



Summary of Information

Draft Palmerston North Wastewater Bylaw 2019

Reason for the proposal

The Council is proposing to adopt the Palmerston North Wastewater Bylaw 2019, replacing the current Bylaw which was adopted in 2017. Since adoption, the Council has developed a policy regarding the use of pressure sewer systems in identified parts of the City. Therefore, the Council has decided to review the Wastewater Bylaw to incorporate new and revised aspects that support the Council's Policy on pressure sewer systems.

What are pressure sewer systems?

Most of Council's wastewater systems are called "gravity" sewers, relying on gravity to transport wastewater to wastewater mains. Pressure sewer systems are used in areas where a gravity sewer is not practicable, for instance where liquefaction risk is high. These types of systems use a small pump station on each property in the network, which pump wastewater into a gravity main sewer. This pumping equipment is different to the typical wastewater arrangement for residential properties, and so changes are proposed to the Wastewater Bylaw to accommodate these different types of systems.

What changes are proposed?

Most of the changes relate to pressure sewer systems. The following is a brief summary of the type of changes being proposed.

- New and revised definitions for key terms.
- Two new clauses 8 and 9 describing requirements for pressure and pumped sewer systems.
- New sections 4.8 and 4.9 in the Administration Manual, describing the point of discharge for pressure and pumped sewer systems, along with new diagrams at figure 1(g) and (h) to illustrate the point of discharge location.
- Revised section 8 of the Administration Manual, describing how Council will deal with the cost of clearing blockages in different types of systems, along with new flowcharts in appendix 4.
- New figure 2, replacing figures 2 and 3, illustrating the typical on-lot service lateral and boundary kit.
- Revised wastewater service area maps.

In addition to changes relating to pressure sewer systems, the following is a summary of other changes being proposed:

- Amending clause 5.4 of the Bylaw to align with new policy in the District Plan, addressing when reticulated network services may be extended in the rural-residential overlay.
- New clause 5.6 prohibiting connections to rising mains.
- Removing clause 12 relating to permits, and clauses 11.4(e) and (f) which are redundant provisions.
- Amending section 2.4(e) of the Administration Manual, changing the term from Memorandum of Encumbrance to Land Covenant.

Please see the full Statement of Proposal for more details about these proposed changes.

Section 155 determinations

On 5 November 2018, the Planning and Strategy Committee received a report that detailed the evaluation of whether a bylaw was the most appropriate means to address the perceived problems. Consideration was also given to whether the Bylaw was likely to give rise to concerns under the Bill of Rights Act 1990.

As a result of that report, the Council determined that a bylaw was the most appropriate means of addressing issues relating to waste management and minimisation. More information on the analysis provided under S155 of the Local Government Act 2002 can be found in the report to the Planning and Strategy Committee. The report is available on the Council website www.pncc.govt.nz. A copy can be supplied on request.

Consultation Process

Anyone can make a submission about the proposals described in this document. We encourage anyone with an interest in the issues raised in this proposal to make a submission.

This Statement of Proposal, a Summary of Information, and the submission form can be found at:

- Palmerston North City Council website <https://www.pncc.govt.nz/wastewaterbylaw>
- Customer Service Centre, Palmerston North City Council, The Square, Palmerston North; and
- City Library, The Square, Palmerston North, and the libraries at Ashhurst, Awapuni, Roslyn, Linton and Te Pātikitiki/Highbury.

You are also entitled to appear before the Council and speak to your submission. Please indicate on your submission form whether you wish to do this. The Council intends to hear submissions on this proposal at the Planning and Strategy Committee meeting, scheduled for June 2019. The date and time for hearings will be confirmed in the letter acknowledging your submission, and will also be advertised in the Guardian newspaper.

To get your submission to us, either:

Mail to: Draft Wastewater Bylaw 2019 Submissions, Governance and Support Team Leader, Palmerston North City Council, Private Bag 11034, Palmerston North 4442

Deliver to: Palmerston North City Council Customer Service Centre, 32 The Square, Palmerston North

Email to: submission@pncc.govt.nz (write Draft Wastewater Bylaw 2019 Submissions in the subject)

Phone: 06 356 8199

Fax: 06 355 4115

**The submission period runs from
13 April 2019 to 4pm on Monday 20 May 2019**

Please note that all written submissions, including the contact details on the submission, will be made available to the public and media and on the Council's website, unless you specifically request that your contact details are kept private. For further information on this consultation please phone the Council on 06 356 8199 or email us at info@pncc.govt.nz.