

Minutes

Subject: Huia Water Treatment Plant (WTP) Community Liaison Group (CLG) Meeting

Date and time: Wednesday, 26 November 2025, 6.30 – 8.30pm

Location: Kaurilands Hall, The Crossing, 30-44 Kaurilands Rd, Titirangi

Attendees: Angus Cathcart (Resident), Anna Fomison (Waitākere Ranges Protection Society), Belynda Groot (Titirangi Protection Group), Jacquie James (Resident), Michelle Lucke (Waitākere Ranges Local Board), Megan Fitter (Titirangi Protection Group), Ross Mitchell (Resident), Sandra Jones (Waitākere Ranges Protection Society), Jason Bourhill (Waima to Laingholm Pest Free), Danielle Hamilton (Watercare), Axel Dumont (Watercare), Justin Pooley (Watercare), Elizabeth Stewart (Watercare – Minutes)

Apologies: Fiona Drummond (West Auckland Historical Society), Janine Bickerton (Resident), Ken Turner (Waitākere Ward Councillor), Dr Mark Harvey (Waima to Laingholm Pest Free), Dr Mels Barton (Titirangi Residents and Ratepayers Association), Sean Freeman (Tree Council), Shane Ryder (Resident)

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<p>1. Welcome to attendees</p> <p>Danielle Hamilton welcomed the group to the meeting.</p>	
<p>2. Confirmation of 17 September 2025 minutes</p> <p>The group discussed the previous minutes. The following amendments were requested:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The group raised concerns about vibration, noting that at the last meeting it was discussed that vibration monitoring pins would be available for residents. Watercare confirmed a vibration management plan will be in place and pins will be offered to households identified as impacted (and any others who feel they may be impacted) on request once construction begins, and that this update will be included in the minutes. • The group asked if measurements taken during construction include vibration caused by traffic movements. It was noted Watercare would need to take advice on this as the noise and vibration management plan for construction, per consent conditions, is generally only applied to impacts from construction works. 	<p>Watercare to update minutes in relation to vibration management and confirm if vibration management plans also monitor vibration caused by traffic movement</p>

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<p>More generally the minutes discussion included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Feedback from the town hall meeting, noting that attendees felt the Multi-Criteria Analysis (MCA) explanation was missing and were disappointed there was no Q&A session. • The group highlighted that hearing other members of the public ask questions at the Woodlands Park–Parau disposal site meeting in April 2024 had been valuable and that the community felt their feedback was not taken about the format of the Huia Raw Watermain town hall session including a Q&A opportunity. • The group discussed that the online presentation recording didn't match the slides to the presenter, with the PowerPoint document being separate on the webpage, and asked for clearer information about the timeline, particularly around community interfaces and points of impact. • The group raised concerns about the sludge dump at Parau and the proposed laydown area at Exhibition Drive, noting there had been no discussion about noise, traffic, or community impacts and emphasising the need to front-foot disruption, capture concerns, and outline what to expect. Watercare confirmed there is currently no proposal to close Exhibition Drive until route options are confirmed, however, if one of the tunnel options is the preferred route, then temporary closures of Exhibition Drive will be required. • The group discussed that the level of information provided at the Huia Raw Watermain presentation on 15 October 2025 did not give community members a picture of the likely impacts and that Watercare need to take care to give the community time to digest information when presenting. • Watercare noted that without a confirmed route, it's hard to supply the level of detail the group is asking for. The group questioned this, pointing to the figure of ninety daily truck movements for the Huia Water Treatment Plant Replacement project. Watercare clarified this number was a conservative high-end estimate used for consenting purposes, and actual movements could be lower. Final figures won't be known until design progresses and contractors provide input. • The group requested Watercare consider reopening the community survey once the Huia Raw Watermain preferred route option is released. 	<p>Watercare to look into recording meetings and report back to the group</p> <p>Watercare to match the 15 October 2025 presentation to the presenter online</p>
<p>3. Community Engagement Update</p> <p>Elizabeth Stewart gave an overview of recent community engagement events for the Huia Raw Watermain, and the group discussed feedback themes and participation, and ongoing community communications.</p>	

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<p>4. Programme and project updates</p> <p>Axel Dumont gave an update on the programme and project components including the Huia aqueduct external survey, preferred options for the Huia Raw Watermain, investigation of future construction spoil disposal and new treatment plant sludge disposal options and noted kick-off of the Heritage Management Restoration Plan for the Nihotupu Filter Station.</p> <p>The group discussed that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The existing Parau landfill site will be used for construction spoil from the current day Huia Water Treatment Plant. • Where the sludge from the future Huia Water Treatment Plant site will go is still to be considered. Watercare will confirm this in due course. The group noted they understood this would be going out of the Waitākere Ranges. • The Huia aqueduct survey was discussed; Watercare to confirm which part will be looked at and to ensure Watercare give a heads up to the community and nearby property owners. 	<p>Once confirmed, Watercare to advise where the spoil from future works will go, noting this is not expected to be known for some time yet</p> <p>Once established, Watercare to confirm which part of the Huia aqueduct will be surveyed and keep the community informed</p>
<p>5. Meetings for 2026</p> <p>Future meeting dates were discussed and the group suggested moving these to the third week of each month to minimise clashes with other community groups:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wednesday, 18 February 2026 • Wednesday, 20 May 2026 • Wednesday, 19 August 2026 • Wednesday, 18 November 2026 	<p>CLG members to confirm these dates work for them</p> <p>Watercare to lock in 2026 meeting dates to maximise CLG attendance</p>
<p>6. Other matters arising</p> <p>Multi-Criteria Analysis (MCA)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The group discussed MCA information expected from the community, with an example displayed on screen. The group discussed that this was what they are wanting to see for the Western Water Supply Programme. • It was noted that consistency in terms of pros and cons was preferred. Watercare noted there is still work to be undertaken to complete the MCA process. 	<p>Watercare to supply information so that it can be shared with the community in a similar way to the example shown</p>