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PROPOSED WATER
SUPPLY BYLAW
AMENDMENTS

STATEMENT OF PROPOSAL

PROPOSED WATER SUPPLY BYLAW
2014 AMENDMENTS

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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 Submission
information
- 'have your say' details

BACKGROUND

This is a proposal to review the Water Supply Bylaw 2014 and make a Water Leak Remission Policy and we are seeking your feedback.

Waikato District Council must review all its bylaws periodically. S.158 of the Local Government Act 2002 (LGA) instructs Council to review all its bylaws within 5 years of their having first been made, and then every 10 years thereafter. The Bylaw has surpassed its five-year review period and is sitting within the two year grace period.

Through this review process Council is proposing a number of changes. One is to remove part of clause 9.6.7 from the Bylaw and create a new 'Water Leak Remission Policy' as a separate document to make water leak remission applications clearer.

We are seeking your feedback on both the Bylaw and the proposed Policy.

REASONS FOR THE PROPOSED BYLAW AMENDMENTS



The Council's Bylaw manages and regulates our water supply system. It helps us protect our water supply network and water sources from contamination. It contains rules around:

- Access and connection to the water supply system
- Working around buried services
- Protecting water sources
- Activities restricted in certain catchments
- Conditions of water supply
- Ownership and responsibility of maintenance
- Types of water supply
- Breaches of the Bylaw

The proposed amendments have been suggested to improve the Bylaw and make it easier to read.

SUMMARY OF CHANGES PROPOSED TO THE WATER SUPPLY BYLAW 2014

The Bylaw helps protect our public water supply infrastructure and promote and maintain public health and safety, through managing and regulating the Council's Water Supply.

The following table highlights key proposed bylaw amendments.

KEY CHANGES TO THE WATER SUPPLY BYLAW 2014



Below is a list of the key changes that we propose to make to the Bylaw:

Clause	Key proposed changes	Explanation
8.1.3	Require those undertaking excavation works to view Council records of buried services locations.	To protect buried services
9.3.2	The point of supply for new connections shall be installed as per Schedule 1.	To provide consistency across the district for ease of locating.
9.6.1	Council can install water meters at the customers cost where a premise is supplied with an on-demand supply and not metered.	Currently, this can only be done when the water use is high, or the premises are used for commercial activity
9.6.7	Council proposes to remove the water relief section of the Bylaw and create a new Water Leak Remission Policy as a separate document	A separate policy will contain more detail and make water leak relief applications clearer.
9.10.3(c)	Council supplies water used for the purpose of extinguishing fires to be supplied free of charge.	Council to support fire extinguishing efforts, when required.
9.11.2	Allow council to install backflow prevention devices on Council's side of the supply when customers are unable to. Council propose the costs may be recovered from the customer.	To protect potable water supplies from contamination or pollution due to backflow.

The proposed Bylaw can be viewed here: www.waikatodistrict.govt.nz/sayit

BACKGROUND TO THE PROPOSED WATER LEAK REMISSION POLICY



Council charges for the volume of water a customer receives (through a water meter). When a leak occurs at a property, this can affect our customers' water bills. We offer a leak remission to ensure customers understand the cost and value of water and encourage leaks to be fixed promptly.

Currently the Bylaw contains clauses on water leak relief. But through this review, we are proposing to remove these from the bylaw and create a separate Water Leak Remission Policy.

The proposed policy contains information on leak remission eligibility.

SUMMARY OF THE PROPOSED WATER LEAK REMISSION POLICY



The Policy proposes that Council will remit half of the excess charge (measured over the last two bills) on water consumption rates where criteria in the policy is met. Council proposes the following criteria:

- Council are satisfied the excess consumption is caused by a leak
- The leak to be repaired within 20 working days of being identified
- Proof of the leak being repaired by a licenced or certified plumber
- Applications to be received within 6 months of the leak being detected

The proposed policy can viewed here: www.waikatodistrict.govt.nz/sayit

CONSULTATION AND SUBMISSIONS



Anyone can make a submission on the Proposed Water Supply Bylaw 2014 Amendments and the Proposed Water Leak Remission Policy, 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



EMAILED:

consult@waidc.govt.nz
Subject heading should read:
"Speed Limits Bylaw – Submission"

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

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 thereafter 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.



Submission form

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Do you support the proposed to Water Leak Remission Policy

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Yes

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No

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2021? Please tell us why:

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What changes would you like to see to the proposed Water Leak Remission Policy?

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Any additional comments? (you may attach further information if you like)

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Prefer to do it online?

You can complete the submission form online at <https://shape.waikatodistrict.govt.nz/XXX> (added once page is finalized)

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