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## **Nature Calls update for Horizons Regional Council**

Kia ora Sara,

In our update in December 2024, we let you know that the Nature Calls team had –

- Implemented the Project Oversight Committee (including senior leadership from PNCC and a representative from Rangitāne)
- PNCC have re-established iwi meetings with Rangitāne, Ngāti Whakātere and Te Tūmatākahuki representatives
- Collated a list of discharge options that met the \$480M budget set by the Long-Term Plan

We also noted that the Draft National Wastewater Standards (the ‘standards’) from Taumata Arowai in March (2025) and we were unclear of the implications of these on the Nature Calls project until they were released.

Following the release of the standards on the 26<sup>th</sup> February our Project Team have been reviewing and assessing the implications of these on the project. We have met with iwi to outline what the standards include to assist their understanding of the scope of what is proposed. PNCC will be preparing feedback on the standards to submit to Taumata Arowai by the end of April.

### **BPO progress**

Shortly, we will be reassessing the list of discharge options that met the \$480M budget and the standards. There may also be additional sub-options that may arise because of the standards.

We are conscious that the standards are only draft until they are finalised later this year. We will be considering this as we develop our programme for progressing BPO options.

It is also a busy year for PNCC with the Local Water Down Well programme being consulted on at present and local body elections occurring later in 2025. We are considering these in line with the programme for Nature Calls as well.

### **We’ll provide another update in June**

As previously noted, that every three months we provide our Council with an update on this project, and we will coincide our updates to you at the same time. You can expect our next update on or before June 18, 2025.

If you have any questions on the matters outlined above, please contact the Nature Calls Project Manager - Anna Lewis ([anna.lewis@pncc.govt.nz](mailto:anna.lewis@pncc.govt.nz)) in the first instance.

Nga mihi nui

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