

PMDC Plan Appeal – Waste and discharge to land

Appellant----- Okiwi Bay Ratepayers Association
Joining Parties ---- Federated Farmers, Queen Charlotte sound Residents association
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Overview

We are not happy with the outcome in the decision document “ Waste Discharge to land” Para’s 58-70 and don’t believe that the Panel gave enough weight to our submission re- secondary treatment systems land area availability and ongoing “upgrades” which are price prohibitive, for re-consents .

The panel have separated the 2 prevailing systems (Standard septic tanks and consented Secondary treatment Bio Cycle systems) Section 70

Appeal Points

1. Not enough weight /emphasise placed on available ground area of existing consented systems.
2. No recognition of existing consented systems compliant ,problem free records proving they work to consented design specifications .section 64 , Panel seem to have “missed the point “ that all consented systems have very specific plans signed off by the installer and on MDC records
3. In Response to Section 62 & 64 on std septic systems we support Federated Farmers assessment that the WOF system is unlikely to be achievable due to all components underground and in some cases 100 years old and several owners later, To “map” these systems with GPS plots, soil tests ,and camera inspections of trenches and tanks to ensure compliance is cost excessive and better achieved by a timely “desludge”
4. Section 65 we take issue with this section as in our submission , as 190 complaints over 10 years , MDC cannot supply a breakdown of areas, if complaints arose multiple times from the same system and also includes problems in the towns are included in this number , We also reject the assumptions from AQNZ & MFA on water quality as MDC stopped testing in Okiwi bay many years ago and have no data history to call on
5. Section 70 , all systems should be treated the same , e.g. Std septic tanks and consented secondary treatment systems , when a community system is under construction Std systems don’t need to do up grades but consented systems do !!!!

Relief Sought

1. Consultation/ Mediation with MDC to review previous submission to correct / alter the PMDP accordingly

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