



***St Lukes Environmental Protection Society Incorporated
(STEPS)***

Submission on Resource Consent Application

1.0 SUBMITTER DETAILS

Name of submitter(s) *(please write all names in full)*

**St Lukes Environmental Protection Society (STEPS)
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2.0 APPLICATION DETAILS

Application Number: Reference R/LUC/2012/2846 (Isthmus) or PRC40962 (Manukau) for the district and NES consents, and reference 40834 for the various regional consents

Name of applicant: *(please write all names in full)*: **Watercare Services Limited**

Address of proposed activity: **Various in Auckland Isthmus and Manukau** Postcode:

Description of proposed activity: **Central Interceptor Project**

3.0 SUBMISSION DETAILS

~~My~~our submission: (please tick one)

☐ Supports the Application ☐ Opposes the Application ☒ Neutral regarding the Application

Although we need a solution for combined sewer overflows we are neutral as to whether the Central Interceptor is the right solution to bring benefits to the Meola and St Lukes communities within a reasonable time period.

We oppose the clear felling of the central 10% of the Roy Clements Treeway when it is clear that only meters away there are publicly owned grassed areas which would not involve destruction of 40 year old trees planted by the community.

STEPS Patron: Roy Clements

STEPS Chairperson: Pat Prescott, 33 Fergusson Avenue, Mt Albert, Auckland 1025

Tel: 846-0045; E-mail: patprescott@xtra.co.nz

Website: www.meolacreek.org.nz

The specific parts of the application to which my/our submission relates to are: (use additional pages if required.)

Part A 4.3 – We can vouch for the negative impacts of the existing combined sewerage network on the community and on Meola Catchment and are actively seeking solutions.

Part A – especially 3,4,7,8,9, 12 and 13 as referenced in our submission

Part B especially the 6 Meola sites and Western Springs:1,2,3,4,11,12,13,14

Refer to detailed recommendations and page/ section references are provided in the attached STEPS submission.

The reasons for my/our submission are: (use additional pages if required.)

We work for and protect the Meola Creek and associated rock forests and riparian plantings and are interested in water quality. We want to be sure that this huge project will optimise benefits for the people of Auckland and the environment.

See STEPS Submission and detailed recommendations attached

The decision I/we would like the Council to make is (including, if relevant, the parts of the application you wish to have amended and the general nature of any conditions sought):

Approve the resource consent with the following conditions:

1. Watercare Services' Central interceptor project to demonstrate how the plans will achieve the following:
 - No contamination of the aquifers/ ground water either during or after this project
 - No increase in impervious surface as a result of this project – use of Low Impact Design
 - No reduction in base flows of any of the creeks
 - Opportunities taken for creek restoration – ie naturalisation and elimination of historic piping, by daylighting creeks at key project sites – eg upper Meola Creek at Haverstock Rd
 - Minimise carbon footprint of the whole Central Interceptor System both during the project and ongoing throughout the long life of these pipes (50-100 years).
 - Early benefits to the people of Auckland – ie a staged approach of Central Interceptor or alternative, where each stage can be brought on stream as it is completed.
 - Pro-Active Community engagement regarding affected sites and creeks.
2. Watercare Services to provide information and rationale for why all future 2030 overflows are centralised to Meola/ Western Springs (and Motions Creek?), and the impacts on Meola creek and Waitemata Harbour. If centralization is essential then provide mitigations.
 - Need table of both overflow volumes or frequency now; and future volumes by creek AFTER project.
 - Need AEE for entire Meola Creek, more complete wildlife surveys
 - Meola Creek has 6 connected sites. There is no assessment of Meola Creek environmental impacts end to end and NO mitigation or enhancement planned in this project scope.
 - Also need detailed assessment of impacts on Waitemata Harbour as receiving environment for 21st-22nd century overflows from this pipe, especially the impact on protected Te Tokaroa/ Meola Reef where Meola Creek and Motions Creek spill into the harbour. What mitigations are planned to improve the estuary?

3. If Central Interceptor is approved then project scope to include wetlands, creek naturalisation of major affected creeks and plantings to mitigate the carbon emissions (in construction and operational phases) and ongoing environmental damage from overflows and runoff.
4. If Central Interceptor is approved then the tunnel between Lyon Avenue and Haverstock should go through the grassy open spaces owned by Auckland Council and Mt Albert Grammar School. This would avoid the destruction of the central 10% of Roy Clements treeway at Lyon Ave and destruction of hundreds of trees aged 30-40 years and tunnelling under dozens of residential properties.

Details supporting all 4 points with references corrections and omissions are attached in the STEPS submission.

4.0 SUBMISSION AT THE HEARING

- ☒ [] I/we wish to speak in support of my/our submission.
- ☐ ~~I/we do not wish to speak in support of my/our submission.~~
- ☒ [] If others make a similar submission, I/we will consider presenting a joint case with them at the hearing.

Signature of submitter(s) or agent of submitter(s)

Date: 3 December 2012

Date:

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

The Council must receive this submission before the date and time indicated. A copy of this submission must also be given as soon as reasonably practicable to the applicant at the applicant's address for service.

All submitters will be advised of hearing details at least 10 working days before the hearing. If you change your mind as to whether you wish to attend the hearing, please phone the Council so that the necessary arrangements can be made.

PRIVACY INFORMATION

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Making a submission on the applications for resource consents

Any person or organisation may make a submission on the resource consent applications. Submissions should be in writing and forms or as an [electronic submission online](#):

You can send your written submission to Auckland Council (please reference R/LUC/2012/2846 (Isthmus) or PRC40962 (Manukau) for the district and NES consents, and reference 40834 for the various regional consents):

- by post: Attention:
Hearings and Appeals Support Officer, Resource Consents, Private Bag 92300, Auckland 1142
- by downloading an electronic submission form from the council's website and [email it](#).
- by lodging your submission at Ground Floor reception, 35 Graham Street, Auckland.

You must also serve a copy of your submission(s) on the notice of requirement and/or applications for resource consent to Watercare Services Limited at its address below as soon as reasonably practicable after sending your submission(s) to Auckland Council.

Address for Service: Watercare Services Limited (the applicant)

Private Bag 92521
Wellesley Street
Auckland 1141
Attention: Belinda Petersen

Submissions close at 5pm on Monday 3 December 2012.

Please phone Graeme Michie, Senior Resource Consents Project Manager, on 09 353 9313 if you have any questions about the notices of requirement or resource consents applications.