

## **Kaipara District Wastewater Drainage Policy and Wastewater**

### **Drainage Bylaw: Summary**

#### **Overview**

- A new Bylaw has been determined to be the most appropriate mechanism to regulate wastewater drainage in the District.
- The implementation of a new Bylaw will ensure that all parties are aware of their obligations in the management of wastewater drainage and to protect the drainage infrastructure from damage and misuse.
- It is considered that the proposed Kaipara District Wastewater Drainage Policy and Wastewater Drainage Bylaw is consistent with the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990.
- Council has prepared a Statement of Proposal Kaipara District Wastewater Drainage Policy and Wastewater Drainage Bylaw for public consultation. This proposal has been made under section 145 and 146 of the Local Government Act 2002.

The proposed new Bylaw will:

- Ensure that the wastewater drainage is managed in a way that is appropriate for both the community and the wider environment.
- Clarify issues such as responsibilities of owners of houses using common drains.
- Set clear guidelines and provide information to the public.
- Assist Council staff in achieving compliance in a fair and straight-forward manner.
- Enable Council to curb the damage and misuse of the drainage assets through enforcement of the Bylaw.

Kaipara District Council welcomes your written submissions on the Statement of Proposal Kaipara District Wastewater Drainage Policy and Wastewater Drainage Bylaw.

A copy of the proposed Bylaw, the full Statement of Proposal and submission forms may be obtained through Council offices at 42 Hokianga Road, Dargaville and State Highway 1, Kaiwaka, telephone 0800 727 059, e-mail [council@kaipara.govt.nz](mailto:council@kaipara.govt.nz). Copies may also be viewed at the District libraries. Submissions close on Tuesday 21 April 2009.