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Kia ora koutou,

Please find attached Waikato Regional Council's submission on **Waitomo DC's Water Services Consultation**.

We would be grateful if you could please confirm receipt of this submission.

Note, a separate email will be sent with our submission to your annual plan consultation.

Ngā mihi,
Annika

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Dear Ben

Submission from Waikato Regional Council to Waitomo District Council's Water Services Consultation

Thank you for the opportunity to submit on Waitomo District Council's Water Services consultation. Please find attached the Waikato Regional Council's submission regarding the consultation. The submission has been endorsed by the Submissions Subcommittee.

Should you have any queries regarding the content of the submission, please contact Annika Hamilton, Senior Corporate Planner, Corporate Planning directly on 07 859 0990 or by email Annika.hamilton@waikatoregion.govt.nz.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tracey May". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large loop at the end.

Tracey May
Director Science, Policy and Information

Submission from Waikato Regional Council to Waitomo District Council's Water Services Consultation

Introduction

1. WRC appreciates the opportunity to make a submission to Waitomo District Council's Water Services Consultation.
2. WRC acknowledges the close collegial working relationship shared between our two councils, as well as our councils' shared economic and infrastructure goals, which we seek to achieve through ongoing collaboration with the region's other local authorities, iwi, the private sector, and central government. Collaboration on regional solutions will enable growth and strengthen economic resilience, paying dividends in a manner that seamlessly disregards administrative boundaries.
3. Significant growth pressures, and a changing climate are also necessitating collaboration in how we allocate our resources to optimise the wellbeing of our communities. As we respond to these challenges and changes, we look forward to exploring further opportunities for synergies to improve outcomes for our region.

Future for waters

4. WRC recognises the importance of addressing the key challenges behind New Zealand water infrastructure and local government funding. We support an approach to water services that is safe, compliant, reliable, environmentally resilient, and cost efficient.
5. We also support a solution that will enable growth and development within the region, whilst addressing the critical need for future-focused infrastructure.
6. Through our strategic direction, we are prioritising work to achieve clean water and healthy ecosystems that meet iwi aspirations and community needs within environmental limits. This recognises our obligations under *Te Ture Whaimana o Te Awa o Waikato* – the Vision and Strategy for the Waikato River. We advocate for Waikato territorial authorities to implement water services delivery plans that will support our work in improving the health of our region's waterbodies and freshwater ecosystems, for future generations.
7. We also encourage continued collaboration between our councils to ensure alignment with our council's integrated catchment management activities and our responsibilities to provide sustainable flood protection and drainage services to the Waikato region.