



Kia ora,

Welcome to the first project update for the Southern Wastewater Treatment Plant project. You are receiving this email because you have signed up to our project e-newsletter.

Through these updates, we will share important information about events, project milestones, background information and what's coming up on the project.

In this newsletter, you'll find information about:

- our upcoming community information sessions
- site investigation reports
- project timeline.

We're coming to meet with your community!

We are pleased to share that we will be holding **two** community information sessions in November at the **JetPark Hamilton Airport Hotel & Conference Centre**. These will be held on:

- Wednesday 5 November from 4pm – 7pm
- Thursday 6 November from 4pm – 7pm.

These sessions will be an opportunity for you and your neighbours to meet the project team, learn more about the project, learn more about modern wastewater treatment plants, ask questions and understand the process and timelines for this project.

We hope to see you there!

There will be other opportunities to meet the team

Can't make either of these dates? No problem, these are the first in a number of events we're planning to hold as we progress with this project.

We'll be coming back to speak with residents in the area and the wider community early next year, asking for your ideas about what the land surrounding the plant should be used for. There are also opportunities for native planting and wetland restoration.

We'll have more information to share with you as the project progresses.

Site investigation reports

To provide a better overview of the process that was taken to select 131 Raynes Road as the site for the new Plant, we recently shared several site investigation reports on our website.

These are available at [Hamilton.govt.nz/SWWTP](https://hamilton.govt.nz/SWWTP) in the background documents section.

Pass it on!

This newsletter is for anyone who may be interested in the project and would like to stay up to date on what's happening. Please share this link with anyone you think would like to receive these updates.

Find out more

More information about this project is available on our website. If you have any questions, please email our team at swwtp@hcc.govt.nz.

We will continue to update you as we progress with this once-in-a-generation project. If you do not wish to receive these updates, please click the unsubscribe button at the bottom of the page.

Ngaa mihi,

The Project Team

Indicative Project timeline

- **2020 - 2022**

The Southern Metro Wastewater Detailed Business Case (DBC) undertaken and completed with Project Partners (Waikato-Tainui, Waikato District Council, Waipā District Council and Hamilton City Council). The Southern Wastewater Treatment Plant project identified as part of the preferred option in the DBC.

- **2022 – 2024**

Building on the previous site selection assessment in the DBC, four of eight potential locations for the new Plant were shortlist and assessed with project partners (including Mana Whenua). Ecological monitoring, geotechnical and cultural investigations were carried out across the four sites.

- **2024**

Funding approved in Hamilton City Council's 2024-2034 Long-Term Plan to progress the concept design, site master plan, designation and consenting for the project.

- **March 2025**

131 Raynes Road was formally selected as the location for the new Plant

in collaboration with project partners.

- **April 2025**

Beca Limited appointed as the consultant team to lead the concept design, site master plan, designation and consenting for the Project.

- **May- July 2025**

An initial outreach to landowners living near the project site and to stakeholders was carried out to share information about the Project.

- **August – September 2025**

Conversations with Mana Whenua, landowners and stakeholders are ongoing. **We are here now.**

- **November 2025**

Two community information sessions will be held, giving the community an opportunity to meet the project team, learn more about the project and modern wastewater treatment plants, and the process of designing and consenting a wastewater treatment plant.

- **Early - mid-2026**

The community will have an opportunity to share their views on what the site surrounding the Plant could be used for.

- **Mid-2026**

Feedback received during the consultation period will be reviewed and used to inform the design process.

- **Mid-late 2026**

The design for the site will be finalised and shared with the community.

- **Late 2026 - mid 2027**

Regular project updates will continue to be shared with project partners, stakeholders and the wider community.

- **Mid-2027**

IAWAI will lodge a notice of requirement to designate the land for the future construction of the Plant. Consenting and planning approvals will also be submitted.

- **Late-2027**

IAWAI will share information with the wider community about the notice of requirement process.