

PALMERSTON NORTH CITY COUNCIL BEST PRACTICABLE OPTIONS REVIEW

PROJECT VISION, OBJECTIVES & TIMELINE

PROJECT CHARTER

The Project Steering Group has decided to undertake Nature Calls (a Palmerston North City Council BPO Review) in accordance with a Project Charter. The Project Charter sets the vision and objectives for the project and establishes a Treaty commitment, and values that will guide decision making.

The vision for the BPO project is:

Management of the city's wastewater to enable growth, protect and enhance the environment and contribute to improving the health and mauri of the Manawatū River.

The Treaty commitment is:

As per the National Policy Statement for Freshwater Management, provide for the involvement of iwi and hapū, and to ensure that tāngata whenua values and interests are identified and reflected in the management of freshwater, including associated ecosystems, and decision making regarding freshwater planning.

The project's objectives are:

A best practicable option wastewater management solution that is developed in partnership with Rangitāne o Manawatū which:

1. Protects public health and minimises public health risks
2. Minimises adverse environmental effects on air, land and water
3. Is sustainable, enduring, and resilient
4. Contributes to improving the health and mauri of the Manawatū River
5. Takes an integrated approach to the management of the Manawatū River catchment including understanding cumulative effects
6. Enhances people's use and enjoyment of the Manawatū River
7. Is affordable and cost effective
8. Minimises whole-of-life carbon emissions and optimises resource recovery
9. Is innovative while being evidence based
10. Facilitates long term growth and economic development
11. Is developed with the active engagement of the community and key stakeholders.

Finally, the project values mean that decision making processes followed during the project shall be:

- a. Evidence based
- b. Efficient and timely
- c. Undertaken to meet the requirements of the current resource consent (in terms of the scope of the BPO review)
- d. Consistent with the National Policy Statement for Freshwater Management, the National Policy Statement on Urban Development Capacity and the One Plan, PNCC and Horizons Regional Council work collaboratively to develop the best practicable option for the management of the city's wastewater.



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THE PROJECT TIMELINE

The BPO project will be undertaken in the following stages and as shown in the figure below:

- **Developing and assessing the options long list (July 2018 – June 2019)**
- **Developing and assessing the options short list (July 2019 – November 2020)**
- **Confirming the preferred option (November 2020 – December 2020)**
- **Assessment of the preferred option and preparation of the resource consent application (January 2021-June 2022).**

