIONS CLOSE – 16 July 2021

HEARING OF SUBMISSIONS – 11 August 2021

If you have any further queries or would like further copies of the proposed Bylaw, please contact Jodi Bell-Wymer on 0800 492 452.

Waikato District Council
Proposed Stormwater Bylaw 2021
Submission form

Please *provide your feedback by 16 July 2021*

Name/Organisation (if applicable)……………………………………………………………...

Address ……………………………………………………… **Postcode**………………………

Email ………………………………………....**Phone**………………………………………

A hearing will be held on 11 August (or as close thereafter as possible).

Do you want to speak about your submission at the hearing? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Preferred method of contact ☐ Email ☐ Post

Do you support the proposed Stormwater Bylaw? ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ In Part
Please tell us why:

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What changes would you like to see to the proposed Stormwater Bylaw 2021?

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Any additional comments?

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Prefer to do it online?
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